



New Castle City Police honor officers, staff and volunteers

On March 8, the New Castle City Police held its annual awards ceremony. In attendance were Councilpersons Ted Meginson and John Gaworski, VIPS volunteers and New Castle Police officers. Every year the New Castle Police commends its officers who have performed above and beyond the scope of their duties, investigated and solved significant cases and achieved high levels of productivity over the year.

"Officer of the Year 2012" was awarded to Cpl. Gene W. Wood, who, among his many other accomplishments, was the department's highest producer in traffic arrests, participated in many Police Motorcycle Runs honoring our fallen police officers and other heroes, participated in many Special Olympics Ceremonies and displayed a positive attitude serving as a police officer and positive role model for our children. Cpl. Gene Wood also achieved the "Third Year Traffic Arrest" award and made over 700 traffic arrests last year.

Other commendations issued for the year included: Pfc. Keith Dempsey for achieving over 100 criminal arrests for the third consecutive year, as well as making over 400 traffic arrests during the year 2012. Cpl. Richard Perillo earned the "Fourth Year Criminal Arrest" award. In addition, M/Cpl. Ed Dempsey earned the

"Third Year Criminal Arrest" award and Cpl. Robert Singleton also earned the "Third Year Criminal Arrest" award. In addition, Mrs. Judi S. Brocket and M/Cpl. Detective Thomas Donlon were recognized for their fifteen years of loyal, dedicated service to the New Castle Police.

Cpl. Richard Perillo received the "Exceptional Duty" commendation for his dogged, tenacious efforts towards the Department's drug enforcement mission and the successful outcome of an arrest and prosecution of a noted drug dealer in the Dobbinsville community. Detectives Thomas Donlon and Richard McCabe, Cpl. Tina Shughart, Cpl. Robert Singleton, M/Cpl. Edward Dempsey and Cpl. John Pullin received Letters of Commendation.

Last, but certainly not least, the New Castle Police Volunteers (Citizen Patrol) were acknowledged for their continued service to the department and citizens of New Castle. Police Volunteers Milton T. Bilecki, Marge A. Bilecki, Gale Askew, Marsha Bates, Eleanor Loveless, Guido Camponelli, Anthony Camponelli, Robert Briggs, Daniel Bungy and Beverly Flannigan were all recognized for their selfless, dedicated volunteer service to the citizens of New Castle and the New Castle Police. As noted by Lt. Adam Brams, "the City and the New Castle

Police Department are very fortunate to have this fine group of officers, administrative personnel and Volunteer force who faithfully and effectively serve the citizens of New Castle with a great degree of pride." Congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

Important City Election Dates

Candidates Forum

Wed., April 10, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

New Castle School

Go to newcastlecity.delaware.gov

for more information

Sat., April 13th City Election

Polls Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Castle Senior Center

400 South Street

Sat., April 6, 9 a.m.—Noon &

Mon., April 8, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Apply In-Person for an

Absentee Ballot

Fri., April 12, at Noon

Deadline to Apply for

Absentee Ballot

City Admin. Building

April Events

Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

New Castle Hundred Lions Club

➔ **Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale** ☺

New Castle United Methodist Church

510 Delaware Street. Parking behind Church

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

Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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

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Saturday, April 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

➔ **Route 9 Yard Crawl** ☺

Featuring Flea Market on the Green & Yard Sales

Hosted by Historic New Castle Alliance

For More Information call 888-613-6665

At the Courthouse...

Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

"The Trial of Capt. Sven Skute" Historical play by David Price depicting the loss of Fort Trinity (Fort Casimir) and the surrender of New Sweden to Peter Stuyvesant and the Dutch

Saturday, April 20, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Delaware Styles in the 18th Century: "Dyeing to Dress", "From Pockets to Petticoats", "Who's Wearing the Pants: Breeches to Trousers"

New Castle Court House Museum, 211 Delaware Street

Admission is free for both events, but reservations are required.

302-323-4453

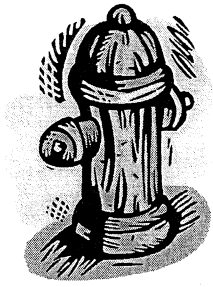
April 7, Sunday, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Seminar on Climate Change: How We Can Help A practical approach, providing ideas for everyday changes and energy-saving tips. At the New Castle Presbyterian Church Christian Education Building, 25 East 2nd Street. Free with light refreshments.

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

2013 Spring Hydrant Flushing Program



The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin our Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 15. Flushing will begin at 7:30 am and end at 3:00 pm 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 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.

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 7:00 am and 3:30 p.m.

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., April 9 at
Town Hall

Volunteers needed for 23rd annual beach and Battery Park clean-up

This year The New Castle Sailing Club is being joined by a new organization, Friends of Battery Park, in sponsoring the Annual Beach Clean-up. With enough help, the efforts this year will expand from the beaches to throughout the park to clean-up the debris remaining from Hurricane Sandy. Local restaurants are showing their appreciation by offering discount coupons to volunteers for lunch on the day of clean-up.

Trash bags and gloves will be provided, but please bring your own work gloves and rake, if possible. On the morning of the clean-up, sign in at the registration table located by the New Castle Sailing Club sailhouse at the end of West 3rd Street.

Date: Saturday, April 20, Time: 9:00 to 12:00
Registration: South end of the park near the New Castle Sailing Club Sailhouse

Volunteer certificates will be available.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 27
(Call if questionable weather)

Contacts:
Sally Rusk, New Castle Sailing Club
302-547-0176

Irene Briggs, Friends of Battery Park
302-328-1709



Apply now for 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 Marian C. Delaney at 322-9811.

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 minimum. The last day to apply is June 17th.

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. 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.

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.
5. Close up any open areas that provide access under struc-

tures, 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.