



## City News

The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., July 12th at  
NC Senior Center  
400 South Street  
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City & MSC Offices will be  
closed on Monday, July  
4th in observance of  
Independence Day.

**Revised Trash  
Pick-up Schedule:**  
**Reg. Date Rev. Date**  
July 4th July 5th  
July 5th July 6th  
Yard Waste Pick-up  
Thursday, July 7th

**Citywide  
Recycle Pick-up**  
Friday, July 8th

# The New Castle Crier

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**Deadline July 1st**

## Summer in the City!

**Battery Park Half-Day Camp**  
**June 21st - Aug. 11th**  
**Mon.- Thurs. 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**  
**8 Weekly Sessions**  
**\$40 a week - Ages 5-12**

The City of New Castle is once again  
partnering with New Castle County to offer  
this popular half-day camp. Sign up for one  
or all of these fun weekly sessions.

The Half-Day Summer Camp Program in  
Battery Park will include supervised games,  
fitness and much more!

Registration forms are available online at  
Call (302) 395-5654 or Sign-up online at  
[www.nccde.org/camps](http://www.nccde.org/camps).

### LET FREEDOM RING

**4th of July 2022 Bell-Ringing Ceremony**  
Everyone is invited to attend historic New  
Castle's bell-ringing ceremony, which will  
be held at Immanuel Church on the Green  
from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the 4th of July. This

free annual event is part of an ongoing  
national ceremony. When the Liberty Bell  
in Philadelphia is tapped, bells in  
Philadelphia, New Castle and across the  
nation will ring simultaneously, to officially  
commemorate the birth of American  
Independence.

This year's keynote speaker is Tom Welch  
of Dover, who will be speaking as Delaware  
Folk Hero, Allen McLane. Visitors can  
explore the graveyard where a number of  
colonial settlers and local Revolutionary  
soldiers are buried.



**The Kalmar Nyckel will be  
docked in New Castle  
throughout the summer.**

Don't miss seeing her at the  
Wharf, or take a day sail or a pirate sail. Go  
to [www.kalmarnyckel.org](http://www.kalmarnyckel.org) for ticket info.  
June 1st - 2nd (Public Sails)  
July 14th - 17th (Public Sails)  
July 20th - 24th (Public Sails)

## June/July Events

**Friday, June 24th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Fourth Friday Art Loop.** Sip and snack and check out all  
your old and new favorite spots in New Castle's  
Downtown District.

**Saturday, June 25th - 8:30 p.m.**

**Movie Night in Battery Park** The New Castle Art's Council  
is sponsoring a Movie Night in Battery Park. The movie is  
the adventure classic "**Indiana Jones  
and the Raiders of the Lost Ark**"  
Don't miss this fun family event, bring  
a flash light,

**Wednesday, June 29th at 12:00 p.m.**

**"Well Seasoned Heirlooms"**

Register for the 3rd in a series of programs on Delaware  
historical culinary delights, presented by Kim  
Fritch. Registration link can be found on the New Castle  
Court House Museum Facebook or website  
[www.history.delaware.gov/museums](http://www.history.delaware.gov/museums)

**July 25th-29th, 9am-12pm, Free**

**New Castle History Camp for Kids ages 10-13**

**Travel through history this summer at the FREE New  
Castle History Summer Camp!**

New Castle History Camp is free but limited to the first 25

participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration  
closes June 30th at midnight or when there are no longer  
any openings. For information email  
[Juliette.Wurm@delaware.gov](mailto:Juliette.Wurm@delaware.gov)

### Annual Summer Concerts in Battery Park

**Wednesday's, June 22nd - August 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

- **Wed., June 22nd** Chesapeake Brass Band
- **Wed., June 29th** Rick & Connie
- **Wed., July 6th** Olivia Reynolds
- **Wed., July 13th** Cindee & Chip Acoustic
- **Wed., July 20th** Jimmy Pritchard
- **Wed., July 27th** Trinity Acoustic Group
- **Wed., Aug. 3rd** Kona Shame
- **Wed., Aug. 10th** Cherry Crush

### Looking Ahead:

**Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**National Night Out in Battery Park**

**Sunday, August 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Outdoor Antique Show in Battery Park**

Quality dealers from around the country will offer a variety of  
treasures in Battery Park.

**Thursday, September 8th from 6 to 9 p.m.**

**Dining in the Street**

Don't miss the Annual "Dining in the Street" event on .

This event benefits the New Castle Senior Center. Rain date:  
Sept. 15th.

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

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



## **Trustees Scholarship Fund** **Applications are Available Now**

The "Trustees of New Castle Common Scholarship Fund" was established in 1983 to support the higher education of eligible residents of the City of New Castle.

The scholarships are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle and are for undergraduate study only. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university to be considered for the Scholarship. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must also be a resident of the City of New Castle.

A new applicant must be a senior in high school or a high school graduate who is entering an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming Fall semester. Previously funded applicants must complete another application at this time and provide an official Spring 2022 grade transcript prior to the **July 1, 2022** deadline.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Commons, 807 Frenchtown Road, New Castle or online at [www.trusteesncc.org](http://www.trusteesncc.org). Mailing address: Trustees of the New Castle Common, P.O. Box 453, New Castle, DE 19720. Please call 322-2809 or email [office@trusteesncc.org](mailto:office@trusteesncc.org) with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.

**Please note the application and all necessary information must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 1, 2022.**



### **Municipal Services Commission** **2022 Annual Hydrant** **Flushing Program**

The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin our annual Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Flushing will begin at 7:30am and end at 3:00pm 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 ensures fire protection is available by testing the operation of our hydrants.

The Municipal Services Commission schedules our flushing program when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow within the distribution 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, run several cold water taps at the same time until the water is clear. Avoid using your cold or hot water and doing laundry until you are certain 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 302-323-2333 between 7:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday.



## **Municipal Services** **Commission Rate Increase**

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) was notified in April that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) had approved NRG Energy to charge Delaware electric customers with a "Reliability Must Run Rate Schedule" for Indian River Power Plant Unit #4.

NRG Energy is a generation owner that provides generation for the electric grid. NRG states that the unit is no longer economical to run and filed to shutter Unit #4. Unit #4 is the last coal fired unit at this facility. Units #1, #2, and #3 were retired under a consent decree reached with Delaware Department of Natural Resources.

FERC will not allow the unit to go off line as it creates a reliability concern for the transmission grid. The "Reliability Must Run Rate Schedule" filed by NRG allows \$5.8 Million a month or \$69.6 Million per year to be passed on to Delaware rate payers.

Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) the MSC's Joint Action Agency filed a protest for its eight members. The current rate increase expectation for MSC customers is 2%. The MSC is working with their Rate Consultant to design the appropriate rate structure. With recent inflation and the uncertainty in the economy the MSC was informed that the charges passed on by NRG could easily double.

The charges from NRG are expected to affect Delaware rate payers for the next 5 years as Delmarva Power makes improvements to the transmission grid. When there is no longer a reliability concern then the Indian River Power Plant Unit #4 will be allowed to close and the charges no longer passed on.

These charges were approved by FERC to become effective starting with the June 2022 Billing. DEMEC is working to mitigate the rate increase for the short term while its members analyze the impact to their rate structures.

If you have any questions please call 302-323-2333 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or plan to attend the Monthly MSC meeting on Thursday, June 23rd at 8:00 a.m. at the Commission office located at 216 Chestnut Street.



### **Library News**

#### **Summer Library Reading Program**

**Sign up online at [delawarelibraries.org/signup](http://delawarelibraries.org/signup)**

#### **Program Benefits:**

- Promotes learning during summer break in a fun way
- Sharpens literacy skills
- Encourages reluctant readers
- Fosters a passion for reading

Please call (302-328-1995) or stop by the library for details.