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## Revolutionary War History Preserved



Group shot by Ralph Burdick. L to R: Kim Burdick & Evelyn Swensson. Judge Richard Cooch; Frederic Minus; Rhode Island Regiment; Jim Thomen, Nan Naeve, Wade Catts, Bill Bizjak.

On Feb 22nd, The George Washington Society of Delaware honored the Cooch family for their long-term preservation of Delaware's Revolutionary War history.

More than fifty members of the Society were on hand, including Ed Becker, founding president of GWS. Founding members, Rev Dick Stazesky, and Jim Thomen, as current President, Kim Burdick and Sustaining Member Susan Brynteson presented Judge Cooch with a commemorative plaque. Revolutionary music was performed by well-known composer, Evelyn Swensson. Keynote speaker, archaeologist Wade Catts, gave an excellent talk about both the archaeological remains on the battlefield and the history of the Cooch family.

**Richard R. Cooch and Anne Cooch Doran** have said, "Our father, Edward W. Cooch, Jr. always said that he hoped that if the family house and battlefield, which he worked hard to preserve, ever left the Cooch family, that the property would be acquired by the State. In December 2018, Ned's dream came true.

this week in  
HISTORY

**1** **Pennsylvania** becomes the first state to abolish slavery. 1780, **Yellowstone** becomes the US's first Natl park. 1872, **Albert Berry** made the first parachute jump from a moving airplane. 1912, **Harry Houdini** was granted a patent for a "diver's suit". 1921, The **Lindbergh baby** is kidnapped. 1932, **Crazy Little Thing Called Love** by **Queen** topped the charts. 1980

**2** **Texas** declared its independence from Mexico 1836, **Excelsior Needle Company** began making sewing machine needles. 1866, Nationwide **road numbering** system & US shield marker adopted. 1925, **King Kong** had its world premiere. 1933, **Postage stamps** jumped from 8 to 10 cents for first-class. 1974, **Steve Jobs** unveiled Apple's iPad 2. 2011

**3** **First tavern** in Boston opens (Samuel Cole). 1634, First **commercial steamboat** route from Louisville to New Orleans was opened. 1817, **Barney Gilmore** was arrested for spitting in St. Louis. 1903, first issue of **Time magazine** published. 1923, **President Herbert Hoover** signs a bill that makes the Star Spangled Banner the Natl Anthem 1931, SF Giants had their new stadium officially named **Candlestick Park**. 1959, **Temptations'** **My Girl** reaches #1 1965. **Rodney King** was severely beaten by LA police officers. 1991

**4** **The Constitution** goes into effect. 1789, Vice-President **John Adams**, elected President on December 7, to replace George Washington, is sworn in. 1797, **Confederate States** adopt "Stars & Bars" flag. 1861, **Emile Berliner** invented the microphone. 1877, The **American Automobile Association** was founded. 10902, **Mrs. Charles Fahning** of Buffalo is recognized as the first woman to bowl a perfect **300 game**. 1930, **Walt Disney's** **Cinderella** was released 1950, **People** magazine was available for the first time.

**5** The first **alcohol temperance law** in the colonies was enacted in Virginia. 1632. The **Boston Massacre** occurred. 1770, Stapler patented in England by **CH Gould**. 1868, In Philadelphia, 60,000 people left their jobs to show support for **striking transit workers**. 1910, **Computing-Tabulating-Recording Corp** becomes IBM. 1924, **Billie Jean** by **Michael Jackson** topped the charts. 1983, **Fidel Castro** said that **Hillary Clinton** was "a beautiful woman." 1993

**6** After fighting for 13 days, **the Alamo falls**. The Mexican army of three thousand defeated the 189 Texas volunteers. 1836, At the **Washington Monument**, several men stole the **Pope's Stone** from the lapidarium. 1854, Supreme Court's **Dred Scott decision** holds that blacks cannot be citizens. 1857, **Aspirin** was patented. 1899, **Silly putty** is invented. 1950, **The Drifters** recorded **There Goes My Baby**. 1959 **President Richard Nixon** imposes price controls

on oil and gas. 1973, **Walter Cronkite** signs off as anchorman off the CBS Evening News 1981

**7** **The British** closed the port of Boston to all commerce. 1774, **Dr. John Kellogg** served the world's first cornflakes. 1897, It was announced that **blacks had been found enslaved** in parts of South Carolina. 1901, **Willis Farnworth** patented the coin-operated locker. 1911, **Monopoly** board game is invented 1933, **Mary Martin** as "Peter Pan" was viewed by 60 million on NBC. 1955, **I Love a Rainy Night** by **Eddie Rabbitt** topped the charts. 1981

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2/23 Pennzoil 400,  
3/1 Auto Club 400,  
3/8: FanShield 500,  
3/15 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500

**Denny Hamlin**  
**Joey Logano**  
3:30p Auto Club Spdwy  
3:30p Phoenix Raceway  
2p Atlanta Motor Spdwy



## Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Sun 3-1 **Diana Vance - Gerard Kirk**

Wed 3-4 **Barbara Harnette ★ Jaco Plant** Thurs 3-5 **Gale DeAscanis**

Fri 3-6 **Pat Jeppeson** Sat 3-7 **Jan Churchill ★ Ken Oppenheimer**

Sun 3-8 **Marsha Bright** Mon 3-9 **John Maxwell**

Thurs 3-12 **Jean Norvell ★ Jean Weaver ★ Rick Brittingham ★ TJ Tidwell**

*27th Anniversary* Fri 3-6 **Tracey & Mike Connolly**



**Birthday or Anniversary approaching?**

**Tell The Teditor** [flytedb13@comcast.net](mailto:flytedb13@comcast.net)

**Notable this week 1st** *Dadgum That's Good Day - Natl Black Women in Jazz & The Arts Day* Glenn Miller\*116 (1944), Pete Rozelle\*92 (1996), Robert Conrad-85, Ron Howard-66, Mark-Paul Gosselaar-46, **2nd NEA's Read Across America Day** Joel Roberts Poinsett\*241 (1851), brought Poinsettias to America, Henry Dreyfuss\*114 (1972), Theodore Seuss Geisel\*114 (1991), Desi Arnaz\*103 (1986), Mikhail Gorbachev-89, Karen Carpenter\*70 (1983), Jon Bon Jovi-58 **3rd I Want You To Be Happy Day - InterNatl Ear Care Day - Natl Anthem Day** Alexander Graham Bell\*173 (1922), James Doohan\*100 (2005), Jackie Joyner-Kersey-58 **4th Dress in Blue Day - Employee Appreciation Day - Knute Rockne\*132 (1931), Paula Prentiss-82, Emilio Estefan-67 5th Natl Maple Syrup Days - Saint Piran's Day** Rex Harrison\*112 (1990), Dean Stockwell-84, Andy Gibb\*62 (1988), Jake Lloyd-31, "Anakin Skywalker" **6th Dentist's Day** Michelangelo\*544 (1564), Lou Costello\*113 (1959), Ed McMahon\*97 (2009), Rob Reiner-73, Tom Arnold-61, Shaquille O'Neal-48 **7th National Crown Roast of Pork Day** Luther Burbank\*171, Lord Snowdon\*90 (2017), Willard Scott-86, Daniel J. Travanti-80, Tammy Faye Bakker\*78 (2007), Bryan Cranston-64,

## Phillies 2020 Spring Training Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						Feb 22 DET
Feb 23 PIT 1:05	Feb 24 BAL 1:05	Feb 25 1:05 PIT TOR 1:05	Feb 26 MIN 1:05	Feb 27 BOS	Feb 28 ATL 1:05	Feb 29 TOR
1 BAL 1:05	2 ATL 6:05	3	1:05 4 PIT NYY	5 TOR 1:05	6 DET	7 BOS 1:05
8 TOR	9 NYY 1:05	10 MIN 1:05	11	12 TB	13 DET 1:05	14 NYY
15 PIT 1:05	16 BAL 1:05	17 1:05 PIT TOR 1:05	18 TB 1:05	19 NYY 1:05	20 TOR 6:07	21 TB 1:05
22 BAL	23 TB 1:05					

**HOME GAMES**

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**MON**

9-3 Billiards  
 9 Pool Exercise  
 9:30 Park Walk  
 10 Crafty Seniors  
 12 Lunch  
 12:30 Mah Jongg  
 1 Chair Yoga

**TUES**

9-3 Billiards  
 9:30 Shanghai  
 10 Bingo  
 12 Lunch  
 1 Strength Building/  
 Exercise

**WED**

9-3 Billiards  
 9:30 Park Walk  
 11 Line Dancing  
 12 Lunch  
 1 A.B.C. Class

**THUR**

9-3 Billiards  
 9:30 Shanghai  
 9:30 Bridge 9:30 Knit/Crochet  
 10 Games w/Tom  
 12 Lunch  
 12:30 Super Market  
 1 Zumba Gold  
 2 Qi Gong/Tai Chi  
 5:30 Yoga  
 5:30 Bible Study

**FRI**

9-3 Billiards  
 9:30 Park Walk  
 10 Bingo  
 10 Mah Jongg  
 10:30 Beginner's/  
 Arthritis Exercise  
 12 Lunch



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 newspapers ▶ [CLICK HERE](#)

**3-5 Read Across America Celebration/6:30-8p All ages**  
**"Voters at Last: Battling for the Ballot"/7p**

**3-7 League of Women Voter**

Voter info and registration/10a-5p

**Monday**

**Computer & Job Search Help\* 11:30a Adults**  
**THINKOLOGY 4-5p/Kids 8-14**

**Tuesday**

**Crafty Story Time-10:30a/Kids 2+**  
**GED in Spanish\* 6:30-8:30p**

**Wednesday**

**Teen Time 3:30-4:30PM Teens 12 +**

**Thursday**

**Social Worker at Library, 2-4p**  
**Drop-in Computer & Job Search Help 2:30-4PM Adults**  
**GED in Spanish\* 6:30-8:30p**

**Friday**

**Toddler Stay & Play 11a Kids 2 & older**

\*registration required

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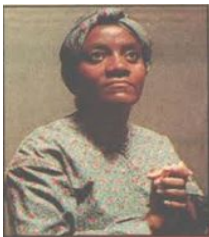
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**Declared Candidates**

**as of Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**Brenda Antonio**

**Angelo J. Rispoli**

**Call 322-2809 For More Information**

**Candidates Must Be A Resident of The City of New Castle for at least Two Years Prior to The Election Date, and be a Registered Voter**

**(On The Trustees' Voter List) and be at least 25 Years of age by the Date of The Election on March 21, 2020.**

**ELECTION DATE: MARCH 21, 2020**

**PLACE: GOODWILL FIRE STATION**

**TIME: 8 AM UNTIL 4 PM**

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Thurs. 3/5 Board of Adjustment. Mtg 6:30pm

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Tues. 3/10 City Council Meeting 7pm

Thurs. 3/13 Historic Area Commission Mtg. 6:30pm

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# Antipasto Stuffed Chicken



There's nothing better than good antipasto. The only qualm with the meat and cheese spread is that it's never a truly satisfying dinner on its own (thought we desperately want it to be!). But by way of Antipasto Grilled Cheese and, now, this stuffed chicken, we've figured it out. Though the hasselback technique is very easy, know it's not the neatest process ever. Stuff will inevitably spill out of the chicken, and that's what makes it even more delish.

gather up...

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts - 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil - 1 tsp. dried oregano - 1/2 tsp. garlic powder - Kosher salt & Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 lb. deli ham - 1/4 lb. salami - 4 slices provolone, halved - 1 c. drained and sliced pepperoncini - 1/3 c. chopped assorted olives - 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
- Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

let's make it!

- ✓ Make oven happy at 400°. Place chicken on a cutting board and make 5 slits in each breast, being careful not to cut through completely. Transfer to a baking sheet.
- ✓ Drizzle olive oil over chicken and season with oregano, garlic powder, S&P
- ✓ Stuff each chicken breast with ham, salami, provolone, and pepperoncini, then sprinkle with olives and Parmesan.
- ✓ Bake until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink, about 25 minutes.
- ✓ Garnish with parsley before serving.

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All Council members were present plus City Administrator **William Barthel**, City Treasurer **Janet Carlin**, Finance Director **Kathy Walls**, and Building Official **Jeff Bergstrom**.

There were 3 issues for this Special Meeting: discussion and decision on running water and sewer lines on Delaware St. near the Wharf, a discussion of infrastructure, and further discussion of the FY21 budget.

### **SEWER AND WATER LINES NEAR THE WHARF**

At our meeting Oct. 8, 2019 when we agreed to repave Delaware St. from the Wharf to 5th St. we deferred a decision on adding water and sewer lines near the Wharf to support the addition of a public restroom with shower facilities for visiting crews of tall ships at some point in the future. Today we had to make a decision about the water and sewer lines. Mr. Barthel said it would be best to make this decision now so that, if we decide to add the new lines, it could be done while our contractor, Cirillo Brothers, has their equipment in the area.

Russ Smith began the discussion by saying that we have attractions such as the Wharf and have a responsibility to provide services such as public restrooms to visitors. Linda Ratchford asked him for his opinion from a parks perspective (He was the 1st superintendent of the First State National Park.) He said visitors expect facilities and that the Delaware River itself is one of our main attractions so the area gets heavy use.

I asked about the issue of vandalism since we have had some reports of problems in the existing restrooms in Battery Park. I asked if Chief McCabe had been consulted about this. He was not. Michael Platt said he recalled that the Chief feared vandalism if the Little Library was placed near the Wharf so thought a restroom there would also be a target. Mr. Smith said a building such as a restroom is much less vulnerable than a small, free-standing item such as the Little Library. Valerie Leary said she spoke to a Trustee who told her there has been little vandalism in the existing restrooms in the Park. I asked if any restroom constructed could include automatic locks so the building could be closed at dusk. Yes it could; the current restroom in the Park has this feature.

Mr. Platt strongly opposes adding the water and sewer lines as he doesn't think the restroom will ever be built as the money will be needed for other projects. He sees no value to the City from the presence of tall ships here as any money spent by visitors goes to business owners. He thinks the funds for the addition of the water and sewer lines (\$45,000-\$50,000) would be better spent on paving more of Delaware St. He added that we can bring in portable toilets for special events which bring large crowds.

Ms Leary said that the idea of this is to prepare for the future. As someone involved in bringing the summer concerts to New Castle, she has heard complaints about the distance people must walk over uneven ground to the current restrooms. This is especially a problem for the older people attending concerts. Restrooms near the Wharf would be more accessible to concert-goers.

Mr. Smith said that tourism does bring benefit to the City and added that it is the only economic option in town. Tourism brings jobs and tourists need restrooms. Mr. Platt said since New Castle has no restaurant tax, drink tax, or wage tax tourism brings no benefit to the City. Mr. Smith replied that being seen as a vibrant place increases property values and sees this as making New Castle a positive experience for visitors. Mr. Platt still thinks it's a waste of money which could be better spent elsewhere. He said that downtown isn't the only part of New Castle. Mr. Smith asked if there aren't some residents of Van Dyke Village or Shawtown who work in the restaurants. Mr. Platt didn't know. Ms Ratchford said that making New Castle an attractive place draws businesses to the area such as Center Point.

Mr. Barthel said he consulted City Architect Leila Hamroun who was not able to be present at the meeting but sent recommendations. She advises the use of temporary restrooms (in a trailer rather than "port-a-potties") during the summer months which can be rented for \$1200-\$1450 per week for a 12-week minimum period.

Ms Leary said that the restrooms would benefit residents as well as visitors. Ms Ratchford asked if the sewer line could be added later. Mr. Bergstrom said it could but the cost would be higher, the newly paved street would be patched, and patches tend to cause maintenance problems. Mr. Platt repeated his objections and called this a "bridge to nowhere".

Ms Leary moved that we run the sewer line, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Ms Leary pointed out that even temporary restrooms would require the water and sewer lines. Mr. Bergstrom said that if the lines were installed visiting ships could empty their holding tanks directly into the sewer line rather than having trucks come to drain the tanks as they do now.

Ms Ratchford said there is a benefit to restrooms in that area as many events are held there. Mr. Platt asked if we decide to do this, are there funds available. Mr. Barthel said that the current estimate for the Delaware St. Project, including the new sewer line, is \$1.9 million. We are still waiting for a response from Delmarva regarding the amount to be given to the City since we will be installing the pavement over areas they dig up to replace gas lines, a cost they would normally have to cover. We have an additional \$60,000 grant from our State legislators and a request for an additional \$30,000 is outstanding.

Ms Ratchford called for the vote and it passed 4-1 with Mr. Platt voting no. (I voted yes because I see this as an investment in the future and we can do it more economically now in conjunction with other work in the area.)

### **INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW**

Mr. Barthel began by saying that he, Mr. Bergstrom, and City Engineer Dave Athey have a list of projects in priority order. Currently the top 4 items are 2nd Street (\$300,000 with granite curbs or \$200,000 for paving only), 13th St. in Baldton (\$125,000), Brylgon St. (\$150,000), and Porter Alley (gravel road behind the Senior Center for \$150,000). Paving Porter Alley was requested by the fire department as they would prefer 3rd St. Extended to be one-way in with the exit via Porter Alley. They gave this "wish list" to Sen. Poore along with the request for Delaware St. Work on 2nd Street will probably be deferred until Delmarva installs the high-pressure gas lines there. Delmarva has a 5-year plan to complete this work in the downtown area. Shawtown, Washington Park, and Van Dyke Village have already had the new lines installed. Similar to the current co-ordination on Delaware St, it makes no sense for the City to repave 2nd St. before Delmarva does its work as they would dig up a newly paved street. MSC may well reline the water lines on 2nd as part of the same project.

Mr. Bergstrom added that the current low-pressure gas lines are very old and need to be replaced. Delmarva does this at no cost to homeowners and the City saves money by being reimbursed for part of the cost of repaving as with the Delaware St. Project. Granite curbs are required in the Historic District. I asked if my memory that, while more expensive to install, granite is more economical in the long run because it is so much more durable was correct. He said that is right. We re-use existing granite curbs whenever possible.

Ms Ratchford said that we hope we can move to underground utilities for other parts of town as Delmarva and the City do their work. City staff advises Council on priorities but only Council can approve the funding.

Mr. Smith asked if we are currently taking care of priorities. Mr. Bergstrom said that we are. The backlog of work is diminishing even with the increased regulation of storm water run-off. He said nothing in the City currently puts people at risk such as problems with roads and bridges in some communities. He has worked here for 30 years and said we've done much better in the last 10 years than we did in his first 20 years.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Mr. Smith asked where we are regarding resiliency. Mr. Barthel said there will be a meeting this coming Tuesday with Mr. Athey and a representative from DNREC about the current study of our shoreline and options for improving resiliency. They will prepare a summary for Council with action items. (Ms Ratchford and I will also be attending this meeting.)

Ms Ratchford said we are also awaiting a report regarding consolidation of city offices in a "City Campus" near the MSC office. Mr. Barthel said that



is not expected for another few months. Ms Ratchford reminding us that we have committed \$15,000 per year for the next 2 years for a WILMAPCO study of the roads in and out of City.

Mr. Smith asked about our emergency plan update. Mr. Barthel said ours is old, the last one was done in 2004 or 2005. Ms Leary brought up the issue of the increased train traffic in the area. Mr. Barthel said dealing with that is part of Goodwill Fire Department's emergency plan. Mr. Bergstrom said he will be participating in New Castle County's emergency planning. Mr. Barthel said he thinks we can get better value that way since Goodwill's plan cost \$25,000 to develop. I asked about emergency evacuation with increased flooding on area roads. Mr. Barthel said that is part of our plan. Mr. Smith said he will be going to a meeting where grants for emergency planning will be discussed. Ms Ratchford said that in the event of an emergency the fire department is in charge. Mr. Platt suggested that we see what the fire department has as there is no need to reinvent the wheel or pay for a duplicate study.

Ms Ratchford said that the new Comprehensive Plan will probably have some action items for the City. Mr. Barthel said that Planning Commission Chair Dave Baldini will come to the March meeting to update us on this. He thinks the new comp plan must be completed by the end of April.

Mr. Smith asked about costs from the Downtown Development District. Mr. Barthel said these are not expenditures, rather the loss of some revenue from fee and tax waivers.

Ms Ratchford asked about tree-removal and costs for planting city trees (any in the right of way) since we usually replace them. She added that we are fortunate to have a generous resident helping us plant trees. This year most of the tree budget went for removal.

Ms Ratchford asked about grants to non-profits. Mr. Barthel said the letters have gone out asking for a response by April 3, earlier than usual to aid in planning the budget.

Mr. Smith asked about funds for way-finding signs. I asked if signs for biking were included since proceeds from the River Towns Festival are dedicated to biking and tall ships. These signs are included in the planning .

Mr. Platt suggested that the City take the Mayor's suggestion and establish a 501(c)(3) to receive donations from local corporations. Mr. Smith said the problem with these is that City government can't tell them what to do or they lose their 501(c)(3) status. Mr. Barthel agreed but said the City can have some impact during initial set up. Ms Leary said we should use the existing 501(c)(3), the Community Partnership. Mr. Platt said no one knows what they do and he would like to see the Partnership take more initiative. Ms Leary said the City could make suggestions and I said that we should do that. Mr. Smith said we need to establish better communication between the City and the Community Partnership and Ms Ratchford agreed.

Mr. Smith said that while the City could do more for Goodwill they could also raise more, perhaps with a challenge grant whereby the City would match funds they raise up to a set amount. Ms Leary said Goodwill is at a disadvantage for fundraising because they don't have a hall to rent for weddings and other events. She said other fire departments have fund raisers such as a beef and beer and added that Goodwill is fortunate to have the Trust as a funding source in addition to the State and County. She added that some places add a fire/EMS assessment to water bills and New Castle doesn't do that. The fire department fears a loss of contributions if we did.

We closed with a brief discussion of other priorities. I mentioned funding for full-time staffing of the Visitors' Center. Mr. Platt said that brings no money to the City. Mr. Smith said tourism has a multiplier effect by bringing jobs and increase property values. I said I think we need to establish a capital reserve fund for resiliency and perhaps the city campus as well as the usual street and drainage work needed. Ms Leary suggested the creation of a part-time position for marketing and promoting the City.

## New Castle Library Friends'

### Annual Supper Meeting and Program

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 6 pm • New Castle Public Library

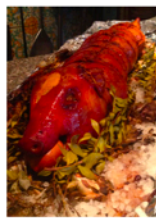
After a light supper and a short meeting, a special presentation of the Delaware Library Association Trustee Award will be made to **Carlo Viola** in recognition of his many years of dedication and advocacy for the library.

Finally, Joan **DeFattore** will present a program entitled, *Fake News, Fraud, and Honest Error: The Psychology of Belief - How we decide what we believe, and what we don't believe? Drawing on philosophical, psychological, and legal resources - and avoiding partisan politics - this talk outlines a few of the unconscious factors that influence the way humans reach conclusions and make decisions.*

This is a Friends' members only evening, although membership can be purchased at the door (membership starts at only \$10 per year.)

Please RSVP to [nclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:nclibraryfriends@gmail.com) or call the library at 302.328.1995.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH WINE FESTIVAL



March 21, 2020 at St. Peter the Apostle Church Gymnasium  
5th and Harmony St., New Castle, DE 19720

6:00-6:45 Social Hour and Wine Registration

6:45-7:30 Buffet - Italian Cuisine - Whole Roasted Pig (Porchetta), Veal  
Spezzato, Pasta Fagioli, Long Hots, Italian Greens, Salad, Desserts

7:30 - 10:00 Music & Dancing by Frank Stella & Michelle Christopher  
Homemade Wine contest, Judging of wine, Awards & Sampling

Tickets \$30.00

For tickets Contact Bob Blakely (302) 328-2230,  
Alex Alvini (302) 328-7156

Proceeds Benefit St. Anthony's Day Procession and St. Peter's Bazaar Spaghetti  
Dinner



**Project Description:** Widen SR 141 at Commons Boulevard to provide additional through lanes and a triple left turn from Commons Boulevard. Reconstruct SR 141 bridges over southbound I-95.

**Project Justification:** The project goal will be to improve current and future traffic conditions (safety and capacity) at the SR141 and Commons Boulevard intersection. Project started as Hazard Elimination Program (HEP) 1998 Site U.

**From a Nextdoor New Castle reader**

*"DelDOT is widening the entire road from Jay Drive to I-95. They cut down all the trees behind the houses along Rt. 141. They've damaged our fence and I'm sure as I've seen many others. I spoke with the project manager who informed me that DelDOT hired contractors to cut down the trees. You need to call DelDOT and complain so we can get our fences repaired or replaced. This is totally unacceptable and a pretty bad job if you ask me, the president of our civic association has contacted Senator McBrides office."*

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Overheard Locally



**3-7**  
Sr. Ctr. St. Patrick's

**3-20**  
NC Library Friends' Supper & Meeting

**3-21**  
TRUSTEES ELECTION

**3-21**  
St. Anthony's Wine Tasting & Dinner

**3-26**  
New Castle Historical Society Annual Meeting

**4-18**  
New Castle Sailing Club Battery Park Beach Cleanup

**5-1 & 2**  
May Market

**5-16**  
Day in Old New Castle

**5-21**  
Fallen Heroes 5k

**6-12 & 13**  
Separation Day Weekend



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2	04:14 AM		5.1	155
	11:40 AM		0.6	18
M	05:04 PM		4.5	137
3	05:13 AM		5.1	155
	12:44 PM		0.6	18
Tu	06:07 PM		4.5	137
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	07:10 PM		4.6	140
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New Castle, DE 19720

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1	 6:35am	 5:54pm	
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3	 6:32am	 5:56pm	
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6	 6:28am	 5:59pm	
7	 6:26am	 6:00pm	



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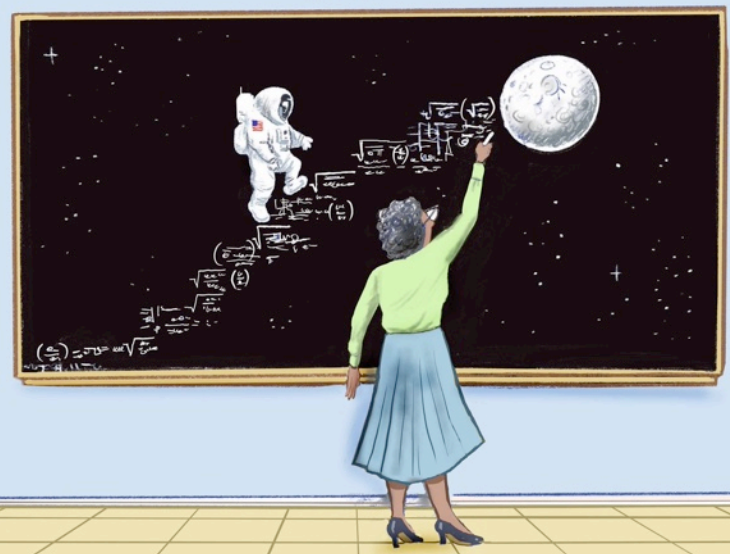
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