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ARASAPHA GARDEN CLUB

Greening of New Castle

Made over 130! There will be some for sale next to the Arsenal during Dickens Experience/Spirit of Christmas. Approx.. 20-25 members and maybe 15 family and friends made this a fun event. The City workers did an outstanding job all three days including setting up, taking down at the church and of course hanging the wreaths and the Garland.

this week in HISTORY

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.* 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 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 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. 1980

13 The *US National Guard* was created when militia regiments were organized by the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. 1636, *John Adamson* received a patent for a dry dock. 1816, an estimated 11,000 Northern soldiers were killed or wounded when Union forces were defeated by Confederates under General Robert E. Lee, at the *Battle of Fredericksburg.* 1862, The *Clip-on tie* is created. 1928, 1929 - *Hoagy Carmichael* recorded with *Louis Armstrong* Rockin' Chair on Columbia Records and cylinders. *Grandma Moses (Anna Mary Robertson Moses)* died at the age of 101. 1961

14 *Artificial pearls* first manufactured. 1656, *David Wilkinson* patented the nut and bolt machine. 1789, *George Washington*, died at the age 67. 1799, *Max Planck* of Berlin University revealed his revolutionary Quantum Theory. 1900, *Fanny Brice*, recorded If You Want the Rainbow You Must Have the Rain, 1928, *Sandy Koufax*, age 19, was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers. 1953.

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WHERE: Lincoln Financial Field
GATES OPEN: 11:00a
MARCH-ON: 12:15p
KICK-OFF: 3:00p

TELEVISION COVERAGE
CBS (National) www.sportsline.com
CBS3 (Local) www.cbsphilly.com

For further GAME DAY INFO Click Here!

SCHEDULE - SCORES & NEWS ▸HERE
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SCHEDULE - SCORES & NEWS ▸HERE
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didjano?

In the holiday classic **"Scrooged"** Bill Murray's "Frank Cross" wanted to give his brother a towel but his secretary sent the VCR to "James" who is actually the star's real-life brother James Murray; who also was in Caddyshack and Moving Violations among others.

Condolences to Jimmy Pritchard

on the loss of his mother, "Kitty" ~ November 28th

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Mon 12-9 **Todd** Roselle Tues 12-10 **Camille** Foster
Thurs 12-12 **Arista** Gordy
Sat 12-14 **Bob** Collins ★ **Buck** Gebhart
Sun 12-15 **Natalie** Shane ★ **Thomas** Tear
Thurs 12-12 *Anniversary* **Penny** & **Mike** Sobieski

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

Notable this week 8th *Natl Brownie Day* James Thurber*125 (1961), Sammy Davis Jr.*94 (1990), Maximilian Schell*89 (2014), Flip Wilson*86 (1998), Jim Morrison*76 (1971), Kim Basinger-66, Teri Hatcher-55, Sinead O'Connor-53 9th *Weary Willie Day - Christmas Card Day* Emmett Kelly*121 (1979), Tip O'Neill*107 (1994), Kirk Douglas-103, Redd Foxx*97 (1991), Dick Van Patten*91 (2015), Beau Bridges-78, John Malkovich-66, Donny Osmond-62 10th *Dewey Decimal Day* - Melvil Dewey*168 (1931), Chet Huntley*108 (1974), Dorothy Lamour*105 (1996), Dan Blocker,*91 (1972), Gloria Loring-73, Susan Dey-67 11th *UNICEF Birthday* - Fiorello La Guardia*137 (1947), Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*101 (2008), Rita Moreno-88, Donna Mills-79, Brenda Lee-75, Teri Garr-72, Jermaine Jackson-65 12th *Poinsettia Day - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - Wreaths Across America Day* Edward G. Robinson*126 (1973), Frank Sinatra*104 (1998), Bob Barker-96, Ed Koch*95 (2013), Connie Francis-82, Dionne Warwick-79 13th *Noughts and Crosses Day - Violin Day* Mary Todd Lincoln*201 (1882), Archie Moore*106 (1998), Dick Van Dyke-94, Christopher Plummer-92, John Davidson-78, Ted Nugent-71 14th *Bouillabaisse Day* James Doolittle*123 (1993), Morey Amsterdam*105 (1996), Don Hewitt*97 (2009), Lee Remick*84 (1991), Patty Duke*73(2016)

COBBLESTONES GOAL POST

WEEK 15

Thurs, Dec. 5
Dallas @ Chicago 8:20p NFLN
Sun, Dec. 8
Detroit @ Minnesota 1p FOX
Denver @ Houston 1p CBS
Indianapolis @ Tampa Bay 1p CBS
San Francisco @ New Orleans 1p FOX
Washington @ Green Bay 1p FOX
Cincinnati @ Cleveland 1p CBS
Miami @ N.Y. Jets 1p CBS
Carolina @ Atlanta 1p FOX
Baltimore @ Buffalo 1p CBS
L.A. Chargers @ Jacksonville 4p FOX
Kansas City @ New England 4:25p CBS
Pittsburgh @ Arizona 4:25p CBS
Tennessee @ Oakland 4:25p CBS
Seattle @ L.A. Rams 8:20p NBC
Mon, Dec 9
N.Y. Giants @ Philadelphia 8:15p ESPN

ESPN ▸2019 NFL Schedule

WEEK 16

Thurs, Dec 12
N.Y. Jets @ Baltimore 8:20p NFLN
Sun, Dec 15
Miami @ N.Y. Giants 1p CBS
Houston @ Tennessee 1p CBS
New England @ Cincinnati 1p CBS
Seattle @ Carolina 1p FOX
Tampa Bay @ Detroit 1p FOX
Denver @ Kansas City 1p CBS
Philadelphia @ Washington 1p FOX
Chicago @ Green Bay 1p FOX
Jacksonville @ Oakland 4p CBS
Cleveland @ Arizona 4p CBS
Minnesota @ L.A. Chargers 4p NBC
Atlanta @ San Francisco 4:25p FOX
L.A. Rams @ Dallas 4:25p FOX
Buffalo @ Pittsburgh 8:20 pm NBC
Mon, Dec 16
Indianapolis @ New Orleans 8:15p ESPN N

▸**EAGLES** ▸**REDSKINS** and ▸**RAVENS**

DECEMBER at Our Senior Center

400 South Street - New Castle - 302 - 326-4209

Mon 12-9 10 **Bingo** 11:30 **Book Club** **Tues 12-10** 12:30 **Pokeno**
Wed 12-11 10 **Chair Yoga** 10 **CareWear** 12 **Holiday Lunch** 12:30 **McCullough Mustang Chorus**12:30 **Charter Bus Trip-Herr's Factory**
Thurs 12-12 9 **Bank & PO** 12:30 **Shop Rite** **Fri 12-13** 12:30 **New Castle Farmer's Market**

"Where Friends Gather"

▶ New Castle Senior Center

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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
9-3 Billiards 9 Pool Exercise 9:30 Park Walk 10 Crafty Seniors 12 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jongg 1 Chair Yoga	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10 Bingo 12 Lunch 1 Strength Building/ Exercise	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 11 Line Dancing 12 Lunch 1 A.B.C. Class	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	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 9:30 Knit/Crochet 10 Bingo 10 Mah Jongg 10:30 Beginner's/ Arthritis Exercise 12 Lunch

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the New Castle library

Archived New Castle newspapers ▶CLICK **HERE**

12-9 **PAWS***/6:30p
TASTY MEMORIES 6:30p
"Climbing the Mango Trees: A Memoir"
12-10 **Sew Happy Group** 10:30a-3p
12-11 **Teen Time**/3:30-4:30p
Family Movie & Pizza*/5:30p
"Happy Feet"
12-12 **Gingerbread Person Decorating Party*** 6:30 p/*Ages 3+*
12-13 HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Library After Hours*
Gingerbread House Construction/Competition 7p/*ages 21+*
12-14 HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Spirit of Christmas in Old New Castle

424 Delaware St - New Castle DE 19720 - 302-328-1995
***registration required** ▶ www.nccdelib.org/newcastle

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

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Payment is due at the time of sign up.
If you need to cancel your trip money will only be refunded if there is someone to take your place. . . .

Dec. 11- Herr's Factory: *12:30 pm-7:00 pm.Cost-$42/members;* $52/non-members. Price includes snack factory tour, Christmas driving light tour, bus and driver's tip. Dinner will be on your own at the Nottingham Inn between the snack factory tour and light tour. Trips will be canceled two weeks in advance,

See* WEEKLY *for Full Schedules

Tues. 12/10 City Council Meeting 7pm
Thurs. 12/12 Historic Area Commission Mtg. 6:30pm
Mon. 12/16 Planning Commission Mtg. 6:30pm
▶ http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov/

New Castle HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Dickens Experience

Fri. & Sat December 13 - 14, 2019

Don't miss this annual Christmas tradition in Historic New Castle. This event features decorated houses, museums, churches, music, food, and street performances of scenes from A Christmas Carol.

Fezziwig's Ball 7-10:30p The New Castle Arsenal transforms into the Fezziwig house from A Christmas Carol for one night. This Victorian Ball will have period music from Susquehanna Travelers , a Dance Master and assistants from the Victorian Dance Ensemble calling the dances and giving instructions, and refreshments. For tickets or more information please call (302) 322-2794 or go to www.newcastlehistory.org/

The New Castle Arsenal 30 Market Street (on the Cobblestones)

Saturday As part of the Spirit of Christmas & Dicken's Experience enjoy a festive Victorian Tea at The Arsenal. For tickets or more information please call (302) 322-2794 or go to www.newcastlehistory.org/

Amstel House 10 am to 4 pm, Traditional colonial holiday celebration Dutch House – 10 am to 4 pm, Celebration of St. Nicholas' Eve **ld Library Museum –** 1 pm to 4 pm, Exhibit, The Italian Immigrant Experience in New Castle. **A Christmas Carol** performed by **he Reddy Point Players** on Market Square, 11:30 pm and 2:00 pm Victorian Carolers – On Market Square and throughout town .ew Castle Visitor Center at the Arsenal – 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Christmas Market on the Green **Father Christmas** – making appearances around the town throughout the day

19th Annual

Spirit of Christmas

December 14, 2019

Presented by New Castle Presbyterian Church & the Visitor's Bureau Tour historic homes and museums in Old New Castle decorated for the holiday season. Enjoy holiday concerts including Simple Pleasures (a cello, viola, flute and harp quartet) from 10 – 11 a.m., Hand Bell concerts at 1 & 1:30 p.m., and the New Ark Chorale at 3 p.m. Don't miss the tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. on Market Square.
Free to the public.
For more information go to www.facebook.com/spiritofchristmasDE

STREET SWEEPING THIS WEEK!

Monday Even #'s Tuesday Odd #'s: 7 - 10 am
Dobbinsville

Wed. Even #'s Thursday Odd #'s: 7 - 10 am
The Strand

DECEMBER

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Coming in next week's

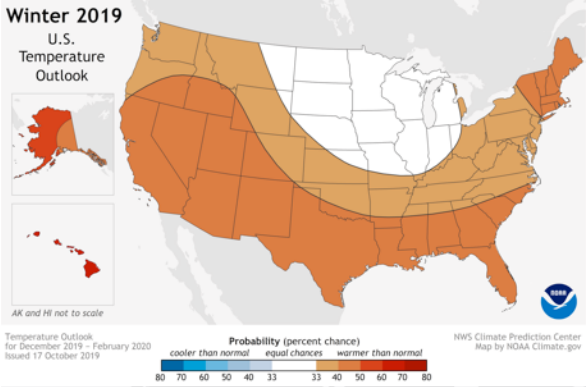
COBBLESTONES

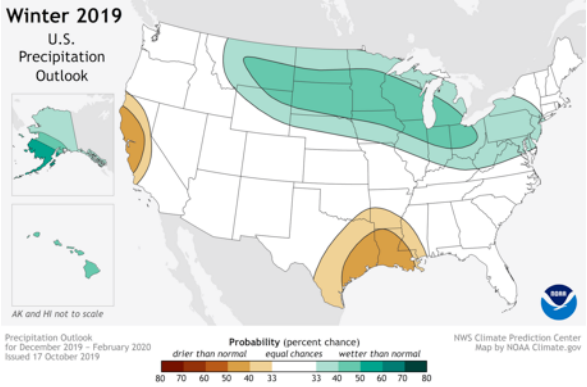
PANCAKES with SANTA

Let's cut to the chase.

We're in for a cold and snowy winter. But how much snow? And how low will the temperatures go? NBC's 10's Hurricane Schwartz measured several important factors to reach that conclusion.

SEE VIDEO





GEORGE WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Luncheon Buffet

Sunday, December 15, 2019 1:00 p.m.

John Sweeney, Speaker

"The Quiet Fellow at the Constitutional Convention"

$25 per person. Cash Bar.

Ed Oliver Golf Club, 800 N. DuPont Road, Wilm 19807

RSVP: George Washington Society, P.O. Box 4244, Wilmington, Delaware 19807

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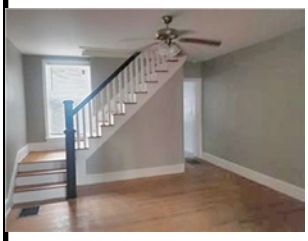

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Asbury United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Service 6 & 10p

First Baptist Church
Christmas Eve Service - 5p
Christmas Worship Service - 11a (No Life Groups)

Immanuel on the Green
Christmas Eve
Christmas Music.Ross Choir,
Family Eucharist 4:30p
Immanuel Choir 10:30p
Christmas Day
one service only 10am

New Castle Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve
5:30p - Family Service
7:30p - Traditional Worship
Christmas Day
10:30a Worship

New Castle United Methodist Church
Regular Service 12/23 10a
Christmas Eve Service 10p
Christmas Day - No Service

River Cross Fellowship
Sunday, December 23 The Gathering 10a
Family Christmas Gathering 7p
Carols, Candles, & Kids create the Nativity Scene!
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 8p
Carols, Candles & the Christmas Message

St. Peter the Apostle
Christmas Eve 6 & 11p
Christmas Day 7:30 & 10:30a

2018 Info

Repeating our annual Christmas...

DINNER

english rib roast

1/3 cup finely ground coffee
2 tablespoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped
1 12lb bone-in prime rib roast (5 bones)

1 In a bowl, thoroughly blend the coffee with the salt, pepper and vanilla bean seeds. Set the rib roast in a roasting pan and rub it all over with the coffee mixture, concentrating most of the rub on the fatty part of the meat. Turn the roast bone side down and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

2 Preheat the oven to 450°. Roast the meat for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325° and roast for about 2 1/2 hours longer, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the meat registers 125° for medium-rare.

3 Transfer the roast to a carving board and let rest for 20 minutes. Scrape off any excess coffee rub. Carve the meat in 1/2-inch-thick slices and serve.

The coffee-rubbed roast can be refrigerated overnight. Bring to room temperature before roasting.

Ann Willan's Traditional England Christmas dinner video shows the full feast!

Andes Mint HotChata

gather up...

1 bag Andes Crème de Menthe baking chips
2 cups RumChata
4 cups half and half

here's how

This one is easy...place everything in a crock pot on high until ingredients melt together (don't forget to stir!). Once everything is nice and melted, heat the mixture on low and stir every 20 minutes...now drink up!

For the New Castle faithful, double the recipe and share the cheer!

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a big thank you

to all the subscribers that have paid this year.

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Santa says Janice and Phee have been Good!

What say you?

The Good Will Fire Company is happy to announce that Santa Claus will be riding through the neighborhoods and communities of our fire district again this year atop the fire truck. Below is the schedule that we will be following.

Tuesday Dec. 10th ★ Jefferson Farms, Van Dyke Village, New Castle Manor, Balton

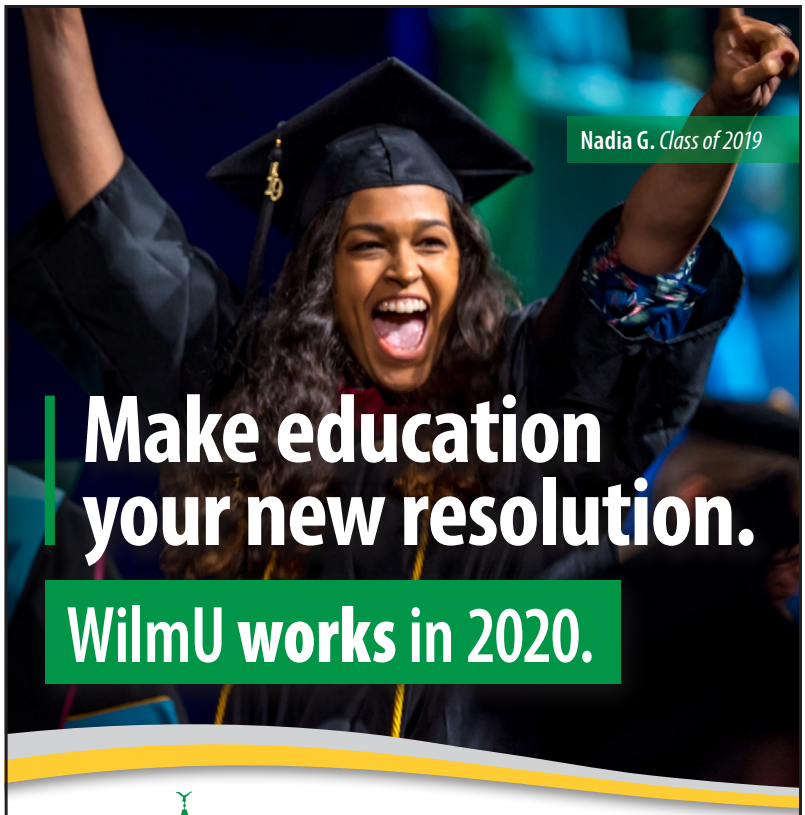
Thursday Dec. 12th ★ Castle Hills, Rodgers Manor, Buttonwood, Boothhurst, Penn Valley, William Penn Square, Jaquette Square

Saturday Dec. 14th ★ City of New Castle, Shawtown

Sunday Dec. 15th ★ Pines of Bayview, Bayview Manor, LLangollen Estates, Llangolen Green, Beaverbrook Crest, Wynthorpe, Riveredge Estates, Village of Llangollen, Dobbinsville

Tuesday Dec. 17th ★ Pennwood, Penn Acres South, Wilmington Manor Gardens, Stockton, Washington Park

Starting at 6pm on the weeknights and 12pm on the weekends.



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Children's Christmas Party is

Saturday Dec. 21st 11am - 2pm

There will be face painting, food, games, gifts and crafts for the kids and a DJ at

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Thurs, Dec. 12, 7-9p

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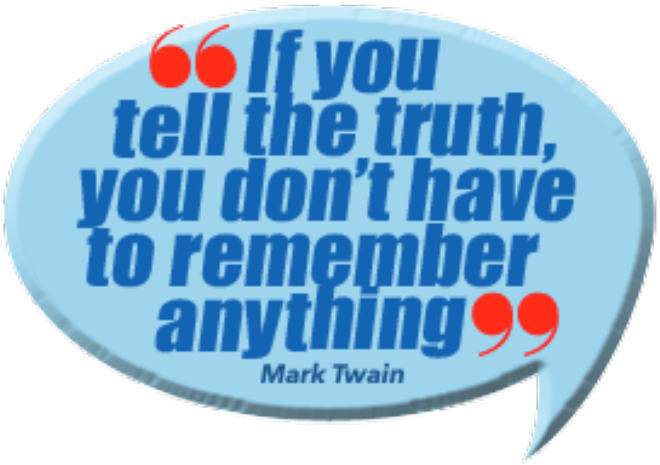

12-8
St. Anthony's Society
Spaghetti Dinner

12-14
Spirit of Christmas
Dickens Christmas

12-21
NC City Police &
Good Will Fire Co.
Christmas Party for the Kids

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Boy Scout troop 27
Super Bowl
Sub Sale

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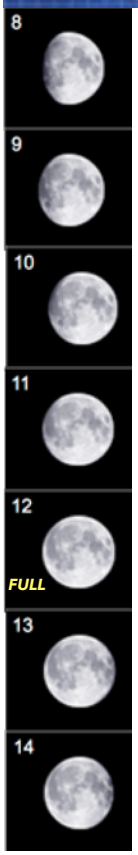

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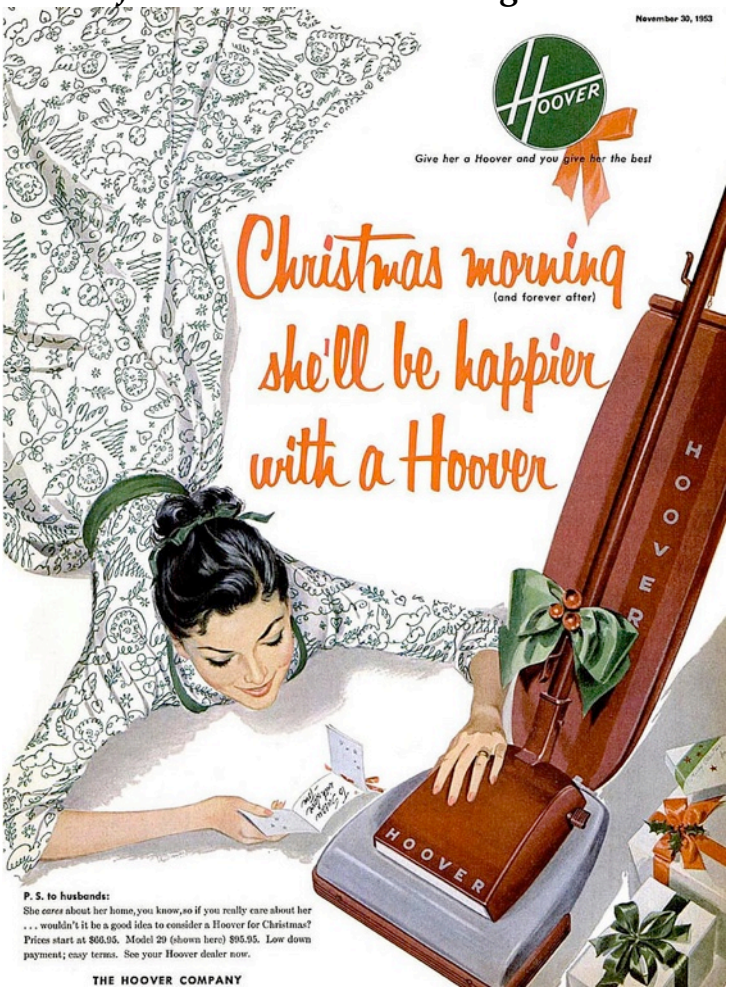
For a few weeks...some vintage memories



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Full Moon: 12:13am		
13	7:14am	4:38pm
14	7:15am	4:38pm

New Castle
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City of New Castle Delaware
Regular **City Council Meeting** at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Roll Call
Minutes: November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
Staff Reports
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Reports from the City Administrator & Staff
Council Communications
Business from the Mayor
Business from the Council President
Business from the Floor (concerning agenda items only)

Proclamation Honoring Judge Richard R. Cooch upon his Retirement. (Mayor Quaranta – posted 12/03/2019.)

Old Business:
1. **Delaware Street, Delmarva Power** Work Segment Presentation, Delmarva Power. (Council President Ratchford – posted 12/03/2019.)

New Business
1. First Reading of Ordinance 524; An Ordinance to amend Section 230-50 A (1) (c) of the Code of the City of New Castle to require Council Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments to the Historic Area Commission. (Councilperson Leary – posted 12/03/2019.)
2. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2019-47; A Resolution approving the Mayor's Appointment to the Planning Commission of Gail Seitz for a 3 year term, with that term ending on December 13, 2022.. (Council President Ratchford – posted 12/03/2019.)
Proposed appointee: Gail Seitz – Term Ending December 13, 2022
3. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2019-48; A Resolution making a Council Appointment to the Historic Area Commission. (Councilperson Leary – posted 12/03/2019.)
Proposed appointee: Laura Fontana – Term Ending January 10, 2023
4. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2019-49;A Resolution Declaring 615 Clymer Street Surplus Property. (Council President Ratchford – posted 12/03/2019.)
5. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2019-50; A Resolution to Determine the Style and Potential Upgrades to the Standard Traffic Light Polls to be Installed by DelDOT, at Delaware and 6th Streets. (Council President Ratchford – posted 12/03/2019.)
6. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2019-51; A Resolution Adopting or Maintaining Adoption of the Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for the All-Hazards Incident Management Plan For FY 2020 and 2021 in the City of New Castle. (Council President Ratchford – posted 12/03/2019.)
5. **Public Comments**
Next Regular Meeting Date: January 14, 2020
Posted: 12/03/2019
Note: This agenda as listed may not be considered in sequence, including executive sessions

THE TREE

Council President Linda Ratchford has been following and researching some of the resident concerns regarding the City Christmas tree in Dewey Park. Her findings include:

- Designated tree has large gaps between limbs limiting amount of light string coverage
- Squirrels chewed some of the wires last year causing some failures
- Warm white large LED bulbs have been used for several years.
- There is some slight variation in light intensity depending on which side of the bulb faces

Now: City and MSC will add more light strings and work to improve the installation on the same tree in the same location.

The City has historically focused on white lights on light poles and living trees to highlight our beauty and not take away from the natural wreaths, garlands, green space and architecture--some of the things that make us so special. City annually invests several thousand dollars to support the holidays--contributions to Arasapha Garden Club for the greenery, miscellaneous supplies such as lights and labor-intensive work to hang wreaths, etc.

Other cities take different approaches and spend much more. We always appreciate feedback and try to improve each year. We can certainly re-evaluate our approach in the future but we would need to gather more input, plan carefully and budget accordingly.

Rosehill Plantery

Celebrating with friends!

Carol

Terry

Bertie

Cyclamens

Patti

Poinsettias

Apparel

Wreaths

Lemon Tree