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Wednesday Night Summer Concert Series in Battery Park Bands & Food Vendors:

June 25th - 7:00 p.m. - Chesapeake (Silver Coronet) Brass Band - A Pizza History

July 2nd - 7:00 p.m. - Newark Community Band - Bailey's Dawgs

July 9th - 6:30 p.m. - First State Symphonic Band - Bailey's Dawgs

July 16th- 6:30 p.m. - Osher Institute/University of Delaware Concert Band

- Penn Bistro (Wm. Penn High School)

July 23rd- 6:30 p.m. - Diamond State Concert Band - A Pizza History

<u>July 30th– 6:30 p.m.</u> - Zydeco A-Go-Go *(with New Castle's Jimmy Pritchard)* Penn Bistro (Wm. Penn High School)

<u>August 6th – 6:30 p.m.</u> - Mikey Jr. (and the Stone Cold Blues) Mean Green Smokin' Cuisine

<u>August 13th- 6:30 p.m.</u> - Makin' Whoopie Quintet *(with New Castle's Deb Shane)* Mean Green Smokin' Cuisine



CITY OFFICES CLOSED

With <u>NO Recycle Pick up</u> Independence Day Friday, July 4th

There will be a Citywide Recycle Pick-up Thursday, July 3rd.

Penn Wars in Battery Park Saturday, June 21, 2014

Attention all children of the City of New Castle

Do you dare face the challenges of the Penn Wars side by side with comrade in arms? Will you follow your Captain through the dangers that await in the treacherous fields of Battery Park?



Are you of great courage, the New Castle City Police and The Good Will Fire company invite you to join us them on Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m. in a day full of adventure lead by the firefighters and police of your City.

Call Cpt. Shughart with the New Castle Police Department for more information at (302) 322-9800.

New Castle - The First Capital City!

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



Understanding Your Residential Municipal Services Commission Electric & Water Bills



The **REMAINDER** Charge that appears on the MSC bills during the summer months helps to promote **CONSERVATION** of electric and water usage during a time when demand is high.

The presentation on the bill shows the electric usage for the first 750 kWh as Energy Charge at a rate of .115. The kWh over 750 is shown as Remainder at a rate of . 1667.

The water usage shows the first 4,000 gallons as Water at a rate of .0067. The gallons that exceed the 4,000 are shown as Remainder at a rate of .00735. You can reduce your utility bill by implementing energy conservation techniques found on the MSC website <u>http://newcastlemsc.com/</u>. Just click on Consumer Tips for energy conservation ideas icon.

Municipal Services Commission Sponsors 1st Annual Storm Prep Raffle



The 2014 Storm Prep Raffle is part of our campaign to teach our citizens the importance of staying informed in an emergency situation.

The Municipal Services Commission has provided a display at the New Castle City Library to bring awareness to our community about storm preparedness.

The Raffle begins June 2, 2014, win a free weather radio for your home, additional features include a LED flashlight and charging system for cell phones, PDA's and other USB devices.

Recharging is easy using built in solar cell or hand crank. See all contest rules and show your support by visiting our display at the New Castle City Public Library today. The winner will be drawn on Monday August 04, 2014.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps 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. This includes 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: NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov. To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

Please help the City control wildlife problems...

1. Make sure all garbage is secured in covered plastic or metal trash containers.

2. Do not feed wild animals.

3. Do not allow any water accumulation, especially overnight.

4. Keep yards clean and mowed and cleared of any debris including compost, piles of wood, lumber, rocks and junk. Also, clean outdoor grills regularly. 5. Eliminate all protective cover. Clear any brush areas or hedge rows.

6. Close up any open areas that provide access under structures, porches or decks that could be used as potential den sites.

7. Clean up any accumulated pet food, bird seed, fruits or vegetables.

8. If there is any evidence of a den, make sure the animals are gone and fill the hole with dirt and rocks. Sprinkle flour on the ground to detect tracks.

9. If your yard has a grub or other subsoil insect problem, these are a feast for skunks.

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. This mixture can bleach fur and hair color.

Mild acid juices, such as tomato or lemon, are reportedly effective, as well as vinegar.

Raccoons and skunks may carry rabies and distemper. Keep pet vaccinations up-to-date.