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April 19, 2020

## Easter Morn on the Wharf



I didn't make the annual trek to the wharf this year to welcome Easter. Esther Lovlie was one of a handful of local faithfuls who did and offers this beautiful sun-rise view.

this week in  
HISTORY

**19** The **Revolutionary War** begins as fighting broke out at Lexington. 1775, Connecticut approved the **Bill of Rights** after 148 years. 1939, **Dr. Sally Ride** became the first American woman in space on the shuttle Challenger (STS-7). 1983, **Sonny Bono** was inaugurated as the Mayor of Palm Springs, CA. 1988, Timothy McVeigh bombs the **Federal Building** in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, and injuring hundreds more. 1995

**20** **American Troops** began the siege of British-held Boston. 1775, Edgar Allan Poe's first detective story, **The Murders in the Rue Morgue**, 1841, Chicago's **Wrigley Field** held its first Cubs game with the first Natl League game at the ballpark. (Cubs beat the Reds 7-6 in 11 innings). 1916, **Honey** by **Bobby Goldsboro** topped the charts. An oxygen tank explodes on **Apollo 13**, preventing a planned moon landing. 1970

**21** **John Adams** was sworn in as the first US Vice President. 1789, **Gen. Sam Houston** defeated Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto. 1836, **Mark Twain** dies at the age of 75. 1910, **Bill Carlisle**, the infamous 'last train robber,' robbed a train in Hanna, WY. 1916, **Michael Jackson's** **Thriller** album slipped a couple of notches. 1984, **Geraldo Rivera** opened a vault that belonged to **Al Capone**. **Nuttin' Honey!** 1985

**22** The first official **Natl League baseball** game took place. Boston beat Philadelphia 6-5. 1876, The first **Egg Roll** was held on the grounds of the White House. 1878, **James G. Ray** landed an autogyro on the lawn of the White House. 1931, **Randy Matson** set a world outdoor record in the shot put with a toss of 71 ft, 5-1/2. 1967, The first **"Earth Day"** was observed. 1970, **Barbara Walters** becomes the first female nightly news anchor. 1976, **Johnnie Taylor's** **"Disco Lady"** became the first single to sell over 2 million copies. 1976

**23** The first English **order of knighthood** was founded. **Order of the Garter**. 1348, The **Vitascope** system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated. 1896, **Johnny Longden** became the first race jockey to ride 3,000 career winners. 1948, **Pete Rose** got his first hit. A booming triple off the Pirates' Bob Friend. 'Charlie Hustle' went on to break Ty Cobb's all-time hitting record more than 20 years later, playing for the Reds, the Phillies and the Expos. 1963, **Johnny Cash**, **Jerry Lee Lewis** and **Carl Perkins** reunited in Stuttgart, Germany and recorded **"The Survivors"**. 1981

**24** A patent was granted for **first soda fountain**. 1833, **William Price** became the first to be named White House news reporter. 1897, **"Your Hit Parade"** ended after a nine-year run on television and many more years on radio. 1959, MIT sent a **TV signal by satellite**

for the first time. 1962, The singing family, **The Cowsills**, received a gold record for their hit single, **"Hair"**. 1969, The **IBM Personal Computer** is introduced. 1981

**25** The guillotine was first used to execute highwayman **Nicolas J. Pelletier**. 1792, Delegates from 45 countries meet in San Francisco to organize the **United Nations**. 1945, The prototype manufacture of the **first solar battery** was announced by the Bell Laboratories. 1954, **Robert Noyce** was granted a patent for the integrated circuit. 1961

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Sat 4-25 **Dan Bungy** Sun 4-26 **Janet Wurtzel ★ Ken Sturgis**

Mon 4-27 **Dallas Hill**

Tues 4-28 **Kim Palmer ★ Debby Pullan** Wed 4-29 **Eric Salle**



**Birthday or Anniversary approaching?**

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**Notable this week** **Notable this week** \*85 (2002), Al Unser Jr.-58, Ashley Judd-52, Kate Hudson-41 **20<sup>th</sup> Look Alike Day - Volunteer**

**Recognition Day** Lionel Hampton\*112 (2002), Ryan O'Neal-79 Jessica

Lange-71, Carmen Electra-48 **21<sup>st</sup> Natl High Five Day** Anthony

Quinn\*106 (2001), Queen Elizabeth II-95, Charles Grodin-86, Tony

Danza-69, Andie MacDowell-62, Don Mattingly-59 **22<sup>nd</sup> Natl Jelly**

**Bean Day** Eddie Albert\*114 (2005), Aaron Spelling\*97 (2006), Glen

Campbell\*84 (2017), Jack Nicholson-83, Peter Frampton-70 **23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Zucchini Bread Day - Take a Chance Day** William

Shakespeare\*456 (1616), James Buchanan\*229(1886), 15th US President,

Shirley Temple Black\*92 (2014), Roy Orbison\*84 (1988), Lee Majors-81,

Sandra Dee\*78 (2005), Valerie Bertinelli-60 **24<sup>th</sup> Pig in a Blanket**

**Day** Shirley MacLaine-86, Barbra Streisand-78, Michael O'Keefe-65,

Kelly Clarkson-38 **25<sup>th</sup> East meets West Day - World Penguin Day**

William Brennan Jr.\*114 (1997), Supreme Court justice, Ella Fitzgerald\*103

(1996), Meadowlark Lemon\*88 (2015), Al Pacino-80, Renee Zellweger-51



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During the lane closures, multiple warning signs will be placed and flaggers will be positioned at the intersections to allow one-way traffic to pass, or to direct traffic to detour around the construction. The City understands that this may be inconvenient to some but with one-way traffic on area streets, this was determined to be the best approach. Residents are asked to obey the flaggers' instructions.

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Of course there will be no parking on Delaware Street between 3rd Street and 4th Street, during these times. Parked cars will be towed.

The repaving work on Delaware Street will last for many months and will necessitate both temporary lane restrictions as well as full closures at varying times. The City will provide more information for both as the project progresses.



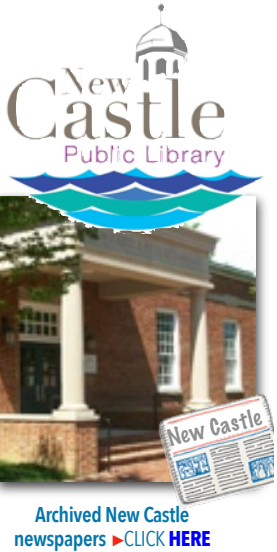


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The New Castle City Police would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have supported your local police department with much needed supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. A special thank you to Cathy Durham for making these cloth masks that will help keep our officers safe while we keep you safe.

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Looking for a playful, silly kitty? **Merlin** would make a great companion. This sweet boy loves people and has done well with other cats. He prefers not to be picked up, so he needs a home with folks old enough to respect that he likes all four paws on the floor. This five-year-old's adoption fee has been generously sponsored. Merlin enjoys a loving foster family, so to meet him, email Lauren Campbell at [lcampbell@bvspca.org](mailto:lcampbell@bvspca.org). Click [HERE](#) to learn about all my friends on South Street



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# BACON wrapped



## All ya need is...

1 lb. shrimp (about 20 pieces), peeled and deveined, with tails still on - 7 pieces of thick cut bacon, cut into thirds - 4 tbsp. butter, melted 2 tbsp. maple syrup - 1 tbsp. chili powder

## The fun part...

- Make oven happy @ 400°. Line a large baking sheet with aluminum foil. Wrap shrimp with one third piece of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Place shrimp on prepared pan.
- In a small bowl mix together butter, maple syrup, and chili powder.
- Brush shrimp with about half of the butter.
- Bake for 15 minutes or until bacon is crisp and shrimp is cooked.
- Brush with remaining butter and broil 3 minutes.

## Gin - Gin Mule

Homemade ginger beer won't be fizzy and thus can be shaken. If you're using carbonated ginger beer, pour that ingredient directly into the glass to top up the drink.

### gonna need

1 ounce simple syrup - 3/4 ounce fresh lime juice - 1 mint sprig - 1 3/4 oz Tanqueray gin - 1 oz Audrey Saunders' Ginger Beer - Garnish: 1 mint sprig

### make some

In a mixing tin, muddle the simple syrup, lime juice and 1 mint sprig. Add the gin, ginger beer and ice, and shake well. Strain into a highball glass over fresh ice. Garnish with 1 mint sprig, and serve with a straw.



## Mayor Signs 5th Modification

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") presents a serious public health threat; and WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Delaware Governor John Carney issued a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 public health threat, effective on March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. EST; and WHEREAS, Governor Carney updated his State of Emergency Order on March 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 29th, 30th and April 1st and WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor of the City of New Castle issued a state of emergency in the City due to the COVID-19 public health threat pursuant to Chapter 28 of the City Code; and WHEREAS, Section 28-3 of the City Code further authorizes the Mayor, as the Senior Elected Official, to extend and modify the state of emergency declaration; and WHEREAS, Mayor Quaranta modified and extended his State of Emergency Declaration on March 24th, March 31st; April 2nd and April 7th; and WHEREAS, the public health threat caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and has not reached its apex in the State of Delaware; and NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. QUARANTA, Mayor of the City of New Castle, pursuant to Chapter 28 of the City of New Castle Code, do hereby declare that the State of Emergency declaration issued on March 17, 2020, as modified on March 24th, March 31st; April 2nd and April 7th of this year, is hereby extended until at least April 21, 2020, and is further modified as follows: 1. Except as modified herein, all restrictions and limitations provided for in Governor Carney's emergency declaration of March 12, 2020, as amended through the current date, are hereby incorporated by reference in this Fifth Modification. 2. This order shall have the force and effect of law. The City of New Castle Police Department is authorized to enforce the provisions of any Declaration of a State of Emergency.

Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor

## The Lone Waker



# SEW KIND

When Laurie Trader came to pick up meals for her three



children at a Grab and Go site, she wanted to show her appreciation for the bus driver and the four Nutrition Services workers on the route. Trader gave each face masks that

she made from scarves. The Wilbur mom said, "I told them I was making them because I noticed they only have the disposable paper masks. I look after my own. I was a bus driver for 18 years," Trader said. You can't see the smiles behind their brand new masks, but the act of kindness was appreciated by all. Visit <http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/covid-19-food-resources> for the most up to date locations and times.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff a record number of **109,000** meals have been distributed to students since Delaware's State of Emergency forced school buildings to close. The Grab and Go program provides children with free and nutritious breakfast and lunch meals while they do remote learning at home. For updated information about dates and times at distribution sites, visit [www.colonialschooldistrict.org](http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org)



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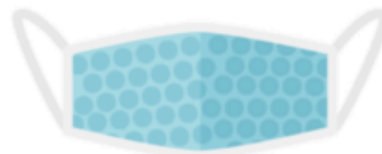
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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



### WHERE SHOULD I WEAR A FACE COVERING?



Consistent with CDC guidance, the Delaware Division of Public Health recommends that Delawareans wear cloth face coverings in public settings where physical distancing is difficult to maintain. This includes:



**Grocery Stores**



**Pharmacies**

SOURCE: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)

**de.gov/coronavirus**

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This meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 crisis. There were a few technical glitches but it generally went well. Few members of the public joined the meeting. We are trying to find

out if some attempted to sign in but could not for some reason. We will probably have to have several future meetings via Zoom so we want to make them as accessible and smooth as possible.

All members of Council participated plus City Administrator Bill Barthel, Treasurer Janet Carlin, Clerk Brian Whitaker, Council Secretary Kim Burgmuller, City Solicitor Dan Losco, and Chief of Police Richard McCabe. Ms Burgmuller served as the administrator on Zoom.

Council President Linda Ratchford began by saying that these are challenging times. The City is working to keep us all safe. While the City Office is closed, all services are still being provided. We have a strong community and we look after each other. We had a moment of silence for the victims and to honor workers.

Ms Ratchford said we don't know when things will return to normal. She reported that the Governor said on a conference call that resumption of normal activities will be "more like a dimmer switch than a simple on/off switch". She asked us all to do our part.

### **MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS**

We reviewed and approved minutes of the Feb. 10 Special Meeting, the Feb. 11 Regular Meeting, the Feb. 21 Special Meeting, the March 10 Public Hearing (approved with corrections), and the March 10 Regular Meeting (approved with corrections).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms Carlin reported that we are in about the same place as we were last year at this time with everything remaining on schedule. I asked if she had noticed any change due to the current emergency in either expenditures or revenues. She said none so far although a staff meeting is scheduled for this week to review this question.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Bill Barthel said that the City is still at full capacity since the beginning of the emergency with full consideration for the health and safety of both the staff and the public. The public is not allowed in the office which is staffed by one person with the others working from home. If another staff member needs to come to the office (such as Ms Carlin to sign checks) they must schedule their time to maintain social distance.

The Public Works Department has divided the staff into 2 groups which start work at different times and maintain separation and sanitation. This way if one group must quarantine, the other is available to maintain the work. They are doing all normal work except that they won't resume street sweeping for now as it is hard for some residents to move their cars. He is not sure when this will resume.

The Delaware Street project continues. He had a call with the contractors yesterday and is expecting their schedule for the next steps. Both contractors (Henkels & McCoy for Delmarva work and Cirillo Brothers for street work) maintain good communication and will advise when streets need to be closed so the public can be advised.

Councilperson Michael Platt asked if there were any additional expenses due to the emergency. Mr. Barthel said not so far except for additional legal expenses to work out the details of the emergency declarations.

Councilperson Russ Smith asked if there would be any savings due to the cancellation of special events. Mr. Barthel said not since the expenses for these events are offset by payments so they are revenue neutral. Ms Ratchford thanked Mr. Barthel for his efforts in dealing with the transition to emergency status.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief McCabe said he has issued new directives to the officers following CDC and State guidelines to balance service and protection for officers. They are maintaining good communication. The officers have been divided into 2 squads which don't overlap. Their building has been decontaminated. They still provide service and respond to calls. When officers arrive they ask questions at the door before going inside and try to handle as much as possible by phone. The 3 new officers self-quarantined for 2 weeks after completing the Academy because they had been in such close contact with others during their training. The new officers are now dealing with quarantine enforcement and are trying to reach out with information such as pamphlets for out-of-state cars and dealing with groups in the park. They explain the new rules and have had no negative feedback so far. He said there has been no rise in crime and only a slight increase in calls involving domestic violence.

He reported that they received some funding to help with virus response and have personal protective equipment (PPE) for the officers. They keep it locked up and control distribution so they know what they need to order.

Mr. Smith said they had a fine ceremony for the new graduates with distancing observed and he is glad to welcome them. Mr. Platt also offered congratulations to the new officers. He said his father and a brother were police officers so he knows the meaning of the graduation and swearing in ceremonies. He hopes we can have a larger event in the future to recognize our new officers.

Councilperson Valerie Leary asked about the two incidents of shots being fired in town – one on W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and one in Dobbinsville. She asked if they were thought to be related. The Chief responded that, from what they know now, the incidents do not appear to be related.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Smith thanked the emergency team (the Mayor, Council President, Chief of Police, City Administrator, and City Solicitor) for their actions in these extraordinary circumstances. He said he understands that FOIA rules limit what Council members can do when quick action is needed. Ms Ratchford added that the MSC General Manager, Pamela Patone and the Fire Chief, David Majewski are also part of this team.

Mr. Platt said that he met with residents of the 1100 & 1200 blocks of Wilmington Rd who are concerned with speeding. There are few signs in that section. He also reported a problem with the bridge on the south end of Wilmington Rd. as the concrete sections are separating.

Mr. Platt also said that he feels Council has been left out of the emergency planning and thinks the response team "is trampling all over City Code". He doesn't think Code allows the Mayor to overstep elected officials to appoint an Assistant Clerk and an Assistant Treasurer. Ms Ratchford responded that they have tried to get out information via email but Council meetings must have 7 days' notice and prompt action was necessary.

Ms Leary said that she agrees with Mr. Platt. She said she asked for a member of Council to be added to the emergency team but was ignored. Ms Ratchford said the current Code dealing with emergency declarations was passed in 1971 and was clearly written with civil disobedience in mind. She said this will need to be reviewed and perhaps revised in light of what we are learning from the current emergency. Mr. Smith volunteered to help draft the revision of Code dealing with emergencies. (Mr. Smith had experience with emergency planning when he worked with the National Park Service.)

Mr. Platt said he sees no need for the Assistant Clerk or Assistant Treasurer and Council is the only body that can create new positions. He went on to say that he doesn't like feeling left out and being unable to answer residents' questions. He asked for Mr. Losco's comments but he had lost connection to the meeting. Mr. Platt said he was disturbed by the short

notice of the Zoom meeting and the fact that some people who want to dial in would have to pay long distance charges.

Mr. Losco had rejoined the meeting and said that Chapter 28 of our Code refers to the “Senior Elected Official” which is defined, in priority order, as the Mayor, Council President, and another Council member. The idea of the Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer was to provide an option to avoid virus contamination. Chapter 28 provides for a State of Emergency to be declared for a period of 7 days and may be renewed if needed.

Ms Leary said that Council members had used docu-sign to sign resolutions remotely and asked if the Clerk and Treasurer could also use this. Mr. Losco said they can so the assistant positions may not be needed. The people appointed to these positions have not had to act so far. They were appointed as a contingency. Ms Leary said that she thought Council should make these decisions. Mr. Losco replied that Chapter 28 gives this authority to the Senior Elected Official. Until this chapter is revised, the action taken was appropriate. Mr. Platt asked if we contacted the Board of Health and repeated his question as to why no other member of Council was included in the emergency team.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Quaranta said he relied on advice from the City Solicitor. His first priority was public safety. They were able to adopt some best practices from business and other communities but much was ad hoc. The emergency team was formed with representatives from all parts of City government and organizations involved in public safety. The ZIP code 19720 (the largest ZIP by population) area has a higher incidence of COVID-19 than the rest of the State. He felt the park was a source of exposure, especially since it is close to residences. There are other, larger parks in the area which those living outside the City can use for exercise and walking their dogs.

Mr. Quaranta said that he was on a conference call with the CEO's of Christiana Care and Bay Health. They think we're 7-10 days from the peak of the pandemic. He said this will have great economic impact, perhaps on rent and property tax payments. We can't expect much State or Federal aid. Once the emergency is over, he will suspend the emergency order. He expects that there are many challenges before us. For example, food can't be moved to market (on Delmarva this particularly applies to chickens) so is being destroyed by producers. As a result, food prices are likely to increase. There will be a greater need to help poor residents.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Ms Ratchford asked Pam Patone of the MSC to speak. She thanked Ms Ratchford and Mr. Quaranta for their leadership. The MSC closed to the public March 16. They have divided their staff into separate teams with expertise on both. They have re-affirmed their mutual aid agreements with other utilities to restore service if needed. They have reassured customers that there will be no late fees or disconnects during the emergency and they are contributing to a fund to help those in need. The office is cleaned daily and they are working with the Delaware Street contractors regarding precautions. Mr. Platt thanked Ms Patone for “running a class operation”. Ms Patone reported that work is to begin in Van Dyke Village and residents will be notified. They used their emergency contact system to help the Trustees notify residents that the election was postponed. Ms Ratchford asked how people can be added to this list. Ms Patone said they should call the MSC.

Ms Ratchford then asked Goodwill Chief Majewski to speak. He said they are learning how to deal with this emergency along with everyone else. All 911 callers are asked additional questions regarding COVID-19 exposure so emergency responders can be properly prepared. Their teams wear extra PPE if COVID-19 is involved. Access to the fire station is restricted to on-duty members. They do regular cleaning and conduct wellness checks for all entering the building. He thanked Ms Ratchford, Mr. Quaranta, and Chief McCabe for their support.

Ms Leary asked if the staff has P-100 masks. Chief Majewski said they use N-95 masks. Mr. Platt asked if there are any known cases in the City. Chief Majewski said they get a list of addresses with known COVID cases. I asked if they had experienced any problems like those reported by the Clayton Fire Department when 911 callers did not disclose COVID-19 exposure requiring the quarantine of the response team. He said they have not had this problem but have increased universal precautions.

Ms Ratchford thanked Goodwill for their good work and for sending the Easter bunny around to provide a bright spot during the emergency.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none. We are trying to learn if anyone tried to call in via Zoom but were unable to get through. No one sent questions or comments by email which was also an option.

## **MAYOR'S ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor read his proclamation declaring April 24 as Arbor Day in the City of New Castle. This was necessary to maintain our “tree city” status.

Resolution 2020-12

William Walters was unanimously re-appointed to the Planning Commission. His term expires April 14, 2023.

Council Discussion of Operational Contingencies

Mr. Barthel said that, as reported by Ms Carlin, we are in good shape with the current year's budget. He is concerned about next year at both the City and State level. He hopes to have a staff discussion of the budget in the next week or so. Out of an abundance of concern we know that some residents will be hurting financially and have to expect that tax revenues will be down. They will look at postponing non-essential spending. Ms Ratchford asked when Council could begin meeting regarding the budget for next fiscal year. Mr. Barthel said he hopes this can begin in early May. We expect that these meetings will also be held via Zoom.

Mr. Quaranta said he talked to Jennifer Cohn, the head of DELDOT earlier in the day. She reports that driving is down so gas tax revenue is down as well as toll income. She foresees significant headwinds for DELDOT next year. The Federal CARES Act money is unlikely to help with this. The State expects greater deficits than in 2007-2008 so there will probably be a decrease in State funding such as municipal street aid.

Ms Ratchford said Commissions have not been meeting. She spoke to Planning Commission Chair David Baldini who needs to have a public meeting. We also need to resume HAC meetings. We will try to restart these meetings in May via Zoom. Mr. Smith and I said we agree. Ms Ratchford will try to get these scheduled, relying on guidance from the State.

I asked Mr. Losco if there is any flexibility in the State Sunshine laws regarding notice for meetings, specifically when quick action is needed so there isn't time for 7 days' notice. Mr. Losco said we can give 24 hours' notice in extreme cases but must post the agenda which must explain why we can't give 7 days' notice. He said we could add 1 Council member to the emergency team and still be within State FOIA rules.

Mr. Quaranta said he hopes to return to regular order as soon as possible. Ms Ratchford said in the early days of the pandemic things were very busy but now most needed actions are in place. Now we need to be proactive in moving forward.

Ms Leary suggested me as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council member to join the emergency team. I thanked her and said I was willing to do this but think it would be best if all 4 of us served in rotation to get more input. I recognized that some Council members have work obligations which would have to be accommodated. Ms Ratchford said there is probably little need for the daily calls going forward



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to be alone  
than in bad  
company.”**  
George Washington



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New Castle Sailing Club  
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**5-1 & 2**  
May Market  
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**5-16**  
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