



### City Election Candidates Forum April 1st!

#### Bring your Questions!

Arasapha Garden Club is sponsoring a Candidates Forum. It will be held on Wednesday, April 1st in the auditorium of the New Castle Elementary School (formerly the Middle School.) Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



All are welcome and the club hopes to see residents from all areas of New Castle. Don't miss this chance to meet and compare the candidates who are running

for office in the 2015 City Election.

Please bring your questions written on 3x5 cards, or paper cut to that size, you may also email your questions to [nconing@comcast.net](mailto:nconing@comcast.net) in advance of the Forum. Ask the candidates about any issues that you want to know more about. Blank cards will be available at the Forum for those wishing to write their questions that night.

Arasapha Garden Club is hosting this event, stressing that it is important to the future of the City of New Castle to elect a Mayor, President of City Council and two members of Council that represent the residents' wishes for the future of THEIR City. Come out on April 1st to hear the candidates answer questions about their view for New Castle's future and decided if their view is the same as yours.

**The next  
regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., April 14th at  
Town Hall**

#### Deadline Nearing,

#### Apply Now for Tax Exemptions

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or the disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the Taxpayer, call Kathleen Walls at 322-9804.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. **The last day to apply for over 65 exemption is May 1st.**

#### Important City Election Dates & Info.

#### Apply In-Person for an Absentee Ballot or Voter Registration

City office, 220 Delaware Street every day during normal business hours.  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 11th CITY ELECTION

Polls Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
New Castle Senior Center  
400 South Street

**Additional dates and times when  
Absentee Ballots and Voter Registration  
will be available at the City Office:**

- **Thurs., March 26, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.—Noon**

**Friday, April 10th, at Noon** is the deadline to request an affidavit to obtain an Absentee Ballot.

**Friday, April 10th, at 4:30 p.m.** is the deadline to turn in an Absentee at the City Office. Absentee Ballots may also be brought to the polling place on the day of the Election.

For election questions and/or comments, contact City Board of Elections Chair, Marianne Caven at 302-588-7410.

### March/April Events

**Saturday, March 21st - 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**New Castle Lions Club Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale**

**New Castle United Methodist Church - 510 Delaware St.**

Adults \$6.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00

**Saturday, March 21st - 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Day Wine Festival**

**St. Peter's Gym - 5th & Harmony Streets 6:30 p.m.**

\$35.00 - Cash Bar, Call 328-2230 or 328-7965 for tickets

**Wednesday, March 25th 7:00 p.m.**

**Hollywood History - Courthouse Museum - 211 Del. St.**

Showing of the 1939 film "The Women" Starring Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell

**Sunday, April 4th 6:00 a.m.**

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on the Wharf**

**Sunday, April 4th 1:00 p.m.** Easter Parade on the Green.

Come in your Easter bonnets, cash prizes in various categories.  
A New Castle Tradition.

**Sunday, April 12th**

**Anthony's Club Spaghetti Dinner 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**St. Anthony's Club, 1017 Gray Street**

Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and two meatballs! \$8.00

**Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Annual Beach and Battery Park Clean-Up**

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**Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**7th Annual Community Yard Sale on the Green**

**Historic Green on Delaware Street**

To register for a spot: go to [historicnewcastle.com](http://historicnewcastle.com) or pick one up at the New Castle Court House Museum.

**Looking Ahead: Arasapha is looking for May Market donations... Plants: Pots & Baskets: White Elephant Items & Books:**

For more information about volunteering or donating items, please email [arasaphagarden@gmail.com](mailto:arasaphagarden@gmail.com) and follow them on Facebook at: [facebook.com/arasapha](https://www.facebook.com/arasapha).

**For more events and more information on all events go to the City website at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov).**

*New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!*

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



## 2015 Spring Hydrant Flushing Program

The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin the Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 13, 2015. Flushing will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday taking approximately 10 business days to complete. The Hydrant Flushing Program is important to the City's water system. It is an integral part of MSC's goal to deliver the safest, highest quality water possible and ensures fire protection by testing the operation of our hydrants.

The Municipal Services Commission schedules their flushing programs during the early spring and late fall when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in the 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, please 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 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 11th**

**Don't Forget to**



## 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, proper 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.

***As we head into Spring, Please help the City control wildlife problems...***

**DO NOT feed wild animals.**

1. Make sure all garbage is secured in covered plastic or metal trash containers.
2. Do not allow any water accumulation especially overnight.
3. Keep yards clean and mowed and cleared of any debris including: compost, piles of wood, lumber or rocks and junk. Also, clean outdoor grills regularly.
4. Eliminate all protective cover. Clear any brush areas or hedge rows.

## Annual Spring Clean Up of Battery Park **YOU CAN HELP!**

**Improvements Continue This Year!  
Saturday, April 18, 2015 - 9:00 to noon**

The New Castle Sailing Club and the New Castle Community Partnership are co-sponsoring the annual spring Battery Park Beach Clean-Up on **Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.**



The park has had numerous repairs in the past few years, and it has truly become a beautiful place for all to come and enjoy the river and local scenery. You can help keep the park pristine and beautiful!

Please join friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues in cleaning up the Battery Park beaches. Coupons will be available for volunteers for a discount at local restaurants for lunch on day of clean up. Trash bags and gloves will be available, however, please bring your own work gloves, if possible. Volunteer certificates will also be available if needed.

On the morning of the clean up, please sign in at the registration table located by the New Castle Sailing Club sail house at the end of West 3rd Street. Questions? Contact Kristin 907-252-9062 or Irene 302-328-1709.

As a community, we all enjoy the beautiful and picturesque Battery Park; so let us work as a community to ensure it stays beautiful!

## 2015 Battery Park

### Half-Day Summer Camp Program

June 22, 2015 - August 7, 2015

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

\$30 a week - Ages 5-12

For more information and to register go to [newcastlecity.delaware.gov/parks-recreation](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov/parks-recreation)



5. Close up any open areas that provide access under structures, porches or decks that could be used as potential den sites.

6. Clean up any pet food, bird seed, fruits or vegetables that may have accumulated.

7. If there is any evidence of a den, make sure the animals are gone and fill hole with dirt and rocks. Sprinkle flour on the ground to detect tracks.

8. If your yard has a grub or other subsoil insect problem, these are a feast for skunks.

9. Raccoons and skunks may carry rabies and distemper. Keep pet vaccinations up to date.

***If you or your pet is sprayed by a skunk***, there is an effective mix to clean the oil:

- \* baking soda; one quarter cup
- \* dish soap or no-tears pet shampoo one teaspoon
- \* hydrogen peroxide; one quart of 3%

Mix and apply while mixture is bubbling, then rinse. Repeat as needed. Do not try to store in a container. Baking soda-peroxide mix is volatile. **\*Be advised, this mixture can bleach fur and hair color.**

Mild acid juices such as tomato or lemon are supposed to be effective and also vinegar.

