City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., July 10th at Town Hall

City & MSC Offices will be closed on Wed., July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

There will be NO Changes to the Trash & Recycle Pickup Schedule; but there will be No Yard Waste Collection on Wed., July 4th.

COUNCIL FINALIZES CITY BUDGET WITH NO TAX INCREASE

At a Special City Council meeting on June 11th, Council finalized the FY 18/19 City budget with no tax increase. The tax rate will remain at $1.20 per $100 of assessed value. Tax bills will be mailed in mid-July.

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Summer in New Castle; Exciting New Events and Old Favorites Return

Battery Park Camp
June 18th - Aug. 23rd
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
10 Weekly Sessions
$35 a week - Ages 5-12

The City of New Castle is partnering with New Castle County to offer a Half-Day Summer Camp Program in Battery Park. Campers will enjoy supervised games, fitness and nature activities, and more! A nutritious breakfast and lunch are served each day at camp.

Registration forms are available online at www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/parks-and-recreation, or at the City Admin. office, 220 Delaware Street.

Wednesday Night Summer Concert Series in Battery Park - 6:30 p.m.
Free to the Public - The Concerts take place on Wednesday evenings, running from June 20th through Aug. 8th. Grab your blanket for dinner and music in the park. Different food trucks each Wednesday night. Info. is available at www.historicnewcastle.com.


Sponsored by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, The City of New Castle & many other generous donors.

Wednesday, June 20th – Blue Cat Blues
Wednesday, June 27th – Conley & Watson. See full schedule below!

New Event! Thursday, June 21st
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Dining in the Street

The New Castle Senior Center will hold its first ever “Dining in the Street” event. This event offers the unique opportunity to dine in the street, in the heart of town.

In addition to a four course meal prepared by our local restaurateurs, the event will feature a five piece band to provide music for dancing and entertainment. Tickets are $50. Seating is limited to 200 people. For tickets and more information look for “Dining in the Street” on www.eventbrite.com.

Tall Ship News: The A.J. Meerwald, state ship of New Jersey, is scheduled to dock here in New Castle July 27-28!! Sails, and tours will be available. For tickets and info. go to www.bayshorecenter.org.

June/July Events

Wednesday, July 4th, 1:30 p.m.
Let Freedom Ring - Bells Across the Nation
Immanuel on the Green - Please be seated by 1:25 p.m.
For more information call Noel Kuhrt 655-2096
1:30 p.m. Bell Ringing
2:00 p.m. Children ring the small Courthouse bell.

Friday, July 6th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
First Friday Art Loop. Sip and snack and enjoy special events in New Castle’s Downtown District.

Saturday, July 14th, & 28th 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Bellanca Open House Bellanca Airfield and Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Museum. Free Admission.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!
The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
Trustees Annual Education Grant Fund
Deadline to Apply
July 1st

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

An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming September.

The grants are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle. High school seniors must provide a high school transcript and an acceptance letter from a college or university in order to be considered for the grant. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

Funded applicants from previous years who continue to be a student in good standing are invited to reapply.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Commons, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle or on line at trusteeencc.org Please call 322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.

Please note the application and necessary information must be received by the Education Grant Committee no later than July 1, 2018.

MSC CORNER
Demand Response Raffle!
As summer starts so does demand response season. On days of extreme heat, customers typically use more energy making the cost of energy higher. In an effort to reduce that cost and save you money, we encourage customers to voluntarily reduce their electric use during those times through our Power Savers Program.

A great way to avoid using electricity is to get outside and visit one of Delaware’s great State Parks! Go to www.tinyurl.com/parkraffle before June 27th to enter our Demand Response Raffle to win a free Annual State Park pass, tickets to one other park (Brandywine Zoo, Killens Pond Water Park, or Fort Delaware), discounted camping sites and much more. Entrants must be a MSC customer to win. Be sure to stay tuned for Power Saver Alerts this summer!

New Castle City Police News

NCPD has received an increase in reports of thefts from vehicles recently from all parts of the City. Be sure to lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood or where you work, please call 911.

If you have any information regarding these break-ins, please call (302) 322-9800.

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, or in the City offices; or call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

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.

GRASS MAINTENANCE: No person being the owner or possessor of a developed or undeveloped parcel one acre in size or less shall permit grasses or weeds to grow more than six inches high. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways. Keep sidewalks clear of grass and weeds.

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.

BLAST LYMDE DISEASE: Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread through the bite of a “black legged tick” or “deer tick.” These ticks are commonly found in Delaware. The Delaware Department of Public Health wants to remind us to BLAST ticks.

B athe or shower within two hours of coming indoors. L ook for ticks on your body and remove them.
A pply repellant to your body and cloths.
S pray your yard.
T eat your pet.

For more info go to www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph

The City Code can be accessed online at www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/city-code.