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Cobblestones Library

September 23, 2018

H.A.C. approves proposed parking lot.



Following many thoughtful protests, the Historic Area Commission granted approval for the Trustees owned "Bowling Alley" open space on West 3rd Street to be paved for parking, by a 3-2 vote. The 39 space parking lot changed from asphalt to concrete, with little thought given to pedestrians (for a walkway through or adjacent) or residential safety. Nearby residents recounted incidences of having vehicles "side-swiped" and daily finds of park visitors' trash. Now it's on to the Board of Adjustment.



- **23** John Paul Jones, was quoted as saying "I have not yet begun to fight!" 1779, The planet *Neptune* is first discovered by *Johann Gottfried Golle*. 1846, ◆Keystone Comedy by Mack Sennett was released. 1912, Richard Nixon gave his ◆Checkers Speech. 1952, ◆Honeycomb by Jimmie Rodgers shared the top spot.
- 1957, ◆The Jetsons" premiered. 1962
- **24** The first factory-built became affectionately known as the *Tin Lizzie*. 1928, The first all-instrument flight took place in New York when *Lt. James H*. **Doolittle** guided a Consolidated NY2 Biplane over Mitchell Field. 1929, Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field. 1957
- **25** The first *US Congress* adopted 12 amendments (10 became the Bill of Rights) to the Constitution. 1789, The *Sequoia National Park* was established in Central California. 1890, *Henry Ford* announces the 8 hour, 5-day work week. 1926, *Kate Smith* debuted an hourlong show, with her theme song, When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain. 1950, *Phillies* beat Reds 7-1, ending 16 consecutive Sunday losses. 1960, 3 crewmen of Skylab II landed in the Pacific after being on the space laboratory for 59 days. 1973,

- Sandra Day O'Connor became the first female Supreme Court Justice. 1981
- **26** *Philly was occupied* by British troops. 1777, "The Saturday Evening Post" an ad for the *Edison Phonograph*. 1908, Happy Chandler announces *Ford*& *Gillette* to sponsor World Series. 1947, *Debbie* Reynolds married singing idol Eddie Fisher. 1955, Presidential debates between hopefuls Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place. 1960, ◆Sugar Shack by Jimmy Gilmer & the Fireballs entered Radio's Hot 100. 1963
- **27** George Stephenson operated the first locomotive that hauled a passenger train. 1825, Aqueduct Race Track opened. 1894, Bobby Jones completes the Grand Slam of Golf. 1930, "Tonight!" show made its debut on NBC-TV with Steve Allen as host. 1954, Ted Mack (The Original Amateur Hour) said, "Good night from Geritol" after 22 years. 1970
- 28 The US Navy abolished flogging as a form of punishment. 1850, also that sane year President Fillmore named Brigham Young the first governor of the Utah territory. In 1857, President Buchanan removed him. Einstein's paper on the special theory of relativity is published. 1905, Eight White Sox indicted, threw 1919 World Series (Black Sox scandal). 1920, Ted Williams hits his final homer #521. 1960

29 A regular army was established by the US War Department with several hundred men. 1789, Lowell Thomas made his debut on CBS Radio that began a 46 year run. 1930, First World Series (Yankees 5 v Dodgers 3) televised, same year that **Dizzy Gillespie** presented his first Carnegie Hall concert. 1947, ◆ The Judy Garland Show premiered on. 1963



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Mon 9-24 Cindy Condouris Tues 9-25 Jean Hull ★ Dixie Sanger ★ William Robinett Tues 9-26 Christine Mondock ★ Melissa Murphy Thurs 9-28 Kassy Taylor ★ Jan Clairmont Sun 9-30 Steve Wilhelme

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Notable this week - 23rd Checkers Day Walter Pidgeon*121 (1984), Mickey Rooney*98 (2014), Julio Iglesias-75, Bruce Springsteen-69, Jason Alexander-59 **24**th Cherries Jubilee Day Natl Punctuation Day John Marshall*244 (1835), 4th chief justice of the Supreme Court, F. Scott Fitzgerald*122 (1940), Jim McKay*97 (2008), Jim Henson*82 (1990), Linda McCartney*76 (1998), Phil Hartman*69 (1998), Nia Vardalos-56 **25th Comic** Book Day - Natl Teach Ag Day Phil Rizzuto*101 (2007), Barbara Walters-89, Michael Douglas-74, Cheryl Tiegs-71, Mark Hamill-67, Christopher Reeve*66 (2004), Heather Locklear-57, Will Smith-50, Catherine Zeta-Jones-49 26th Johnny Appleseed Day -Native American Day Johnny Chapman*244 (1845), T. S. Eliot*130 (1965), George Gersbwin*120 (1937), Jack LaLanne*104 (2011), Lynn Anderson-71, Olivia Newton-John-71, Jane Smiley-69, Linda Hamilton-62, James Caviezel-49 **27th Crush a Can** Day Samuel Adams*296 (1803), Thomas Nast*178 (1902), William Conrad*98 (1994), Meat Loaf -71, Shaun Cassidy-60 **28**th Ask a Stupid Question Day - Drink Beer Day Good Neighbor Day Ed Sullivan*117 (1974), Al Capp*109 (1979), William Windom*95 (2012), Marcello Mastroianni*94 (1996), Brigitte Bardot-84, Janeane Garofalo-54, Gwyneth Paltrow-46 **29**th Confucius Day - InterNatl Coffee Day Enrico Fermi*117 (1954), nuclear physicist, Gene Autry*111 (1998), Stanley Kramer*105 (2001), Trevor Howard*102 (1988), Jerry Lee Lewis-83, Bryant Gumbel-70, Emily Lloyd-48

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Baltimore at Cleveland 1p CBS Denver at N.Y. Jets 1p CBS Green Bay at Detroit 1p FOX

Jacksonville at Kansas City 1p CBS N.Y. Giants at Carolina 1p FOX Tennessee at Buffalo 1p CBS Oakland at L.A. Chargers 4p CBS Arizona at San Francisco 4:25p FOX L.A. Rams at Seattle 4:25p FOX Minnesota at Philadelphia 4:25p FOX Dallas at Houston 8:20p NBC Mon. Oct 8 Washington at New Orleans 8:15 ESPN

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12 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jongg 1 Chair Yoga TUES

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9•24 TECH KNOWLEDGE-Y LAB 11:30a-12:30p Thinkology/4p *Ages 8-14* PAWS*/6:3p

POETRY READING7p/Ages 15+
Crafty Story Time10:30a/2 yrs.& older

GED in Spanish*/6:30p Roots & Shoots/6:30p Ages 10-13

9•26 STREAM/4p Ages 8-15 Family Pizza & Movie*5:30p "Sherlock Gnomes"

9•27 TECH KNOWLEDGE-Y LAB 3-4:30p Meet & Greet Chief McCabe/4-6p GED in Spanish*/6:30p

9•28 Toddler Stay & Play 11a/Ages 2 rs. + Library After Hours*/Adults 21+ Murder Mystery Night

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November 7 Dutch Apple Theater: "Sister Act" 9:30-5. Cost-\$92 for paid Sr. Ctr. members, \$102 for non-members. Price includes show, lunch, gratuity, bus and driver's tip. Alcoholic drinks are not included.

Deadline to sign up is October 12.

December 5 Cape May, NJ: 8-5. Cost-\$46 for paid senior Sr. Ctr., \$56 for non-members. Price includes bus and driver's tip.



Last year, was a fantastic evening at the New Castle Presbyterian Church filled with games, costumes, pizza, and of course-Pumpkins! This year we will again be hosting a family party for our "Gift of Love"

program that benefits the Seaman's Center of Wilmington! Please feel free to bring in any items that can go in the "ditty boxes" (chap stick, hand lotion, toothpaste, etc.) These items are greatly needed and very much appreciated by the seafarers! Please come out, dress up and have a fun night! If you would like, you can bring a treat to share- we will have pizza, punch and goodies! We hope to see you there! Please RSVP (302) 328-3279 or email office@newcastlepreschurch.org.

Annual Coastal Clean Up Rescheduled for Sat., Sept 29th

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September 23, 2018 COBBLESTONES



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Today we presenting the basic boiled lobster

gonna need

2 or 3 tablespoons salt 4 live lobsters (about 1 1/2 pounds each) 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter - Lemon wedges easy steps partner!

- Fill a large stockpot about half full of water. Add the salt and bring to a boil. When the water has come to a rolling boil, plunge the lobsters headfirst into the pot. Clamp the lid back on tightly and return the water to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to medium and cook the lobsters for 12 to 18 minutes (hard-shell lobsters will take the longer time), until the shells turn bright red and the tail meat is firm and opaque when checked.
- Lift the lobsters out of the water with tongs and drain in a colander. Place underside up on a work surface and, grasping firmly, split the tails lengthwise with a large knife. Drain off the excess liquid. Serve with melted butter and lemon wedges.

Brunch Punch

Gonna need

Ice - 2 liter sprite - 2 c. orange juice

2 c. pineapple juice - 2 c. vodka 1 bottle prosecco - 2 c. strawberries, sliced - 2 c. Raspberries - 1 c. Fresh mint leaves, plus more for garnish Sanding sugars, for rims

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1.To a large punch bowl, add ice, Sprite, orange juice, pineapple juice, vodka, Prosecco, strawberries, raspberries and mint leaves and stir to

combine. 2.In a s

2.In a small dish of sanding sugar, rim glasses with fresh strawberry and coat rims with sugar. Ladle punch into glasses and garnish with more mint.



Historic & Exquisite See Sunday September 30 - 1 to 4

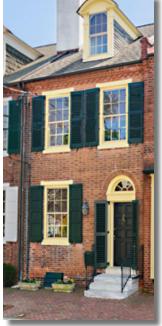
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Admission is free for NCHS members and \$3 for non-members.

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9/19 - From the Duke of York to William Penn

9/26 - Wars - French & Indian, Revolutionary, and 1812

10/3 - The 1800s

10/10 - New Castle People to 1850

10/17 - Civil War and a Virtual Tour of 3rd & Delaware

10/24 - TBA

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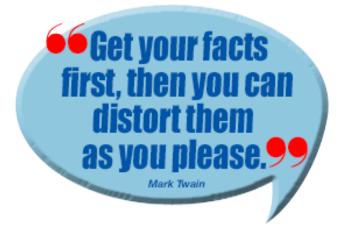
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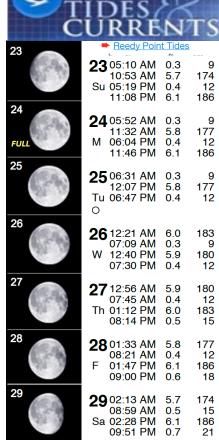






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Sat., Oct. 20:

*@ New Hampshire 3:30p

Sat., Oct. 27:

*Towson 3:30p Sat., Nov. 3:

*@ Albany TBA Sat., Nov. 10:

*@ Stony Brook TBA

Sat., Nov. 17: *Villanova 12p

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Brian Whitaker

New Castle's City Clerk, was promoted to the rank of Blue Belt at Elevated Studios located in Trolley Square. He started Jiujitsu almost three years ago and he found the studio and their leadership to be welcoming and the martial art to be challenging, but also rewarding. He wrestled for William Penn High School, went to the varsity training camps, and received a varsity jacket, also letter. He has learned combatives in the Army as a part of his training, and five years after the fact from my departure from the Army his best friend introduced me to this outstanding martial art. Elevated Studios does the Brazilian form of Jiujutsu. This martial art has a lot of therapeutic properties and it is excellent for fitness. He encourages New Castle City residents to give it a try by calling Stephen Plyler at (302) 407-3229.

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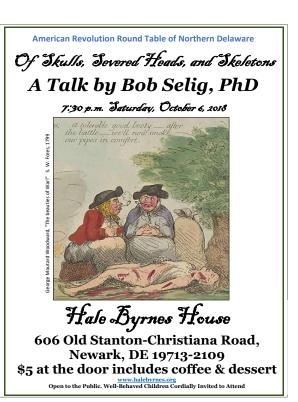
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The first session will be on

Tuesday, October 2nd at 9:30 am

and the second will be on

Thursday, October 11th at 6 pm.





Don't forget to join us on Fourth Fridays for the Historic New Castle Art Loop! Come every Fourth Friday 5-8pm, sip, snack and shop for great deals on artwork and all things creative.



As crab season peaks, it's time to revisit the remarkable life of Gustav Brunn.

Born in 1893 in southern Germany, Brunn worked in Europe as a spice merchant, selling seasoning to sausage makers, according to historian Deborah Weiner. She wrote about Brunn in a book she co-authored, "On Middle Ground: A History of the Jews in Baltimore."

After the rise of the Nazis, Brunn was sent to Buchenwald concentration camp. He was released after two weeks, and, in 1938, fled to Baltimore with his wife.

With the encouragement of his friends in the Jewish community here, Brunn started his own spice company, capitalizing on his ability to speak German at a time when many German-speaking immigrants lived here. He used a spice grinding machine brought with him from Europe, said Weiner.

Across the street from his downtown spice shop was the wholesale fish market. Seafood purveyors were some of Brunn's best customers.

"The people who sold crabs and shrimp, they made up their own spice blends," said Weiner. Brunn "thought he could do a better blend than the seafood purveyors themselves were coming up with," said Weiner.

Brunn tweaked the basic recipe that many sellers already used. An antique bottle on display at the Baltimore Museum of Industry lists the ingredients: They include laurel leaves, mustard, salt, pepper, cardamom, cloves, paprika and ginger.

The concoction was called "Delicious brand shrimp and crab seasoning."

A friend from the Jewish community worked in advertising and suggested something catchier. They used the name of a local steamship line: Old Bay.

At first, Brunn recounted in an <u>oral history</u>, area seafood merchants were reluctant to try the new spice blend, sure that their own was the best. But one day, he convinced a seafood wholesaler on Water Street to take a sample.

"And this man's business increased with it," Brunn told the interviewer in 1980. "You see, they liked it, when he sold his crabs, they liked it a whole lot better than the others ... so I got one customer after another. And these seafood men here in the city and in the whole area must have it today."

Borrowed from Christina Track The Baltimore Sun