



### First Joint River Towns Ride and Festival

The City of New Castle, Delaware City and the Historic New Castle Alliance will be hosting a bicycle ride and festival on October 5, 2013 from noon-5p.m. The one-day event is the first joint festival held between the two historic Delaware waterfront towns of New Castle and Delaware City.

The event will feature riders cycling between the two destinations on the bike-friendly, 10-mile corridor of Route 9 that connects the towns. Competitive cyclists will be encouraged to participate in the River Towns Time Trial Race for cash and prizes while recreational cyclists can pick their distance and ride for fun or to earn a distance medal starting at noon. The event will be held rain or shine.

Event and bicyclist registration information can be obtained at [www.rivertownsfestival.com](http://www.rivertownsfestival.com). While the official start location for recreational riders is Delaware City, New Castle bicycle riders who register and want to earn medals will receive a number and start from Town Hall beginning around noon. All children under age 16, who complete the 10 miles between the two cities will win a ribbon.

While cyclists traverse between the two towns, festivals will be held in each town's main square: The Green in Historic New Castle and Battery Park in Historic Delaware City.

Free family-friendly activities in New Castle on the Green



include a live music stage; kids bicycle rodeo (bring your bicycle!); bicycle safety information; hay rides; face painting; inflatable castle, obstacle course and moon bounce; colonial games and toys sponsored by the George Read II House; Arasapha Garden Club fall plant sale; vendors and free pumpkin decorating.

Businesses will be decorated or have carved pumpkins in front of their establishments and visitors will vote for their favorite ones.

A highlight of the event will be a craft beer festival held at Battery Park in Delaware City from 1-5p.m. More than a dozen craft breweries will be participating. Those same craft beers will also be available at the restaurants located in Historic New Castle. Admission is free. Free shuttles will transport those wanting to enjoy the activities in both Cities. A SAG support van will be provided for bicyclers. Food and drink are available for purchase.

**The next  
Regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Oct. 8th at  
Town Hall**

## October Events

### Good Will Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

#### Longaberger Basket/Vera Bradley Bingo

**Friday, October 4th Doors open at 6:00 Games begin at 7:00 p.m.**

Admission - \$20.00 at the door. Refreshments will be available for sale.

### New Castle Senior Center Harvest Bazaar

**Saturday, October 19th 9:00a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Handmade Crafts, Homemade goodies, Breakfast and Lunch, Treasure Chest & Book sale, Tarot Card Reader.

### Hauntings in History Walking Tours. Fridays & Saturdays, October 18, 19, 25 & 26 at 7:00, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.

If you are brave enough to explore the darker side of New Castle's history, then join the New Castle Historical Society this October for the only ghost tour that brings you inside one of the most haunted mansions of Old New Castle!

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children (12 and under); \$35 Family of Four (2 adults 2 children) with additional children's tickets available for \$6 each. Call 302-322-2794 for tickets.

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### Happy Hour Fundraiser at the Library

**Friday, October 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Please join us for a Halloween themed happy hour at the New Castle Library, 424 Delaware Street.

Appetizers, wine, beer and soft drinks will be available, as well as live music by Jimmy Pritchard and Band. Bring the kids – special activities will be available to entertain the little ones. Tickets will be on sale at the library on October 4th.

### Good Will Fire Co. Open House

**Saturday, Oct. 26th from 12 - 3p.m.**

Don't miss all the fun at the Fire House.

### New Castle Hundred Lions Halloween Parade

**Wednesday Oct. 30th**

Parade lineup starts at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peters School Parking lot. Parade starts at 6:30, and winds through town to the Courthouse Plaza. Prizes in all age groups, and lots of fun.



**New Castle – The First Capital City!**

**The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!**

## 2013 Fall Hydrant Flushing Program

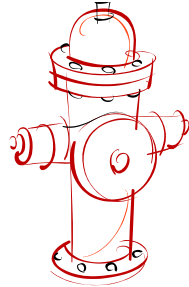
The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin our Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, October 21, 2013. Flushing will begin at 7:30am and end at 3:00pm Monday through Friday taking approximately 10 business days to complete. Our Hydrant Flushing Program is important to our water system and is an integral part of our goal to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. Additionally, it improves fire protection by testing the operation of our hydrants.

The Municipal Services Commission schedules our flushing program during the late fall when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in our system. Customers should not experience service interruptions during the flushing process.

The flushing process may cause some temporary water discoloration. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you notice discolored water, run several cold water taps at the same time until the water is clear. Avoid using hot water and doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

The Municipal Services Commission urges all residents to exercise caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews as water may accumulate in the flushing area.

Your understanding and cooperation during this process is appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Municipal Services Commission Water Department at 323-2333 between 7:00am and 3:30pm.



## C.R.O.P Walk

**New Castle Area CROP Hunger Walk  
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.**

Plan to be a part of this exciting international outreach. CROP Walks are local, interfaith, outreach events. There are 2,000 CROP Walks throughout the U.S. every year. Walking together we can change the lives of so many people around the world.



25% of the money raised from the New Castle CROP Walk goes to our two local beneficiaries; Emmanuel Dining Room in Wilmington and the Food Bank of Delaware. These organizations are struggling to find enough food to give to all those asking for help.

There will be two routes, allowing us to walk through historic Old New Castle and scenic Battery Park. The longer route is 3 miles, and the shorter route is 1-1/2 miles. Choose the one you want to walk. Dogs are welcome! Bring the whole family.

The walk will begin and end in New Castle United Methodist Church's parking lot, 510 Delaware St. Registration begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the church. There will be refreshments after the walk. Each walker will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a feeling that you've helped to make a difference to someone.

or registration of any temporary storage unit is required by the City of New Castle.

### **Maxim number of days permit is valid:**

- 7 days if unit will be placed off Street, on driveway, pad or ground
- 72 hours if located on Street.

### **Fees and Penalties:**

- Permit Fee - \$25.00 per unit
- Late Fee - \$50.00 if portable storage unit is on site before obtaining a permit.

### **International Property Maintenance Code:**

#### **Section 303 (Exterior Structure)**

##### General

The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

##### Protective Treatment

All exterior surfaces ... shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted.

##### Premises identification

Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

## Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes;

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov). Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

### **Temporary Storage Units**

#### **What is a "Temporary Storage Unit?"**

#### **Temporary Storage Unit Registration**

While portable outdoor temporary storage units, such as the units supplied by PODS or U-Haul, are useful to property owners, municipalities are finding it necessary to regulate certain aspects, such as placement of these units. Other considerations that impact the user, as well as other residents include the maximum number of days that the unit can be parked, the frequency of use, and the impact on required parking spaces. Pri-