



## City News and Notes

Public Works Summer Hours Have Begun. Refuse pick-up hours are 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The next regular

City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., June 9th at Town Hall

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th

Revised Trash Schedule

Reg Pick-Up

Mon., May 25

Tues., May 26

Revised Pick-Up

Tues., May 26

Wed., May 27

## Separation Day, Friday & Saturday Activities



**Saturday, May 30th**

**Miss Separation Day**

**Beauty Pageant**

New Castle School - 903 Delaware St. "Day of" registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Pageant begins at 10:00 a.m. For info and early registration forms go to [sepdayde.com](http://sepdayde.com)

**Friday, June 12th**

**Separation Day 5k**

Friday, June 12th, Separation Day 5k Walk/Run - Registration from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The run/walk will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

**Food, Wine & Craft Beer Fest**

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Live Music on the Courthouse Plaza. This is a family friendly atmosphere, enjoy live music and exhibits on the Green.

Go to [sepdayde.com](http://sepdayde.com) for info on **All Separation Day Activities**

**Saturday, June 13th**

**Parade at 11 a.m.**

Along Delaware Street, ending at the Courthouse Museum. This year's theme is "Unity." Sign up your group today! Local Organizations · Bands · Characters · Miss Separation Day · Floats and much more.

**Park Activities Featuring:**

**Separation Day Regatta** 9 a.m. & 1p.m. On the Delaware River · **Arts & Crafts Show** 11 a.m.—6 p.m. · **Great Amusement Rides** · **Jaycees Kids Corner** · **Beautiful Baby Contest** · **1 & 5 p.m. FWF Wrestling Demonstration** · **Dance Party 5:30 p.m.** New Castle's own American Pie Entertainment.

**Concert 8:00 p.m.**

**"Lights Out"**

Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

**9:30pm: Fireworks Grand Finale!!!**



## May / June Events

**Bellanca Airfield & DE Aviation**

**Hall of Fame Museum - Open House**

**Saturday's, May 23rd, June 13th & 27th**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Rte. 273 & Centerpoint Blvd.

Visit a Bellanca Airfield open house this summer, and see the history of the Bellanca airfield and aircraft manufacturing in New Castle. Other exhibits, include the "Delaware Large Scalers" model train exhibit. Free Admission

**Saturday, May 30th - Annual Miss Separation Day Beauty Pageant (see above for registration info.)**

New Castle School - 903 Delaware Street

Be a contestant, or come out and watch the pageant.

Categories from 24 months to 18 years. The winner of each category will receive a tiara/crown, flowers, sash and ride in the Separation Day parade on June 13th.

**Friday, June 5th - First Friday Art Loop** On the "First Friday" night of the month, New Castle is the place to be! Walk through town visiting galleries, artisan displays and unique objets d'art while snacking & sipping wine. 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**New Castle Library Friends' Separation Day Book Sale**  
**Friday, June 5th - Separation Day "Preview" Book Sale**  
**See back of newsletter for more information.**

Preview Book and Art Sale-Friday, June 5th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
New Castle Public Library - This year the preview book sale will coincide with the Art Loop. Open to the public

**Saturday, June 13th - Separation Day Book Sale**

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Non-fiction in Library Conference Room; Fiction books, children's, and teens' books outside.

**Monday, June 15, 10:00 - 8:00 & Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Post-Separation Book Sale in Library Conference Room

**June 25th - June 28th - Philadelphia and Camden waterfronts will host the Tall Ships.** Keep your eyes open for these beautiful ships as they pass on their way up river. Go to [tallshipsphiladelphia.com](http://tallshipsphiladelphia.com) for more information.

**Coming in July:**

**Wednesday Concerts in the Park will continue.**

Beginning Wednesday, July 8th, keep checking the City website and newsletter for updates. Donations are being accepted at the New Castle Weekly to keep the concerts going.

# New Castle - The First Capital of the First State!

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

## Municipal Services Commission

### Electric & Water Rates to Increase for First Time in Three Years

The Municipal Services Commission, (MSC), has not had a utility rate increase in three years. Based on a recent Cost of Service study, prepared by Utility Financial Services (UFS), a rate increase for both electric and water was recommended.



Customers will be happy to hear that although other utilities across the country are experiencing double digit rate increases, the Commissioners were able to keep the increases to single digits. The invoices sent in the month of May 2015 will reflect an average increase of 2.0% for electric and 5.2% for water.



The Commission is committed to providing safe and reliable electric and water service at one of the lowest rates in Delaware. If you have questions regarding rates or any other utility issue please contact the MSC at (302) 323-2330.

## New Castle Library Friends' Separation Day Book Sale - Preview and Art Sale

This year the New Castle Library Friends' Preview Book Sale, will be held eight days before Separation Day, on Friday, June 5th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as part of the First Friday Art Loop, and will be opened to the public.

As part of the Preview Sale, local artists will be displaying their work(s) at the library. The collection of artists are Don Almquist, Richard Bockmann, Bruce Burk, Rebecca Hutchinson, Dawn Majewski, Corky Viola, and Dennis Young. These original art works will be for sale (most by silent auction.)

A restored painting of the Trustees (c. 1910), will be on display, and it has some mysteries surrounding it. Some of the trustees pictured, as well as the painter, are unknown. To solve these mysteries, there will be an Identify-the-Trustees and Painter contest starting the night of the Preview Sale and running through Separation Day. For all book sale times and dates see events listing on the front, or go to the City website at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov).



### 2015 Summer Recreation Battery Park - Half-Day Camp

June 22nd through August 6th, 2015

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

For children Ages 5 - 12

Seven Weekly Sessions - \$30 per session (due in advance)



The City of New Castle's Summer Recreation Program will be partnering again with New Castle County Department of Community Services to offer our 2015 Battery Park Half-Day Summer Camp Program.

This camp offers an opportunity for children to participate in a fun-filled morning program at Battery Park. It is open to all children between the ages of 5 and 12 who reside within the City limits. The program includes supervised games, fresh air time, arts & crafts, weekly themes and more!

Forms and information are available at the City office at 220 Delaware Street and online at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov) and [www.nccde.org](http://www.nccde.org). For additional questions call 322-9801.

## 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 on the City website at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov) or in the City offices; you can also call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

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.



**Mosquito Control:** The City of New Castle will be cooperating with the State of Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife to maximize mosquito control in the area in an effort to combat mosquito borne diseases. The City will aggressively enforce City health codes that require the elimination of standing water, such as in tires or buckets.

Spring is a good time to do a thorough property check, look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, such as tires, buckets or tubs, anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this summer to help with mosquito control.

**POOLS:** All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) require a building permit. Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.



**VACANT PROPERTIES:** Any vacant property must be maintained as if that property were used or occupied.

**VEHICLES:** In any zoning district, it shall be unlawful to park, store, or permit to be parked or stored, other than inside a fully enclosed building, any vehicle that is required to and does not have current registration attached to the vehicle, is inoperable in the manner for which it is designed, is missing major components, is wrecked or is dismantled.