The 44th annual Art on the Green will take place on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date Saturday, October 4th.) Art on the Green is an annual Arts & Craft Show in Battery Park on the scenic Delaware River, located in Historic New Castle Delaware.

Started in 1970; Art on the Green is held on the 4th Saturday in September. Sponsored by New Castle Hundred Lions Club, it has become a New Castle Tradition.

Admission, parking and shuttle busses are free, food vendors and music complete the day. For information go to www.artonthegreende.net

The second annual River Towns Ride & Festival is a one-day joint festival held between the two historic Delaware waterfront towns of New Castle and Delaware City. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th, from noon-5 p.m.

The two towns are 10 miles apart and connected by the bike-friendly corridor of Route 9. The event will feature riders cycling between the two destinations. Competitive cyclists will be encouraged to participate in the River Towns Time Trial for cash and prizes while recreational cyclists can pick their distance and ride for fun, or to earn a distance medal.

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. Activities include live music, rides, attractions, games, tours, vendors, food and drink.

A highlight of the event will be a craft beer festival held in each town from noon until 5 p.m. More than a dozen craft breweries will be participating. For additional information go to rivertownsfestival.com.

September & October Events

44th Annual New Castle’s Art on the Green
Saturday, September 27th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Presented by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club
More information above.

Good Will Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary
Longaberger Basket/Vera Bradley Bingo
401 South Street
Friday, October 3rd;
Doors open at 6 p.m., Games begin at 7 p.m.
$20.00 at the door. Refreshments will be available for sale.

River Towns Ride & Festival
Saturday, October 4th noon-5 p.m.
2nd annual River Towns Ride & Festival
More information above.

New Castle Senior Center Harvest Bazaar
400 South Street
Saturday, October 18th 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Featuring “Granny's Cupboard” with homemade baked goods; “Made for you” with unique handcrafts; “The Reader’s Corner” with an assortment of hardback and paperback

books; “The Treasure Chest” with a large variety of new and gently used items; mums; tomboli table; 50/50 and more! Breakfast and lunch are available at a great price, so stop in to shop and get a bite to eat!

Hauntings in History Walking Tours. Fridays & Saturdays, October 18, 19, 25 & 26 at 7:00, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Join the New Castle Historical Society this October for their famous Ghost Tour! 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 322-2794 for tickets.

Immanuel Church Attic Treasurers, Bake Sale & Raffle Sat., Oct. 25th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 26th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Immanuel Parish Hall, 100 Harmony Street.
Sale of used household & holiday items, and costume jewelry. All proceeds benefit local outreach programs.

Good Will Fire Co. Open House
401 South Street
Saturday, Oct. 25th from 12 – 3 p.m. Don’t miss the fun at the Fire House

Annual Halloween Parade will be held on October 29th instead of October 30th, as listed on the City Calendar.

New Castle – The First Capital City!
The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
Its CROP Walk time again

New Castle Area CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014 – 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.

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 you 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. For more information call Joan Skilton - (302) 658-9991.

New Castle City Police

On Thursday, September 4th, the City Council was presented with a report by James Nolan of J. T. Nolan Associates, concerning a study he had completed about the New Castle City Police Department.

Mr. Nolan has been working on his study for about 5 months, and evaluated everything from the City’s crime statistics, to utilization figures of the police department’s personnel.

Mr. Nolan provided recommendations on better ways to achieve the stated goals of the Council and Administration on community policing, to suggestions on how to be more efficient with City dollars.

One of Mr. Nolan’s conclusions was that the City made the right choice in hiring its current Chief, Dan Tjaden, and that Chief Tjaden has been excellent in his performance, thus far, as the Chief.

Mr. Nolan has spent over 40 years conducting studies and interviews for city/county governments and police departments throughout the country. Prior to that, he was in law enforcement for 21 years, having commanded most divisions within the Wilmington Police Department; he has a graduate degree from West Chester State University. The City will utilize Mr. Nolan’s findings to make what is already a solid Police force, even better.

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. 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 (PODS)

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 of these units. Considerations such as placement, number of days that the unit can be parked, the frequency of use, and the impact on parking spaces must be defined. Prior registration of any temporary storage unit is required by the City of New Castle. Applications are available online at newcastlecity.delaware.gov/forms, and at the City Administration building at 220 Delaware Street.

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

September 15th, Trash, Yard Waste and Recycle Pick-up goes back to the 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. regular schedule.

Signs on poles... are not a good thing!
Nails, staples, or other fasteners used to attach signs to poles can be hazardous to the Municipal Services Commission’s worker who must climb the poles to repair or maintain equipment.
Please refrain from posting any signs to utility or street lights within the City of New Castle.

Thank you for your cooperation. -MSC