

# COBBLESTONES

## IS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS

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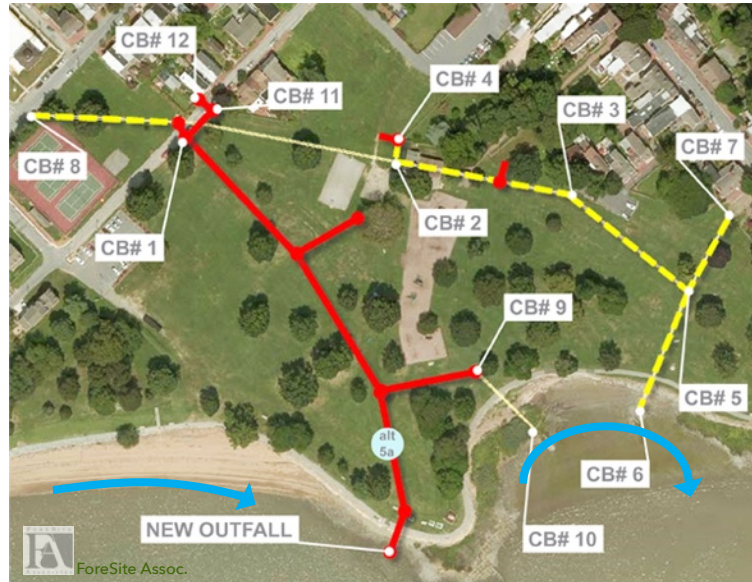
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### Trustees declare vacancy & election



Election chair Beverly Ross, announced an official vacancy of the Trustees. An election date to fill the vacant 13th seat of Carlo Viola expired term. (see Nov. 8th Cobblestones). The election will take place **Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Good Will Fire House.** To vote in a Trustee election, you must register specifically on a list of qualified voters maintained by the Trustees. Trustee registration and elections are held separately from the City and General Elections. You can register either at the Trustee Office, 210 Delaware Street, or with the form available ►[here](#)

### BATTERY PARK DRAINAGE + WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS



**PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DESIGN**  
At the Trustees monthly meeting, Drew Hayes of ForeSite Associates presented a long awaited plan that that would greatly alleviate the flooding in Battery Park while being a foundation for numerous improvements to follow. Dotted yellow indicates the present drainage lines to remain. The red will be new 36" to 42" diameter pipes. River currents affects the outfall of rain water. (I have added blue current directionals). The outfall at the right (CB#6) catches a lot of the debris and is always blocked by sediment. The new outfall (red left) would be swept clean by the rivers currents.

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### this week in HISTORY

- 6 Harriet Tubman** escapes from slavery in Maryland. 1849, **Slavery was abolished** as the 13th Amendment was ratified. 1865, **Thomas Edison** demonstrated the first gramophone, with a recording of himself reciting Mary Had a Little Lamb. 1877, **Jefferson Davis** died in New Orleans. 1889, The 8¢ **Martha Washington** stamp was issued this day. It was the first US stamp to feature a woman. 1902, **Cab Calloway** turned actor as he was seen in the "Hallmark Hall of Fame". Known for such classics as **Minnie the Moocher**, became a movie star in **The Blues Brothers**. 1969
- 7 Delaware is the first state** to ratify the Constitution. 1787, **Martin Van Buren** becomes the eighth President, and the first president to be born in this country. 1836, **Johnny Weissmuller** set a world record in the 150-yard freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 25 and 2/5 seconds. 1925, **Pearl Harbor** was bombed in a surprise Japanese attack. 1941, **Dominique** by **Singing Nun** topped the charts
- 8** Washington's retreating army **crossed the Delaware River**. 1776, **President Lincoln** announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South. 1863, **Jesse James** gang takes train at Muncie, KS. 1874, **Chicago Bears** shut out the **Washington Redskins** b-i-g t-i-m-e. 73-0. 1940, **Frank Sinatra Jr.** was kidnapped. 1963, **John Lennon**, assassinated by Mark David Chapman 1980.

- 9 George Washington** sold his race horse, Magnolia, to Col. Henry Lee. Washington reportedly got 5,000 acres of Kentucky farmland in the trade. 1788, The first daily newspaper in NYC was founded by Noah Webster. **"The American Minerva"**. 1793, American author and creator of Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit, **Joel Chandler Harris** was born. 1848, **Christmas Seals** went on sale (see pg 8) for the first time, in the **Wilmington, DE**, post office. 1907, The US Golf Association **legalized steel-shaft golf clubs**. 1926,
- 10** Civil engineer **Robert Thompson** patented the first pneumatic tires. 1845, **Wyoming**, allowed women to vote and hold office 1869, **Levant Richardson** patents ball-bearing skate. 1884, **Fats Domino** recorded his first sides for Imperial Records. The legend from New Orleans recorded **The Fat Man** 1949, Lt Col **John Stapp** travels 632 MPH in a rocket sled. 1954, **Good Vibrations** by the **Beach Boys** topped the charts. 1966
- 11 Venetian blinds** were patented in England by Edward Beran. 1769, **Dr. Horace Wells** became the first person to have a tooth extracted after receiving an anesthetic for the dental procedure. 1844, The first American playhouse **lit exclusively by electricity**, Boston's Bijou opened 1882, **The Chesterfield Supper Club** debuted on NBC radio. Perry Como, Jo Stafford and many other stars of the day shared the spotlight. 1944, **Karen and Richard Carpenter** received a gold record for their single, **Top of the World**. 1973

- 12 Ludwig van Beethoven** receives first lesson from **Franz Joseph Haydn**. 1792, 70 years after Washington DC was established as the nations capital **Joseph Rainey** of SC became the first black lawmaker to be sworn into the US House of Representatives. 1870, The comic strip **The Katzenjammer Kids** appeared for the first time. 1897, The first all-metal aircraft, the **German Junkers J1**, made its first flight. 1915, At 22 years and 104 days of age, **Bruce McLaren** became the youngest driver to win a Grand Prix race. 1959, **Mr. Lonely** by **Bobby Vinton** topped the charts. 1964, **Armand Hammer** bought a notebook (1508) of writings by **Leonardo da Vinci** for \$5.28 million at auction in London. 1980

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Today 12-6 Dec 6th...and the First Sunday of Each Month \$8



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## SMOKE TEST THIS WEEK

On **December 8th & 10th**, workers for the City of New Castle will blow smoke into the sewer lines in the downtown area to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. Homeowners do not need to be home and the inspectors will not need to enter your house. This Smoke is not toxic, will not stain cloths or furniture, has a slight odor, and will not create a fire. Click **SMOKE TEST** for full details

**Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia**  
**Sat., December 12th 3pm CBS**

**The first match-up was 125 years ago.**  
That day Army hosted Navy at West Point in their very first football game. Navy beat Army 24-0 that day. Army came back the next year with a 32-to-16 win. The rivalry almost died an early death in 1894, when both academies were forbidden to play anything but HOME games. But following an appeal by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, the game was re-instated in 1899. And with just a few interruptions, it's been "game on" ever since.

We hope to see you this Thursday date  
To sing Christmas songs and celebrate.  
At Jessops with friends and family  
And Deb and Mike of "Makin' Whoopie".

**SEE YOU THERE!**

December 10, 7-9p.m.  
Rez 302-322-6111

NFL GOAL POST	Comcast	NBC	CBS	FOX	ESPN
	FIOS	810	803	805	850
	dish	510	503	513	570
		10	3	29	140
		10	3	29	206

### WEEK 13

Date	Teams	Time	TV
<b>THURS 12/3</b>	Green Bay at Detroit	8:25p	CBS
<b>SUN 12/6</b>	New York at New York	1p	CBS
	Arizona at St. Louis	1p	FOX
	Atlanta at Tampa Bay	1p	FOX
	Seattle at Minnesota	1p	FOX
	Houston at Buffalo	1p	CBS
	Baltimore at Miami	1p	CBS
	Cincinnati at Cleveland	1p	FOX
	Jacksonville at Tennessee	1p	CBS
	San Francisco at Chicago	1p	FOX
	Denver at San Diego	4:05p	CBS
	Kansas City at Oakland	4:05p	FOX
	Carolina at New Orleans	4:25p	FOX
	Philadelphia at New England	4:25p	FOX
	Indianapolis at Pittsburgh	8:30p	NBC
<b>MON 12/7</b>	Dallas at Washington	8:30p	

ESPN ▶ 2015 NFL Schedule

WEEK 14	Indianapolis at Jacksonville	1p
<b>THURS 12/10</b>	San Diego at Kansas City	1p
	Washington at Chicago	1p
<b>SUN 12/13</b>	Atlanta at Carolina	1p
	Seattle at Baltimore	1p
	Oakland at Denver	4p
	Dallas at Green Bay	4:25p
	New England at Houston	8:30p
	<b>MON 12/14</b>	
	New York at Miami	8:30p

## Happy Cobblestone Birthday

**Sun 12-6 Annabelle Kressman**  
**Mon 12-7 Allison Berl - Jay Joslin**  
**Tues 12-8 Kat Zane - Chris Castagno**  
**Wed 12-9 Todd Roselle** **Thurs 12-10 Camille Foster**  
**Sat 12-12 Arista Gordy** **Sun 12-13 Diane Legradi**  
**Sat 12-12 Anniversary Penny & Mike Sobieski**

**Birthday or Anniversary approaching?**  
**Tell The Teditor flytedb13@comcast.net**

**Notables this week** **6<sup>th</sup> Mitten Tree Day - St. Nicholas Day** Joyce Kilmer\*129 (1918), Ira Gershwin\*119 (1983), Agnes Moorehead\*115 (1974), Dave Brubeck\*95 (2012), Wally Cox\*91 (1973), Andrew Cuomo-61 **7<sup>th</sup> Delaware Day - Pearl Harbor Day** Eli Wallach\*100 (2014), Ted Knight\*92 (1986), Harry Chapin\*73 (1981), Gregg Allman-68, Johnny Bench-68, Larry Bird-59, Jay Joslin-43 **8<sup>th</sup> Natl Brownie Day** James Thurber\*121 (1961), Sammy Davis Jr.\*90 (1990), Maximilian Schell\*85 (2014), Flip Wilson\*82 (1998), Jim Morrison\*72 (1971), Kim Basinger-62, Teri Hatcher-51, Sinead O'Connor-49 **9<sup>th</sup> Weary Willie Day - Christmas Card Day** Emmett Kelly\*117 (1979), Tip O'Neill\*103 (1994), Kirk Douglas-99, Redd Foxx\*93 (1991), Dick Van Patten\*87 (2015), Beau Bridges-74, John Malkovich-62, Donny Osmond-58 **10<sup>th</sup> Dewey Decimal Day - Melvil Dewey\*164** (1931), Cbet Huntley\*104 (1974), Dorothy Lamour\*101 (1996), Dan Blocker\*87 (1972), Gloria Loring-69, Susan Dey-63 **11<sup>th</sup> UNICEF Birthday - Fiorello La Guardia\*133** (1947), Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn\*97 (2008), Rita Moreno-84, Donna Mills-75, Brenda Lee-71, Teri Garr-68, Jermaine Jackson-61 **12<sup>th</sup> Poinsettia Day - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - Wreaths Across America** Day Edward G. Robinson\*122 (1973), Frank Sinatra\*100 (1998), Bob Barker-92, Ed Koch-91 (2013), Connie Francis-77, Dionne Warwick-75

76ers	Home Court	1-20	Penguins	Home Ice	11-11
Mon, 12/7	vs San Antonio	7p	Tue 12/8	Islanders at Flyers	7p
Thu, 12/10	@ Brooklyn	7:30p	Thu 12/10	Flyers at Blues	8p
Fri, 12/11	vs Detroit	7p	Fri 12/11	Flyers at Stars	8:30p
Sun, 12/13	@ Toronto	6p	Tue 12/15	Hurricanes at Flyers	7p
Mon, 12/14	@ Chicago	8p	Thu 12/17	Canucks at Flyers	7p
Wed, 12/16	@ Atlanta	8p	Sat 12/19	Flyers at Blue Jackets	7p
Fri, 12/18	vs NY Knicks	7p	Mon 12/21	Blues at Flyers	7p
Sun, 12/20	@ Cleveland	3:30p			



# DECEMBER at Our Senior Center

**Mon 12/7** 10 Osteoporosis Mgmt./Balance Assessments 11 Decorate Christmas Tree 12:45 Members Mtg  
**Tue 12/8** 9 Haircuts **Wed 12/9** 9:30 Trip to Peddler's Village 10:30 CareWear 12:30 Brain Boosters  
**Thurs 12/10** 12:30 Food Lion **Fri 12/11** 12:30 New Castle Farmer's Market

## 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  
 12:30 YMCA  
 Diabetes Prevention  
 1 Pilates

## THUR

9-3 Billiards  
 9:30 Shanghai  
 9:30 Bridge  
 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  
 9:30 Knit/Crochet  
 10 Bingo  
 10 Mah Jongg  
 10:30 Beginner's/  
 Arthritis Exercise  
 12 Lunch

*"Where Friends Gather"*

▶ [New Castle Senior Center](#)

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# the New Castle library

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- 12/7** **JOB CENTER/10A**  
 Online Resumes  
**Happy Hanukkah**
- 12/8** **R,R Story Time** 10:30A/3-6 YRS  
**Sew Happy Group** 10:30A-3P  
**GED in Spanish** 6:30P
- 12/9** **TAIJI-QUAN\***/1-2P  
**Tech Knowledge-Y Lab**/2:30-4:30 P
- 12/10** **HOUR OF CODE\***/3:30PM/ages 8-15  
**GED in Spanish** 6:30  
**MOVIE NIGHT\*** Kenneth Branagh's  
**Cinderella**/6:30 P For all ages
- 12/11** **TAIJI-QUAN\***/1-2P  
**LAP SIT Story Time** 11A/6 mos.-3 yrs.  
**LIBRARY AFTER HOURS\***/7PM  
**Gingerbread House Construction**

*Holiday Decoration Crafts*

*Visit the Children's Room to make a craft for the holidays.*

\* registration required

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**Mon 10-9 Tues 10-9 Wed 2-9 Thurs 2-9 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun Closed**



**The Amstel House & Dutch House** will be open to the public for tours from 10am-4pm. NCHS needs help at the houses to greet and guide guests. We'll also need help greeting and directing visitors at The Arsenal. We will have 2 shifts available for volunteers.

Ready to sign up? Click here ▶ [Volunteer for NCHS](#)

For questions about volunteering at our houses, please contact NCHS at (302) 322-2794 or email [dcitron@newcastlehistory.org](mailto:dcitron@newcastlehistory.org)

Thank you for considering to volunteer. Our events continue to be successful thanks to generous and supportive volunteers like you.

*Please feel free to share this opportunity with friends and colleagues.*

[Forward to a Friend](#)

As a token of appreciation for volunteering, a hospitality center with refreshments will be available to our volunteers.

**Thank you to our generous sponsor of the Volunteer Hospitality Center during**

**Dickens Events**

**Clarion Belle Hotel**

Call (302) 428-1000 for a discounted rate at the Clarion Belle.

Please mention A Dickens Experience to the front desk to receive a special promotion! Breakfast is included.



## SAVE THE DATE Wed. January 6<sup>th</sup>

**Longwood Gardens Trip:** 9:30-1:30. It's not too late to experience the inspiration and beauty of the holidays at Longwood Gardens!! Enjoy the decorations in the conservatory, peruse the gift shop and take a coffee break in the café.

Cost - \$21.00 includes bus transportation and admission (if under 62, price is \$24.00).

*Because we need to order timed tickets in advance, you must sign up and pay by Dec. 23rd.*



## Get in the Spirit... Be a Character!



Again this year on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** Old New Castle will be celebrating

*"The Spirit of Christmas".*

Many homes will be decorated for the season and open to the public.

In conjunction with the New Castle Historic Society "A Dickens Experience" takes us back in time. Throughout the day residents will be strolling the streets in Victorian attire, the story will be enacted outside three times during the day.

Last year was a great success and anticipation for another great day is at hand.

## Wouldn't you like to play certain character?

*We need 'period' town folks to meander along the shops and streets, welcoming visitors while adding to the flavor of the day!*

*Please join us in this unique and fun-filled event.*

*If you need, or can offer costume assistance.*

*please contact Nancy Jodlbauer [njodlbauer@verizon.net](mailto:njodlbauer@verizon.net)*

## JOHN M. CLEVELAND CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

118 Delaware Street in Old New Castle

Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4pm as part of the town-wide **Spirit of Christmas.**

Admission is free throughout the day.

Regular Hours: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday ~ 11am-3pm

*The Museum exhibits an impressive collection of both U.S. and Confederate States of America artifacts. In addition to the artifacts, the museum has a comprehensive collection of engravings depicting the battles of the war and provide an excellent visual history of the Civil War.*





# Goulash

for those cold winter nights ahead

by Paula Deen

## you'll need

- 1 tbsp olive oil • 2 lbs ground beef • 1 lg Vidalia onion, chp'd
- 1 red bell pepper, chp'd
- 4 cloves garlic, chp'd • 3 c water
- 1 (29 oz) can tomato sauce • 2 (14.5 oz) cans roasted tomatoes • 2 tsps dried basil
- 2 tsps dried oregano • 3 tsps Hot Sauce • 1 tsp garlic powder • 2 c elbow macaroni
- kosher salt, black pepper & parsley **to taste**



## follow Paula's steps

- 1 Heat oil in a lg Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add the beef, and brown for 10 minutes, breaking up with the back of your wooden spoon as you stir. Add the onion and continue to cook, while stirring, until tender, about 5 minutes.
- 2 Add all the remaining ingredients, except the macaroni, and cover with a lid, and simmer for 20 minutes.
- 3 Stir in the macaroni, cover with the lid, and simmer for another 30 minutes.
- 4 Let mixture stand for 20 minutes before serving. Serve with garlic bread and garnish with fresh parsley.

# THE GRINCH™



- 3 oz peach schnapps
  - 3 oz Bacardi 151 rum
  - 12 oz orange juice
  - 4 oz Sprite soda
  - 3 oz Blue Curacao
- Mix in a large pitcher and serve

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"A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned" -Benjamin Franklin

## Park drainage *continued*

The study and preparations to-date has been covered by \$35,850 previously allocated. Additional engineering money of \$40,000 was approved to complete phase #1 (red portion). Pending matching grants that amount may be reduced. This initial phase is to be completed by the end of spring 2016.



## Future improvements



Entrance ways to Battery Park were outlined in ForeSite's presentation. Delaware Street (above) and The Strand (below) would be improved using many of the existing materials, curbing, cobblestones and brick, while being stabilized and ADA compliant.



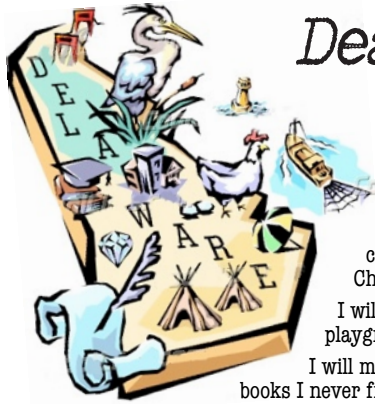
A user friendly 30 acre Battery Park would include rest/meeting areas with benches with perhaps hammocks that would recall the shad nets of another age.



source: New Castle, Delaware Community History and Archeology Program; <http://incchap.org/index.php>  
source: Governor's Island NYC; project designed by West 8; image sourced from Glenwood; retrieved from <http://www.glenwoodnyc.com/manhattan-living/governors-island-construction-revealed/>



# Dear Delaware,



Thank you for your hospitality, for taking in a young Californian who hates the snow and for teaching me so much. There are so many things about you that I will miss.

I will miss your tax free shopping (how could I not), your Rehoboth outlets, and your Christiana Mall.

I will miss your state parks and your CanDo playground.

I will miss my book club that sat around discussing books I never finished or never intended to read in the first place.

I will miss Wawa (oh there is no place like Wawa). I will miss how there was always another Wawa customer to hold the door for you. And inside Wawa it was like everyone was walking around in the movie Stepford wives, kind of floating with a smile on their face.

I will miss Delaware state troopers with their hats and boots. (and I'm so thankful I never got pulled over because if they walked up to my car and tapped on my window I probably would have chuckled).

I will miss the North Wilmington Playgroup. How they took in everyone and really made me feel at home. I will miss it for my daughter because she made wonderful friends there but I will miss it more for me.

I will miss the funny things said in Delaware like interstate, pocketbooks, and sneakers. (only one of them rubbed off on me).

I will miss Brew Ha Ha. My favorite place to grab a cup of coffee and meet a friend.

I will miss being surrounded by so much history.

I will miss being just a drive away from such exciting pieces of our country like New York City, Washington, DC, Gettysburg, and Philly.

I will miss walking in Longwood Gardens. How every season seemed more beautiful than the last. How Abby would ask to go smell the flowers. How I could go take pictures there every holiday and it would look like a different place we took our family portrait.

I will miss your funny traditions like punkin chunkin, separation day, and wearing your pj's inside out to make the snow come.

I will miss momslikeme and this instant connection and support you have with moms going through the same things as you. (Not to mention the best place to go for a suggestion of potty training, what to do with tantrums, or where to dispose of your hazardous material.)

I will miss the Philly airport. I have deemed it the best airport to fly through or from with children because of its wide selection of children friendly food and two play areas designed by the Please Touch Museum. (by far the best airport play areas I have seen, and I have seen quite a few).

So, Small Wonder, it is with great appreciation and much more sadness than I expected that I say goodbye. -Elizabeth



#HistoricNCHolidays

## NEW wayside exhibits

Many have seen wayside exhibits around town. They're always available to serve visitors and residents alike. The Fort Casimir exhibit should be installed after the holiday season.

The **New Castle Community Partnership** has adopted the wayside exhibit project as their top priority. However, it has to be a joint effort because of all the groups involved. Russ Smith is master of wayside. He's working on a wayside for the New Castle & Frenchtown RR, and an overall plan for waysides throughout the historic area with group of people with experience in interpretation.

## Fort Casimir: Key to the Early Delaware Valley

In the mid-1600s this site was the focal point of a three-nation struggle for control of the Delaware River. Dutch military leaders recognized the strategic importance of this place in 1651 and established a fort here. Swedish settlers from Fort Christina (Wilmington) responded by seizing the fort in 1654 and renaming it Fort Trefaldighet (Fort Trinity). A year later Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New Netherland, forced the surrender of the fort to the Dutch. The fort remained in Dutch hands until the English assaulted it in 1664. Its capture assured English control of the Delaware Valley.



Conceptual View of Fort Casimir by L.F. Tintillo



Archeologists working on this site found indications of the fort palisade (defensive fence). They also found what may be a grenade or cannon ball.





**“ Unassembled presents will have twice as many screws as you expect and some will always be left over, making you wonder what's left out. ”**  
Overheard Locally

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON  
**COMMUNITY GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Trustees of New Castle Common annually award grants to community organizations and scholarships to eligible residents of the City of New Castle.

Application forms for this year's grants and scholarships are available on the Trustee's web site: <http://trusteesncc.org> or from the Trustees' office.

**Last year the Trustees budgeted \$75,000 for scholarships and more than \$200,000 for community grants.**

In addition to the forms, the web site contains information on the allocation of Trust funds, properties, meeting minutes and the history and past projects of the Trust.

**Deadline for applications is December 31, 2015**

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**A Dickens' Christmas Carol**  
outside at the Courthouse at 12:30 and 1:30  
**Saturday, Dec. 12th**

*Greatly expanded over last year to include not only Scrooge, Tiny Tim, the Cratchit family, Marley's ghost and all the Spirits! Stay on to explore the town as it is transformed into a Victorian wonderland complete with street actors, decorations, and the like!*

#HistoricNCHolidays



Scrooge .....	Jim Meek	Janet Hollowell .....	Barb Bullock
Bob Cratchit .....	James Kassees	Mrs. Cratchit .....	Sydney Robertson
Fred Hollowell .....	George Tietze	Belinda Cratchit .....	Ava Mellinger
Jeeves .....	Greg Haughey	Old Joe .....	Dennis Young
Howell .....	Eric Sallee	Tiny Tim .....	Jeremy Walls
Marley's Ghost .....	Greg Tigani	Boy .....	Nicholas Hendrickson
Spirit or Christmas Past .....	Judy Tigani	Girl .....	Lucy Armstrong
Spirit Christmas Present .....	Jack Murphy	Young Cratchit's .....	Luke & Finn Duncan
Spirit of Christmas Future .....	Susan Small		

*Produced and Directed by Judy and Greg Tigani and Jim Meek*



this week

**THE New Castle PIER**  
AT DELAWARE STREET

**Sealed bids for the City of New Castle Riverfront Redevelopment Pier Project will be received by the City Administrator until 11:00 a.m. on Friday December 11, 2015, at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street, New Castle, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.**

See the **New Castle Weekly** for Full Schedules

Tues. 12/8 City Council Meeting 7pm  
Mon. 12/14 Municipal Services Commission Meeting 4pm  
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# 15th ANNUAL CELEBRATION Spirit of Christmas

SAT., DECEMBER 12th

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

NEW CASTLE

Everyone is invited to this free, all-day event.

Sponsored by the **New Castle Presbyterian Church** and the

**New Castle Visitors' Bureau.**

Activities include tours of many historic homes decorated for the season, museum tours including events at the

**New Castle Court House**

(part of the First State National Historical Park)

and musical performances and entertainment throughout the town.

If you are looking for holiday gifts and food, the New Castle Presbyterian Church will hold an all-day sale of crafts, used books, homemade soups and breads, and gift items - including the always popular "Look What \$20 Will Buy" table.

The festivities conclude at 5:00 p.m., with the town's annual tree lighting ceremony and caroling in the Market Square.

Shops and restaurants throughout Olde New Castle will be open as well, welcoming visitors with special discounts.

*Proceeds generated by the New Castle Presbyterian Church will be donated to support the Friendship House, Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware, ministry to the homeless*

[newcastlepreschurch.org/spirit](http://newcastlepreschurch.org/spirit)

## BLUE HERON GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENT

December  
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12 noon - 4 pm or by appointment

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# Penn's Place

**SATURDAY**  
@ *The Muse*  
**COMEDY NIGHT**  
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Enjoy a one-of-a-kind retail shopping experience featuring a gallery of local artisans collectively gathered under one roof. Here you can meet that artisan and customize and personalize that unique gift for that special someone.



Featuring:

- Local Artisan Creations
- Free Wi-Fi
- Soups, Salads & Sandwiches
- Secret Beer & Wine Garden
- Coffee, Lattes & Pastries

"The Muse" can be utilized as Private Event and Meeting Space

see you  
Saturday  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
\$5 cover

Meet, Eat, Drink, Shop and Be Merrie!

## Penn's Place



206 Delaware Street ★ New Castle DE 19720  
302-322-6334  
[www.pennsplace.net](http://www.pennsplace.net)



Open House Events at the office of  
**LISA M. WHITAKER, CPA**

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**Nov 28th: Small Business Sat.~Free Gift Wrapping**

**Dec 4th: First Friday~Photography by Carlo Viola**

**Dec 12th: Spirit of Christmas~Free Hot Chocolate**

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## Christmas Seals<sup>®</sup>

It all began in Delaware

In the early 20th century, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in the U.S. Physicians were experiencing the first signs of success treating tuberculosis in special hospitals called sanatoriums, and one of those facilities had fallen on tough times. The tiny Delaware sanatorium would have to close its doors if \$300 could not be raised to save it. One of its doctors explained the plight to his cousin, a Red Cross volunteer named Emily Bissell. Bissell was a veteran fundraiser, and she soon came up with a plan based on one that had worked in Denmark: She borrowed money from friends to print the first 50,000 Seals, got permission from the Wilmington postmaster to sell them in the post office lobby, and sold the first Christmas Seal on **December 7, 1907.**



Emily Bissell designed the first holiday seal in 1907 and sold them at the Wilmington Delaware post office for a penny each.

## Visiting



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a picture of your tree for a feature later this month.

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# Caroline's

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Tue - Thu: 8 am - 4 pm  
 Fri: 8 am - 4 pm ~ 6 pm - 9 pm  
 Sat: 8 am - 4 pm

Don't miss out on **Friday's Dinner Special** but call first!

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# TIDES & CURRENTS

Reedy Point Tides

		h	m	ft	cm
6	Su	01:58 AM		0.1	3
		07:46 AM		5.2	158
		02:26 PM		0.2	6
		08:07 PM		5.0	152
7	M	02:46 AM		0.0	0
		08:34 AM		5.3	162
		03:19 PM		0.1	3
		08:55 PM		5.0	152
8	Tu	03:32 AM		-0.1	-3
		09:19 AM		5.4	165
		04:10 PM		0.0	0
		09:41 PM		4.9	149
9	W	04:18 AM		-0.1	-3
		10:01 AM		5.5	168
		04:58 PM		-0.1	-3
		10:25 PM		4.9	149
10	Th	05:02 AM		-0.1	-3
		10:41 AM		5.5	168
		05:45 PM		-0.1	-3
		11:05 PM		4.9	149
11	F	05:44 AM		-0.1	-3
		11:18 AM		5.6	171
		06:30 PM		-0.1	-3
		11:44 PM		4.8	146
12	Sa	06:27 AM		-0.1	-3
		11:54 AM		5.6	171
		07:15 PM		-0.1	-3

First Annual  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 In support of the WILLIAM PENN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

**COST:**  
 - ADULTS: \$12.00  
 - KIDS UNDER 10: \$6.00  
**MEAL WILL INCLUDE:**  
 SPAGHETTI SALAD  
 MEATBALLS DESSERT  
 BREAD

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th**  
 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**BUY TICKETS:**  
 - WILLIAM PENN HS  
 o MAIN OFFICE  
 o MF 7:30AM-4:00PM  
 - SAT 11/14  
 o @ THE WILLIAM PENN FOOTBALL GAME  
 o 1:00PM START  
 o WE WILL HAVE A TABLE SET UP IN THE STADIUM BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME  
 - LIMITED AVAILABILITY AT THE DOOR

**Where:**  
 Good Will Fire Company  
 401 South St., New Castle, DE 19720  
**Questions:**  
 Contact (302) 229-4460

ALL PROCEEDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE STUDENT ATHLETES THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET AND PARTIALLY FUNDING TRAINING CAMPS.

**SAVE the date**

12-11  
 NCHS English Tea  
 Fezziwig's Ball

12-12  
 Dickens Experience  
 Spirit of Christmas

1-16  
 Wine About  
 What Ales You!

6	☀️	7:08am	🌙	4:38pm
7	☀️	7:09am	🌙	4:38pm
8	☀️	7:10am	🌙	4:38pm
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10	☀️	7:12am	🌙	4:38pm
11	☀️	7:12am	🌙	4:38pm
		<b>New Moon: 5:30am</b>		
12	☀️	7:13am	🌙	4:38pm

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# A Dickens Experience

Travel back to mid-nineteenth century England and experience Christmas in the Dickens tradition



Friday  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Saturday  
**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Wm Penn High School will be serving lunches at the David Finney Inn

## Two Days Many Wonderful Memories

FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
7:30 - 10:30PM  
Join us for a recreation of **Fezziwig's Ball** at The Historic Arsenal.



Reservations can be made at the *New Castle Historical Society Office* at 302-322-2794  
[www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org)

### A Dickens' Christmas Carol

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Two performances outside at the Courthouse  
12:30 & 1:30  
*Boy and Carolers!*

Stay on to explore the town as it is transformed into a Victorian wonderland!



**SOLD OUT!**

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Enjoy a festive elegant Victorian Tea at The Historic Arsenal.  
Three seatings available: 11am, 1pm, and 3pm

Reservations can be made at the *New Castle Historical Society Office* at 302-322-2794



### Spirit of Christmas

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
9:30am to 5:30pm  
*Rain or Shine*

SPONSORED BY THE  
**New Castle Presbyterian Church**  
private homes and churches decorated for the season, and musical events throughout the day.

Programs for the day are available at the

NC Presbyterian Church, 25 E. 2nd Street.

For information, call the church at 302-328-3279

## Historic New Castle Delaware

The wreaths and greens that transform New Castle into a Colonial Christmas are all handmade by the Anasapha Garden Club that acknowledges grants from the Trustees of New Castle Common and the City of New Castle and a gift from *A Day in Old New Castle*. Hospitality for Volunteers during Dickens Events provided by the Clarion Hotel - The Belle

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