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MSC begins Spring Hydrant Flushing Program

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) Water Department will begin the Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 6. Flushing will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, taking approximately 10 business days to complete.

The Hydrant Flushing Program is important to the water system and is an integral part of MSC's goal to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. Additionally, it improves fire protection by testing the operation of hydrants.

The MSC schedules the flushing program during the early spring and late fall, when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in the 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 hot water and doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

The MSC 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 MSC Water Department at 323-2333, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

VOTE

Saturday April 18, 2009

Property Tax Exemptions

For information on applying for the Over 65 or Disability exemption, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811. Yearly income requirements: \$15,000 single and \$30,000 married. Social Security is not counted. Last day to apply is June 15th.

Notice of Election

City of New Castle, Delaware
Saturday, April 18, 2009

Vote for Positions of:
Mayor
President of Council
Up To Four Council Members
City Clerk ♦ City Treasurer

All Qualified Voters Can Vote At:

**Good Will Fire Hall
401 South Street**

Polls Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City of New Castle Election Committee
Marianne Caven, Chair (302-323-9383)

New Castle - The First Capital City!

Announcing: New Castle's 1st Annual City Wide Yard Sale & Open Acoustic Jam

Sat., April 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the Green, next to the Courthouse on Delaware St.

Sponsored by the Historic New Castle Alliance (HNCA)

\$10 for early reservations (through 4/4) for spaces on the Green (bring your own table), or \$15 reserved 4/5 or later ❖ Table Rentals available for an additional \$10

Civic organizations are lending tables for this event. In return, the HNCA will donate back \$5 for every table rented.

Residents who hold sales at their homes may purchase publicity on a City map, distributed at the event, showing their location, for \$10 by 4/4, or \$15 4/5 or after.

Open Acoustic Jam from 2 to 4 p.m. (all instrumental participants welcome)

Rain date is April 26. Registration forms available at the Courthouse, Bertie's Bags, Bridgewater Jewelers, Lauren Lynch and Cactus Wren, all on Delaware Street, or at the Arsenal Restaurant or the Park Salon behind Wilmington Trust. Or, ask for a form via e-mail at

HistoricNewCastleAlliance@gmail.com.

Registration forms are also available at www.NewCastleHistory.org.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of the City of New Castle by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes; and working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site at www.NewCastleCity.org. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, the complainant needs to provide a name and contact information.

This month's highlights and general reminders:

- Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways.
- Grass is to be maintained on a regular basis.
- Trash and garbage left at curb for pick up must be stored in containers with lids at all times. Permissible times for placement must be observed.
- No debris, junk, indoor furniture, appliances, etc. is to be stored outside on properties.
- Any vacant property must be maintained as if were used or occupied.



Apply at the City Offices (220 Delaware St.) for an Absentee Ballot for the City Election. Applications are available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee Deadline: Noon on 4/17

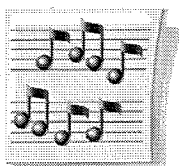
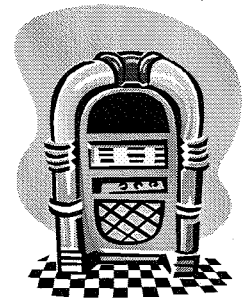
Oldies Dance Party

Community Event to Benefit the New Castle Senior Center

Saturday, May 2 from 7 to 11 p.m.

In the River Room at the Senior Center (400 South Street)

Featuring sounds from the 60s and 70s, including Motown, Rock-n-Roll & Oldies, performed by local band "Worth The Wait"



Admission is \$15 per person (a limited number of tickets will be available at the door)
Non-Alcoholic Beverages provided along with a Cash Bar with Beer and Wine 🎵 **Bring Your Own Food**
To make a reservation, call Natalie at 326-4209, or send an e-mail message to NKaplan@newcastleseniorcenter.com