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Curbside Service at Library Begins June 15!

by Barbara K. Fiala



The staff of the New Castle Public Library is really pleased to announce that as of Monday, June 15, we will be able to offer curbside service for our patrons to pick up books, DVDs and CDs you have put on hold. This service will be available from 10 AM to 6:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 AM to 4:30 PM on Fridays, and 10 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturdays. Picked up items will be due back at the library in 3 weeks, but we will not assess late fees for overdue items until the library officially reopens. Each patron may check out a maximum of 5 items per library account per visit.

When requested items are delivered to the library, a member of the staff will call you to let you know your items have arrived. You will be given an appointment date and time to come pick up your items and will be

assigned a numbered parking space in our parking lot in which to park your car. Once you have arrived at the library, open the trunk of your car, stay inside your car and call the library (302-328-1995) to announce your presence. A staff member will place your hold items in your car's trunk.

Patrons who prefer to walk to the library will be assigned an arrival date and time for your pickup. On your assigned day, call the library just before leaving your house so we can have your items on the Pickup Service table (in the parking lot immediately to the right of the back entrance) when you arrive. Every patron must wear a mask while in the library's parking lot. See page 2

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I stand side by side with the Maple Leaf on the world's longest undefended border. I fly majestically over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world. Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud. When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer. I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world. I am honored - I am saluted. I am loved - I am revered. I am respected - and I am feared. I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon Vietnam. Know me, I was there.

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this week in HISTORY

14 The **US Army** is formed. 1775, **Captain William Bligh** of the HMS *Bounty* arrived in Timor in a small boat. 1798, **Isaac Fischer Jr.** patents sandpaper. 1834, The player piano was patented by **John McTammany, Jr.** 1881, **Benjamin Grushkin** patents Chlorophyll 1938, Disney's *Bambi* is released 1942, **Duke Snider** got his 400th home run in a game against the Cincinnati Reds. 1963

15 **Benjamin Franklin** experimented by flying a kite during a thunderstorm. 1752, **Charles Goodyear** was granted a patent for the process that strengthens rubber. 1844, **Benjamin Shibe** patented the cork center baseball. 1909, **The Milton Berle Show** premieres. 1948, Sixteen-year-old **John Lennon** of the music group **The Quarrymen** met 14-year-old Paul McCartney and invited him to join the group. 1956, **Jan & Dean's** **Surf City** was released

16 The **first roller coaster** in America opened at Coney Island. 1884, **Henry Berliner** accomplished the first helicopter flight. 1922, **Lee Trevino** became the first golfer in 68 years to play all four rounds of the US Open golf tournament with sub-par totals of 69, 68, 69 and 67, respectively. 1968, The premiere of **Ghostbusters II**. 1989.

17 The British took **Bunker Hill** (actually it was Breed's Hill) outside of Boston. 1775, President Lincoln witnessed **Dr. Thaddeus Lowe** demonstrate the use of a hydrogen balloon. 1861, **Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bates** were married. It turned out to be a tall order. They both stood over seven feet tall. 1871, **George M. Hoover** began selling whiskey in Dodge (had been dry) City. 1872, The **Statute of Liberty** arrive in NYC. 1885, **Amelia Earhart** became the first woman to successfully fly across the Atlantic. 1928, **Candy Man** by **Sammy Davis, Jr.** topped the charts. 1972

18 The **first duel** in America took place in the Plymouth Colony 1621, The first American **fly-casting tournament** was held in Utica, NY. 1861, **Susan B. Anthony** was fined \$100 for attempting to vote for a US President. 1873, **Unchained Melody** by **Les Baxter** topped the charts. 1955 **Sally Ride** becomes the first woman in space. 1983

19 Washington's troops finally left **Valley Forge** after a winter of training. 1778, The **Belmont Stakes** was run for the first time. 1867, The first **Father's Day** was celebrated. 1910, **Cheerios** invented. First called Cheerie Oats. 1941, First championship prizefight to be televised was seen by boxing fans. **Joe Louis** tangled with **Billy Conn** in NYC. 1946, After a **83 day filibuster**, the Civil Rights act of 1964 is approved. 1964

20 **Savannah** becomes first steamship to cross any ocean. 1819, **Princess Victoria** became Queen Victoria of England 1837, **Fanny Brice** debuted in the New York production of the "Ziegfeld Follies". 1910, The **first rocket plane** to use liquid propellants is tested 1939, **Willie Mays** graduated from high school and immediately signed with the NY Giants. 1950, **Muhammad Ali** is convicted refusing induction into armed services. 1967, **Blues Brothers** with **Dan Aykroyd & John Belushi** opens

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From all of us at Porto-Fino's we Miss you & looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!



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6/10 Blue-Emu 500
6/14 Dixie Vodka 400
6/21 GEICO 500
6/27 Pocono Organics 325
6/28 Pocono 350

Kevin Harvick
Martin Truex Jr.
Homestead-Miami 3:30p
Talladega 3p
Pocono Raceway 3:30p
Pocono Raceway 4p



DOVER Race Date Sun Oct 6

Library from page 1

Our outdoor book drop bin has been unlocked and is now available to receive your returned items. Books will be quarantined for 3 days following their return and will not be officially checked in until the quarantine time expires.

To place books or other items on hold, you may call the library or use the online library catalogue. If you have items on hold now that you no longer need or want, call the library to cancel the hold. If your library card has expired or will do so soon, you may renew it online by logging into your account or call the library for assistance. If your card has fines on it, you will still be able to check out books. Until the library officially reopens, you will not be able to renew borrowed items. However, due dates will be extended as needed during the closure.

We look forward to seeing you all again, even if only for a few fleeting minutes, and anxiously await the day when we can return to our normal business hours. Until then, stay healthy and practice social distancing assiduously.



Condolences to
Michael Hemphill

on the loss of his mother ~ June 9th

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Sun 6-14 **Frank Lagola** Mon 6-15 ★ **Dave Presner** Thurs 6-18 **Eric Mazie**

Fri 6-19 **Donna Kogut** ★ **Karen Stewart** ★ **Justin Day**

Mon 6-22 **Nancy Butler** ★ **Claudia Griffin**

Tues 6-23 **Jim Workman** Wed 6-24 **Donna Harding**

Thurs 6-25 **Ingrid Andrews** ★ **Mary Nash**

Phil Gross ★ **Kodi James** ★ **Gabe Phillips**

Anniversaries

Thurs 6-15 **Sara** & **Gabe Phillips** 18th

Sun 6-16 **Jan** & **Rich Henion** 18th

Sun 6-18 **Ellie** & **Monte Gerhart** 52nd



Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

Tell The Teditor flytedb13@comcast.net

Notable this week 14th Harriet Beecher Stowe*209 (1896), Burl Ives*111 (1995), Donald Trump-74, Boy George-59, Steffi Graf-51

15th Nature Photography Day, Global Wind Day Mario Cuomo*86 (2015), Waylon Jennings*83 (2002), Jim Belushi-66, Wade Boggs-62, Helen Hunt-57, Courtney Cox-56 **16th** Stan Laurel*130 (1965), Katharine Graham*103 (2001), Joan Van Ark-77, Roberto Durán-69 **17th** Dean Martin*103 (1995), Newt Gingrich-77, Barry Manilow-77, Joe Piscopo-69, Venus Williams-40

18th National Dump The Pump Day, Bud Collyer*112 (1969), host for "To Tell the Truth", Roger Ebert*79 (2013), Paul McCartney-78, Carol Kane-69

19th Juneteenth, Moe Howard*123 (1975), Guy Lombardo*118 (1977), Lou Gebrig*117 (1941), Kathleen Turner-66, Paula Abdul-5

20th - Flitch of Bacon Day, Erol Flynn*111 (1959), Chet Atkins*96 (2001), Audie Murphy*96 (1971), Olympia Dukakis-89, Martin Landau*92 (2017), Brian Wilson-78, Anne Murray-75, Lionel Richie-71, John Goodman-69, Cyndi Lauper-67, Nicole Kidman-53

Tell them you saw it the

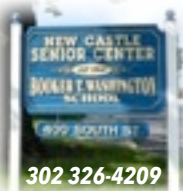
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Next Sunday is

Father's Day-A History

Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, came up with the idea of a day to honor fathers in 1909. Her own father, William Smart, was a Civil War veteran whose wife had died in childbirth. Dodd thought about the difficulties her father had faced as he struggled to raise his six motherless children on a farm in eastern Washington, and she set her mind to honoring all fathers. She approached local churches, and on Sunday, June 19, 1910, Spokane ministers celebrated the first Father's Day by reminding their congregations of the appreciation fathers deserve and the duties fathers owe to their families.

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson took part in a Father's Day celebration by pressing a button in the White House that unfurled a flag in Spokane. In 1924 Calvin Coolidge recommended the widespread observance of the holiday to honor dads and "impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."



June at Our Senior Center

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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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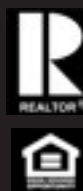
Reopening Update

Officially reopening our dining room on Mon. June 15th for normal hours. Reservations or tables (*No Bar Seats Yet...sorry!*)! No walk-ins or without mask. Don't worry it won't be this way for long! We Promise.

[Lunch & Dinner Menu](#)



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&
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Thursday-Friday 11am-11pm

Saturday 10am-11pm Sunday 10am-9pm



**Battery Park is open,
using the state guidelines.**



A sweet boy, *Biggie* gets along well with other cats and loves all people. The perfect family pet, he's a big boy with a big personality. His favorite things to do are relaxing in the cat room and soliciting pets from whoever strolls by. You can adopt Biggie for a fee you name through Sunday, June 21st...(Brandywine Valley SPCA, 600 South Street, New Castle, DE 302-516-1000, www.bvspca.org)



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I led my troops, I was dirty,
battle worn and tired, but my
soldiers cheered me, And I was
proud. I have been burned, torn
and trampled on the streets of
countries I have helped set
free. It does not hurt, for I am
invincible. I have been soiled

upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my
country. And when it's by those whom I've served in battle
— it hurts. But I shall overcome — for I am strong. I have
slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the
uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on
the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of

America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to
come. When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, When I am
flown at half-mast to honor my soldiers, Or when I lie in
the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of
their fallen son or daughter, I am proud. **MY NAME IS
OLD GLORY Dear God - Long may I wave.**





INGREDIENTS

1 broiler/fryer chicken, cut into 8 pieces -2 cups low fat buttermilk - 2 tablespoons kosher salt -2 tablespoons Hungarian paprika -2 teaspoons garlic powder -1 teaspoon cayenne pepper -Flour, for dredging -Vegetable shortening, for frying

DIRECTIONS

[Watch how to make this recipe.](#)

1. Place chicken pieces into a plastic container and cover with buttermilk. Cover and refrigerate for 12 to 24 hours.
2. Melt enough shortening (over low heat) to come just 1/3-inch up the side of a 12-inch cast iron skillet or heavy fry pan. Once shortening liquefies raise heat to 325 degrees F. Do not allow oil to go over 325 degrees F.
3. Drain chicken in a colander. Combine salt, paprika, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper. Liberally season chicken with this mixture. Dredge chicken in flour and shake off excess.
4. Place chicken skin side down into the pan. Put thighs in the center, and breast and legs around the edge of the pan. The oil should come half way up the pan. Cook chicken until golden brown on each side, approximately 10 to 12 minutes per side. More importantly, the internal temperature should be right around 180 degrees. (Be careful to monitor shortening temperature every few minutes.)
5. Drain chicken on a rack over a sheet pan. Don't drain by setting chicken directly on paper towels or brown paper bags. If you need to hold the chicken before serving, cover loosely with foil but avoid holding in a warm oven, especially if it's a gas oven.



Red Head Slut

Shot drinks often come to mind when we think about

Jagermeister and the red-head slut is one of the better tasting options available. It's actually quite delicious, which is a welcome surprise in the [list of shooters](#) that can get, well... interesting at times.

1 ounce Jagermeister

1 ounce peach schnapps

2 ounces cranberry juice

Make it as large or small as you like. The ratio of the three ingredients makes it easy to mix up a full round of shots at once. It's also very easy to increase the drink to any size you like.

Whatever the volume you are going for, keep the proportions the same:

1 part each of the liqueurs and 2 parts juice.

Transform it into a sipping drink. Don't want to shoot this drink? That's okay because the mix can quickly be served on the rocks or even 'up' in a cocktail glass so you can enjoy it a little longer.

Make sure and shake this drink. The dilution that the red-headed slut gets from the ice during a quick shaking session is essential. Why? Without that little bit of water, the drink can be too syrupy and too sweet. As is the case with many shooters, it can be tempting to skip this step and simply pour everything directly into the shot glass. That may save you a bit of time and if you're inclined to drink a super-potent, cough syrup-like shot, then go for it.

However, if you would like something that tastes good and goes down easier, don't skip the shake. It may add an extra minute to making the drink and it is well worth the time. Used here are definitely not low-proof, so try to limit yourself to just one or two per night.





All Council members were present. City Administrator Bill Barthel, Chief of Police Richard McCabe, City Solicitor Dan Losco, Building Official Jeff Bergstrom, Treasurer Janet Carlin, and Mayor Mike Quaranta were also present. Council Secretary Kim Burgmuller acted as host of the Zoom meeting and Kathy Weirich was our stenographer.

Council President Ratchford began by observing that a lot has happened in the past few months and people feel a range of emotions including, fear, anxiety, and confusion. Many are out of work. The virus is leveling off but we can't be complacent. We should all continue to follow CDC guidelines regarding masks, hand-washing, and social distancing. She said that we are all saddened by the death of George Floyd and we need to lead by example by showing respect for everyone. We can't control the world but we can be kind to each other.

We reviewed the minutes of the May 12 Regular Meeting, the May 15 Budget Workshop, and the May 29 Special Meeting. All were approved with a few minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Ms Carlin reported that as of May 31 our total of unrestricted funds was \$3,245,077.83, restricted funds totaled \$2,279,096.53 for total cash in accounts of \$5,524,174.36. Ms Ratchford asked if everything is on target. Ms Carlin said it is but we can't be complacent for FY21. The report was approved subject to audit.

City Administrator and Staff Reports

City Administrator Bill Barthel had nothing new to report. He said he has some comments regarding a later agenda item and will make them when we reach that item.

Building Official **Jeff Bergstrom** said that the Delaware Street project is proceeding nicely, on schedule and with no surprises so far. It is also on budget. The curbs between 3rd and 4th Streets are completed and they are currently working on the plaza in front of the courthouse. In Washington Park some woods had to be taken down to address a long-standing storm-water problem on private property. While it is always sad to lose trees, this had to be done and was paid for by the property owner. The drainage pond created should eliminate over 700,000 gallons per minute of run off during heavy rain. The landscaping plan is still being developed but once in place it should soften the visual impact. He observed that New Castle sets high standards for landscaping in these situations. Ms Ratchford asked him to keep us posted on the progress. Mr. Smith said that he saw the issue raised in a Facebook post but Mr. Bergstrom provided the necessary information for a response.

Chief **McCabe** read a statement about the questions and concerns raised by the death of George Floyd. He said that he and the other officers were all horrified by what happened. Such actions damage public trust and are at odds with New Castle Police policy and training. They work to provide professional and innovative policing. He added that they are still working towards accreditation. Issues such as training and use-of-force policy are part of this. They are always working to improve and believe that "our obligation is to listen". Ms Ratchford thanked him and his officers for the care and professionalism with which they provide services. Mr. Smith said that he has concern about the "militaristic" approach of the County Academy which he observed at a graduation service for new officers. The Chief said the academy is nationally accredited. He added that structure is important but that doesn't take away from a community orientation. Mr. Platt said he wanted to reinforce what Ms Ratchford said and to say that we stand behind and support our police department.

Ms Ratchford added her thanks to the Administrative and Public Works staff for keeping us safe.

Council Communication

Mr. Platt says that he knows the Governor will be lifting some meeting requirements next week and wants to be sure we are exploring options for resumption of face-to-face meetings. He acknowledges that we will need a large room for proper distancing. He also asked when street sweeping could resume. Mr. Barthel said he wants to see how Phase 2 of the reopening goes and is looking to restart street sweeping in Phase 3, probably in mid-summer. Mr Platt said that he has observed that many public buildings don't have their fire code occupancy signs posted. For example, most churches don't have them. He believes we should look at this. Mr. Barthel said he and Mr. Bergstrom have discussed this and asked Mr. Bergstrom to respond. Mr. Bergstrom said code doesn't require users to set a capacity limit or post signs. He hasn't noticed many problems with overcrowding in the years he's been here.

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for their leadership during the State of Emergency. He observed that we didn't have the highest rate of COVID cases as originally reported, only the highest number based on our ZIP code. But when the State began reporting per capita rates it became clear that we were not a center of COVID infection. He said he will offer a resolution regarding the use of a "preferred address" of "Old New Castle" at the next meeting.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor began by referencing the Chief's comments about George Floyd. He said that we are all in this together, it is not "we and they". He thanked the Chief for the training and his measured view. We want to be part of the solution.

He said he met with the Arts Council along with Ms Ratchford, Mr. Barthel, and a representative from the MSC to see a demonstration from Premier Outdoor Movies. The Arts Council is exploring the idea of hosting "Monday Night at the Movies" in Battery Park beginning July 6. The group was enthusiastic and plans are progressing. He spoke about Scot Savitch who he has nominated to serve on the Tree Advisory Commission. He said Mr Savitch has experience as manager of a property with over 1000 homes, a community center, and a golf course. This included managing a landscape budget so he thinks this makes Mr. Savitch a good candidate for the Tree Commission.

He hopes the Council will consider the grant requests from our local organizations. Since most organizations also apply for funds from the Trustees he wondered if we could develop a common application. He said he continues to receive comments about the decision to close Battery Park to non-residents during the State of Emergency. He remains convinced it was the right thing to do. He wanted to remind everyone that Downtown Development District resources exist to help with infrastructure repairs, updates,

or structural development for both residential and commercial buildings. He is still developing ideas that would encourage greater camera use for public safety purposes, a holiday tree donation program, and greater accountability from some of our residential rental property license holders. He encourages the painting of yellow lines on the street rather than on our new granite curbs. He congratulated Treasurer Janet Carlin and Councilperson Valerie Leary on significant birthdays this week and extended condolences to the family and friends of Blanche Yon, a long-time resident of Dobbinsville who was always working to improve her community.

Council President's Report

Ms Ratchford announced the approval of a grant to gather more data about our eco-system and invited comments from Mr. Bergstrom about this. He said this is the first step in the next phase of planning for greater resiliency. This data is needed to evaluate our next steps. Ms Ratchford added that it will also help us understand how our wetlands can help with resiliency. She added that WILMAPCO has issued a Request for Proposal for the update of our transportation plan.

Public Comments

Phil Gross referred to Mr. Bergstrom's report about the work to improve storm drainage in Washington Park and said there is also a problem at Brylgon Ave. and 13th St. He said he spoke to Mr. Bergstrom about this over a year ago but no action has been taken. He noted that the storm drain problem at 2nd and Harmony was quickly resolved. He thinks the residents of Washington Park should have been consulted in advance of the work there. He thanked the Chief for his actions but fears there is some non-racial bias in investigations of some issues. He added that he didn't think it was fair that Mr. Platt was the timekeeper at last month's meeting and cut him off abruptly. He complained about social media posts made by Mr. Platt about him. He thinks the City should do more to help our restaurants and businesses.

Ms Ratchford said she will ask staff to look into the storm drain problem and get back to him.

Brian Whitaker again reported that the Veterans' Community Garden is growing produce which will go to the Rt. 9 Library. He continues working on the training needed to become a certified municipal clerk. In reference to the recent "rioting" he heard some reports of people being paid to riot and cause problems. He warned everyone to be careful of receiving masks from strangers. He repeated his request for the "Health Board" to review COVID-related receipts. He thinks groups are still risky and fears that the economy could still go down.

Rod Miller said he was again bringing to our attention the problem of speeding on E. 3rd St. and the fact that some park on the curb and sidewalks there, especially those with large vehicles. He said extra-large delivery vehicles are a problem on 3rd St. He thinks the main problem with parking is that, due to the number of multi-unit residences, there are far more vehicles than parking spaces on that street. He believes the City needs to paint lines designating parking spaces on the street to avoid wasted space.

Ms Ratchford read an email received from John DiMondi regarding Ordinance 527 (discussed later in meeting). Mr. DiMondi complained that the details of the ordinance were released only hours before the meeting. He said it is a complex ordinance and people need time to evaluate it. He thinks the rush will cause problems. (My comment: this was the first reading of the ordinance and there will be a public hearing.)

Budget

More discussion is needed. Council has scheduled another budget workshop for May 15.

Brylgon Ave. Park.

Ms Ratchford read an email received from Kathryne Peterson who lives on Brylgon Ave. Ms Peterson requested consideration of a small park/playground on the vacant land the City owns on her street. She said there is no place nearby for the children living on the street to play.

Ms Ratchford said she discussed this with Mr. Bergstrom. He said this land was planned to become 14th St. and has infrastructure (a sewer line) under it. Mr. Losco said there is nothing to stop the City from putting a park/playground there but the playground equipment, benches etc might have to be moved to service the sewer line. Mr. Smith asked if there is any civic group willing to fund the park. Ms Ratchford said she is not aware of one. She suggested referring the request to the Planning Commission for their evaluation and get more input from neighbors. She noted that it would be hard to do it this year since our budget is so tight. Mr. Smith and Mr. Platt agreed that it should be referred to the Planning Commission.

Appointment of Scot Savitch to the Tree Commission

The Mayor nominated Scot Savitch to fill the vacancy on the Tree Advisory Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of John Lloyd. Mr. Savitch has considerable experience as a property manager including a golf course and landscaping budget. He spoke at the meeting saying he has 6 years of strong experience in this field and wants to give back to the community. I looked him up and noticed that his business was in Florida. I asked if he lived in New Castle full time. He said that he moved to New Castle 2 years ago. His nomination was approved unanimously. His term expires Nov. 13, 2021.

Discussion of City Code Governing Declaration of a State of Emergency

Mr. Smith said he looked into this issue because our current code was written in 1971 and is out of date. It was written primarily to deal with civil disturbances. He thinks we need to expand it to deal with a range of needs. I said I thought our most likely situation requiring a State of Emergency (SOE) is a natural disaster such as a hurricane with extensive flooding. Mr. Platt said he would like to see the revised code define leadership more clearly. He also said we should look at the County Code so we don't spend unnecessary time and money developing our own code. Ms Ratchford added that much can be declared by the Mayor but thinks a 7-day period is too short. The Governor can declare a SOE for up to 30 days. Mayor Quaranta said we are smart to review this issue and he will send some ideas to Mr. Smith. He wondered if Council can meet quickly enough with the required notice and doesn't want to see a "rogue mayor" making the SOE longer than necessary. He believes we need checks and balances. Ms Leary asked Mr. Losco if Council can by-pass the 7-day notice requirement in an emergency. Mr. Losco said we can but must still give a 24-hour notice and the notice must specify the reason for the short notice. He added that the ability to conduct meetings remotely helps and thinks we need a provision that a SOE declared by the Mayor may be rescinded by the Council. He agreed with me that flooding is the most likely emergency we face. He thinks the Public Health Commission may need to be included in

some cases. He also said the issue of other Boards and Commissions being able to meet remotely needs to be addressed. Ms Ratchford added that the current fines for violation (\$10 and \$50) are too low.

The Chief said that sometimes the ability to intervene is needed. Mr. Platt said that the Police Department has to respond no matter what and that they work with other agencies. The Chief said that the Chief of Police doesn't need to certify that the city is in imminent danger to trigger a SOE as required by current code. Mr. Platt thought the Mayor should be able to declare a SOE and then Council gets involved. Mr. Smith asked us to send him any further ideas as he continues to work on this issue.

Economic Recovery and Operational Issues related to COVID-19

Ms Ratchford said moving to in-person meetings is easier for smaller groups. When we move to physical meetings we will need to make provision for electronic participation for those still uncomfortable with being in a group. The blending of the 2 types of meetings is difficult as we don't have the necessary equipment.

Mr. Barthel said the Senior Center is best for physical meetings from a space perspective. He was on a call for city managers with the Governor earlier in the day. There is no set date for moving to Phase 3. Under Phase 2 only 50% of capacity as determined by the fire marshal is permissible. He thinks it best to wait until Phase 3 to move to physical meetings.

Ms Ratchford asked the Chief to report his findings about conditions for outdoor gatherings of up to 250 people as requested at the Special Meeting of May 29. He said that he talked to the State Dept. of Justice and learned that while people must wear masks to enter, leave, or move around within a gathering, if they are stationary and at least 6 feet away from people not from their household they may remove their masks. Singers may remove their masks if they are at least 13 feet away from others or have their backs to others including the audience. The extra distance is needed because singing projects water droplets more than 6 feet. He suggests that the organizers of the event provide masks for those who arrive without them. Ms Ratchford asked if the City could buy masks but wasn't sure if we would be reimbursed since they aren't for staff. Mr. Losco thought they would be covered. Ms Leary observed that if someone shows up without a mask s/he is unlikely to put one on if it is offered. Mr. Quaranta agreed. Mr. Smith said the Trustees approved the concerts but it is up to the sponsoring organization to convey the rules. Mr. Platt reported that specific signage is also required by the Governor's order. Ms Ratchford mentioned that hand sanitizer must also be provided.

Mr. Bartel reported that Nora Lees went to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a temporary permit for outdoor service. It will only be valid through July 31. HAC review is not required. He has spoken to the building owner while Mr. Bergstrom spoke to the business owner. Ms Leary observed that the new outdoor area looks very nice.

Ms Ratchford asked Mr. Barthel about other City operations. He reported that there will be no change through Phase 2. He has spoken to the HAC architect, Leila Hamrout about resuming their meetings. Finding an appropriate space for the meetings is the issue.

5. First Reading: Ordinance No. 2020-527:

Ms Ratchford asked Mr. Losco and Mr. Bergstrom to explain the background and rationale for this ordinance. Mr. Losco said that the City's current building codes refer to the 2000 edition of the International Building Code which is updated every 3 years. The most recent edition is from 2018. New Castle County uses this edition. Making these revisions is lengthy as he has to go through all existing sections of our building codes. There are 2 new sections addressing pools and spas. Updating the code has insurance implications.

Mr. Bergstrom said that this update largely mirrors the New Castle County Code except for places like large malls. Having uniform building codes across jurisdictions makes it easier for contractors. This update is needed to keep our insurance rating which requires that we be within 3 cycles of the International Codes.

Ms Leary observed that this ordinance is very difficult to read as it is mostly "legalese". Mr. Bergstrom said it is nearly word-for-word from County Code. I asked if there are any big changes that will affect homeowners. Mr. Bergstrom responded that the contractors know what has to be done. Mr. Quaranta added that there have been many changes in materials since 2000 and agreed that the ordinance is highly technical.

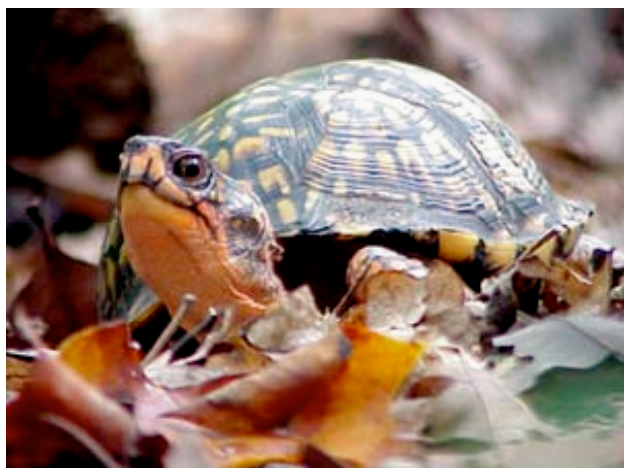
Mr. Platt asked about the cost to the City for making these changes. Mr. Barthel said it is primarily the legal expense. Mr. Bergstrom added that there will be a cost to the City if we don't make this update. For example, we are approaching the time for the updating of our fire insurance rating. If we get a lower rating, insurance rates could go up for everyone. The only other cost is the purchase of the new code books which is usually \$1000-2000. Mr. Barthel said we are trying to do this in FY20 because FY21 will have a much tighter budget. We must have a public hearing on the ordinance before Council can vote on it. We can't afford to wait until FY22. Mr. Platt observed that if the current International Code dates to 2018 and it is updated every 3 years we are in the middle of a cycle. Why not wait till the next cycle? Mr. Bergstrom answered that we're always in the middle of a cycle and we need to have a code that reflects changes. It isn't optional as we're already several cycles behind. Mr. Losco added that it is important to contractors to use County Code. We don't want to put the public at risk by having outdated code. Mr. Platt said we had already waited 17 years, why rush now? Mr. Bergstrom said we need to do it now. I observed that we had already paid for a significant amount of Mr. Losco's time to review the code and prepare the new ordinance and this would be paid from the FY20 budget. If we purchase the books in FY21, that's not a large item. Mr. Barthel agreed and said there are 30 days to address questions.

Ms Ratchford said that tonight we are only deciding if we want to start the process and asked if it could make a difference in homeowners' insurance premiums. Mr. Bergstrom said it could because if our code is more than 10 years out of date premiums could rise. Mr. Losco then read the titles of all the Codes involved, saying it was not necessary to read all 28 pages of the ordinance. The full text of the ordinance is available on the City website for those who wish to read it. Council unanimously approved moving forward with this ordinance.

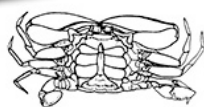


“When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.”

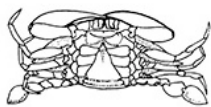
William Shakespeare



Did you know a Box turtle only roams 1 mile its whole life? If it is removed from its area/home then for the rest of its life it will roam aimlessly stressed out... trying to find "home" until it dies a very sad death. Once maturity is reached, the chance of death seems not to increase with age. The [survivorship curve](#) of box turtles is therefore probably similar to that of other long-living turtles. The average life span of adult box turtles is 50 years, while a significant portion lives over 100 years. Please do not remove turtles. Do not take them home as pets. If one is injured please mark the exact spot found for the wildlife center. If a turtle is in the road you can help by moving it directly across the street in the direction it was heading. Thank you!



Jimmy
Mature Male



She-crab
Immature Female



Sook
Mature Female



Sponge Crab
Female with Eggs

Blue Crabs Are Emerging Blue Claw crab season started on March first for pots, and year round you can use hand lines. The creel limit on blue crabs is one bushel per person. Hard shell crabs must be a minimum of 5 inches. Soft shell crab minimum is 3.5 inches, and peeler crabs are 3 inches.

DNREC ... "Recreational crabbers may not use, place, set or tend more than two pots. The person claiming to own the pots must be the one to set and tend them. These pots must be marked with all white buoys with the owner's full name and permanent mailing address inscribed either on the buoy or on a waterproof tag attached to the buoy. All crab pots must be tended at least once every 72 hours."

Garden of the Week



Dutch House Kitchen Garden

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Cobblestones

Caesar Rodney

These daring, somewhat helter-skelter Delaware militia, were under the command of Brigadier-General Caesar Rodney. Rodney was a signer of the Declaration of Independence who would go on to be President of Delaware from December, 1777, to November, 1781.

Like Paul Revere, Caesar Rodney is famous for a midnight ride. Rodney's ride ended up at the doorstep of Independence Hall where he cast the decisive Delaware vote for Independence. On June 30, a motion for Independence had been put forward with nine colonies voting for independence, two voting against, New York abstaining while the Delaware delegates had split their vote. Delaware delegate Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, while George Read voted against. Rodney, also a delegate from Delaware was absent during this vote. While there was technically enough support to carry the motion, the Continental Congress didn't want to go forward and declare independence without unanimous support.

Rodney had been away from Congress because his role as a Brigadier General in the Delaware militia, forced him back to Delaware to squelch a Loyalist riot. McKean got word to Rodney that his vote for independence was desperately needed in Congress. All night, as the first of July, 1776, turned into the second, Rodney rode through a thunderstorm. He covered 80 miles and arrived at Independence Hall's doorstep in time to cast his decisive vote. Years later Thomas McKean remembered meeting Rodney at the door "in his boots and spurs."

Rodney's vote decided the matter. Delaware was going to war.

Once the voting for independence concluded and debate resumed, Rodney is remembered for puncturing the self-importance of the Virginia delegates who believed they were the mighty rock on which independence rested. "Let [Virginia] be of good cheer," he said, "she has a friend in need; Delaware will take her under its protection and insure her safety."

John Adams described Rodney as "...the oddest looking man in the world; he is tall, thin and slender as a reed, pale; his face is not bigger than a large apple, yet there is sense and fire, spirit, wit and humor in this countenance." It was not an appearance to quicken the heart of a woman, however, and it is said that Rodney remained a bachelor because Molly Vining, the woman he loved, married a rector — and soon after died.

