Spring in a busy time in New Castle!

Fri., May 6th - First Friday /Art Loop: sip, snack and enjoy objets d’art in Historic New Castle 5-8 p.m. Special this month 2nd ACT Antiques Collectibles & Treasures (304-306 Delaware Street) Grand Reopening, May 6th and 7th.

Fri., May 6th 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sat., May 7th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Celebrate spring at the annual May Market. (See info above)

Saturday, May 7th: Swanwyck Garden Club’s annual “Plant and Bake Sale,” 9-3 at Eisenberg School, Lander’s Lane. Perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables & goodies for Mother’s Day. Benefits the Lander’s Lane triangle.

Sat., May 21st 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Annual Day in Old New Castle. (See info above)

Separation Day 240 years and counting!

In 2026, America and the State of Delaware will turn 250 years old. Don’t miss all the new events this year, a BBQ Fest - newcastlebbq.com, Miss & Mrs. Separation Day, and much more, as we build toward our Sestercentennial. Go to Sepdayde.com for more information.

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
2016 Spring Hydrant Flushing Program

The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin their Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 25, 2016. Flushing will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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.

MSC schedules the 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 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, 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.

MSC 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 Mon.-Fri. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Battery Park 1/2 Day Summer Camp

June 28–Aug. 11, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sign up at the City Office or online at www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/parks-and-recreation

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 Website 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.

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. Now is a good time to do a quick property check. Look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this spring and summer to help with mosquito control.

This month’s highlights; general reminders...

1. Grass must be maintained on a regular basis.
2. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. This must be done immediately.

Swimming Pools: must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) require a building permit, and must meet strict requirements including fencing, self-latching gate and, if applicable, electrical standards.

Save the Date!

Old New Castle “Fallen Hero’s 5K Run/Walk”

In honor of Elizabeth A. Lonki
Thursday, May 26th 2016

Proceeds benefit the Elizabeth A. Lonki Scholarship Fund, named in memory of Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Lonki, a graduate of St. Peter School. Elizabeth was a true American hero who became the first woman from Delaware to die in combat in Iraq.

Medals for overall winners, T-Shirts for pre-registered participants. Details and registration information is available at www.oldnewcastlerun.com.

Onsite registration begins at 5:00 p.m.
Race start time is 6:30 p.m.

The Trustees Announce Annual Scholarship Fund

The “Trustees of New Castle Common Scholarship Fund” was established in 1983 for eligible residents of the City of New Castle.

An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering the freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming September. Funded applicants from previous years who continue to meet the eligibility requirements are invited to re-apply for grant funding if available.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need and scholastic ability. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

Applications and instructions are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common, Delaware Street, New Castle.

Note that student’s application and a transcript of final grades must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 1, 2016.

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