

Proposed HAC changes aired, not voted on.

A widely discussed but scantily attended Public Hearing happened last Wednesday evening on an Ordinance [505] to amend Sec. 230-45 Historic review certificate required in historic districts to update compliance requirements and Sec. 230-49 through 230-52 to revise (HAC) commission structure, proceedings and powers & duties based on recommendations of the Historic Area Review Commission (HARC) and other input. The changes are needed in preparation for consideration of HARC design guidelines. A major concern was having the architect as a non-voting member of the Historic Area Commission. Council President Linda Ratchford said the architect was actually an adviser to the Commission in the same way other paid professionals--e.g. planner who assists and consults with Planning Commission and City in general.

Public opinion (*many via email*) felt it was imperative the architect, having the knowledge, should vote. Architects serving on similar Commissions are volunteers not paid consultants. Some questioned the timing of the hearing so close to the holidays. First reading was during the Dec. 8th Council meeting. No vote was taken on the Ordinance.

BID OPENING the pier

Sealed bids for the City of New Castle Riverfront Redevelopment Pier Project were be received by the City Administrator until 1:30pm on Friday December 18, 2015.

Only one bid was received. Atlantic Sub Sea offered a bid of \$3,072,000. Well over the estimated cost projected by Duffield Associates. The sloe bidder estimated material cost in the \$500,000 neighborhood with a lot of overtime to meet the February 29th deadline to place pilings.

The City will re-bid the project after the first of the year.

A barge was aground on Delaware Bay when spotted by Code Enforcement John Lloyd



this week in HISTORY

20 The "Susan Constant," "Godspeed" and "Discovery" set sail from London landing at Jamestown. 1606, The first successful cotton mill in the began operating at Pawtucket, RI. 1790, HMS Beagle/Charles Darwin sails from New Zealand to Sydney. 1835 Confederate forces evacuated Savannah. 1864, Al Jolson recorded April Showers 1932, The Frank Capra film It's A Wonderful Life had a preview showing for charity. 1946, First UHF television station operating regular basis. 1949, James Arness makes his dramatic TV debut. 1954, The Berlin Wall was opened for the first time. It remained open for the holiday season, but closed again on Jan. 6, 1964.

21 The Mayflower, and its passengers, pilgrims from England, landed at Plymouth Rock. 1620, The first ice-skating club was formed in Philadelphia. 1849, Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs debuted. The first, full-length, animated feature. 1937, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident. 1945, Buick signed Jackie Gleason to one of the largest contracts ever entered into with an entertainer. Gleason agreed to produce 78 half-hour shows over a two-year period for \$6,142,500. 1954

22 During Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia. It read, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah." 1864, "The United States Golf Association was formed. 1894, Gloria Jacobs (17) became the first girl to hold a world pistol record when she shot 299 out of a possible 300 points. 1939, Lech Walesa was sworn in as Poland's first elected president. 1990

23 "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published. 1823, Following a quarrel with Paul Gauguin, Vincent Van Gogh cut off part of his own earlobe. 1888, Bob Hope agreed to entertain airmen in Alaska. It was the first of the traditional Christmas shows. 1942, The transistor was invented by physicists John Bardeen, Walter H. Brittain, and William Shockley. 1947, Walt Disney's classic movie, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, was released. 1954

24 The War of 1812 was ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent.1814, Franz Joseph Gruber composed Silent Night. 1818, Fire devastated the Library of Congress destroying about 35,000 volumes. 1851, "Oh by gosh by golly!" Is it that time already? R.H. Macy's remained open until midnight for the first time. 1867, The first time, a midnight Mass was broadcast on television. It was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. 1948, Dragnet, starring Jack Webb as Detective Joe Friday, became the first network program to be sponsored (by ?). 1953

25 Charlemagne was crowned first Holy Roman Emperor in Rome by Pope Leo III. 0800, St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first Nativity scenes. 1223, Gen. Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River. 1776, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, was read on CBS radio for the first time. 1939, W.C. Fields died at the age of 66. 1946

26 The Pilgrims landed at New Plymouth, to found Plymouth Colony, with John Carver as Governor. 1620, James Mason invents the coffee percolator. 1865, Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium. 1898, A monster snowstorm hit NYC, dumping up to 26.4 inches of snow. 1947, Jack Benny died at 80. 1974

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WEEK 15

Date Teams Time TV

THURS 12/17 Tampa Bay 23 at St. Louis 31 8:25p

SAT 12/19 New York at Dallas 8:25p

SUN 12/20

Chicago at Minnesota 1p FOX

Atlanta at Jacksonville 1p FOX

Houston at Indianapolis 1p CBS

Carolina at New York 1p FOX

Tennessee at New England 1p CBS

Buffalo at Washington 1p FOX

Kansas City at Baltimore 1p CBS

Cleveland at Seattle 4p FOX

Green Bay at Oakland 4p FOX

Denver at Pittsburgh 4:25p CBS

Miami at San Diego 4:25p CBS

Cincinnati at San Francisco 4:25p CBS

Arizona at Philadelphia 8:30p NBC

MON 12/21

Detroit at New Orleans 8:30p ESPN

ESPN 2015 NFL Schedule

WEEK 16

THURS 12/24

San Diego at Oakland 8:25p

SAT 12/26

Washington at Philadelphia 8:25p

SUN 12/27

New England at New York 1p

Houston at Tennessee 1p

Cleveland at Kansas City 1p

Indianapolis at Miami 1p

San Francisco at Detroit 1p

Dallas at Buffalo 1p

Chicago at Tampa Bay 1p

Carolina at Atlanta 1p

Pittsburgh at Baltimore 1p

Jacksonville at New Orleans 4p

St. Louis at Seattle 4:25p

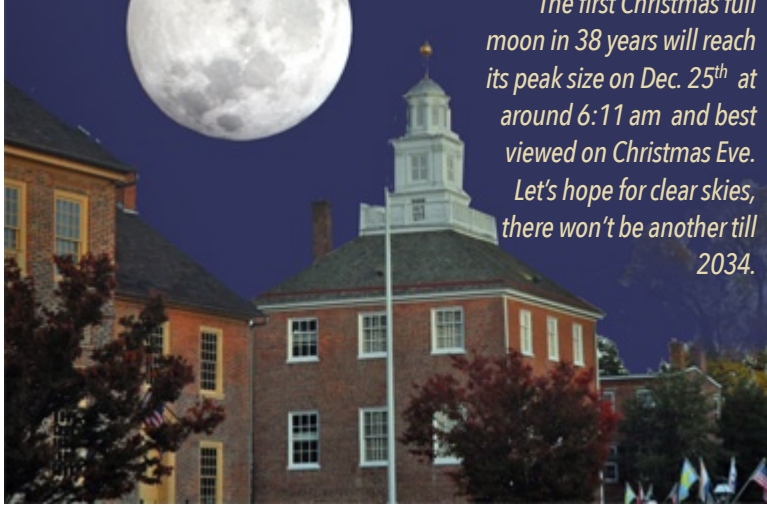
Green Bay at Arizona 4:25p

New York at Minnesota 8:30p

MON 12/28

Cincinnati at Denver 8:30p

with glad Christmas tidings
...the full moon.



The first Christmas full moon in 38 years will reach its peak size on Dec. 25th at around 6:11 am and best viewed on Christmas Eve. Let's hope for clear skies, there won't be another till 2034.

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Belated Mon 12-14 Bob Collins

Sun 12-20 Lori McCready

Mon 12-21 Donna Shrum - Brooklyn Gordy

Tue 12-22 Lyn Briggs - Heather Hubert

Thurs 12-24 Jim Berrigan Fri 12-25 Kerry Larotonda

Sat 12-26 Michelle Santer

Sat 12-26 Esther & Matt Lovlie 17th Anniversary

Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

Tell The Teditor flytedb13@comcast.net



Notables this week 20th Go Caroling Day - Mudd Day Harvey

Firestone*146 (1938), Irene Dunne*116 (1990), Uri Geller-68, (psychic, clairvoyant),

Jenny Agutter-62, Kiefer Sutherland-48 21st Humbug Day - Flashlight

Day Joe Paterno*87 (2012), Phil Donahue-78, Jane Fonda-76, Frank

Zappa*73 (1993), Chris Evert-59, Ray Romano-56, Florence Griffith

Joyner*54 (1998) 22nd Nat'l Date Nut Bread Day Peggy Ashcroft*108 (1991),

Lady Bird Johnson*103 (2007), Barbara Billingsley*100 (2010), "June Cleaver",

Diane Sawyer-70, Maurice Gibb*66 (2003), & Robin Gibb*66 (2012), Jan

Stephenson-64, LPGA golfer 23rd Festivus Joseph Smith*210 (1844), Mormon

Church founder, Harry Shearer-72, actor, Susan Lucci-69 24th Egg Nog Day Kit

Carson*206 (1868), Howard Hughes*110 (1976), I. F. Stone*108 (1989), Ava

Gardner*93 (1990), Ricky Martin-44, Ryan Seacrest-41 25th Sir Isaac

Newton*373 (1726), Clara Barton*193 (1912), Humphrey Bogart*116 (1957),

Cab Calloway*108 (1994), Rod Serling*91, (1975), Jimmy Buffett-69 26th

1914- Richard Widmark*101 (2008), Steve Allen*94 (2000), Phil Spector-76,

Susan Butcher*61 (2006), sled dog racer, Jared Leto-44



► Help Real People



► Home Court

1-27

Sun, 12/20 @ Cleveland 3:30p

Tue, 12/22 vs Memphis 7p

Wed, 12/23 @ Milwaukee 8p

Sat, 12/26 @ Phoenix 9p

Mon, 12/28 @ Utah 9p

Wed, 12/30 @ Sacramento 10p



► Home Ice

14-12

Mon 12/21 Blues at Flyers

Sun 12/27 Flyers at Ducks

Wed 12/30 Flyers at Sharks



7p

8p

10:30p



DECEMBER at Our Senior Center

Mon 12/21 10 Neck/Shoulder Massages **Tue 12/22** 12:30 Food Distribution
Wed 12/23 10 Reminisce Group with Jo Ann 12:30 Food Lion **Thurs 12/24** 10 Christmas Eve Covered Dish Brunch **CENTER CLOSSES**

AT NOON Fri 12/25 Center Closed *Merry Christmas*

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

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12/21 JOB CENTER/10A
12/22 GED in Spanish 6:30P
12/23 TAIJI-QUAN*1-2P
 Tech Knowledge-Y Lab/2:30-4:30 P
 TWEEN BOOK CLUB/4PM
12/24-25 Closed

Merry Christmas

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

Garden of Lights

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Many have seen the front yard and now you are invited to visit the backyard at:
 419 South Street
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 New lights this year!

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During These Times Only
 through Dec 18th 5:30-8:30pm
 Dec 20th and 21st 5:30-8:30 pm.
 Dec. 29th and 30th 5:30-8:30pm
 Jan. 1st through 4th 5:30-8:30pm



A small garden is transformed into a little winter wonderland with lights by our neighbors

David and Judie Baldini.

White lights of different sizes and function are used to accent the garden features and various shapes are added to highlight the existing space

Happy Holidays from our house to yours!

SAVE THE DATE Wed. January 6th

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).

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D I N N E R

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.

To be tested in the CobbleKitchen

“At Christmas,
'It's a Wonderful Life'
makes me cry in exactly the
same places every time,
even though I know
it's coming.”

Nicholas Lea



The Holly Capitol of the World... Sussex County Delaware!

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Nearly 4,000 workers made the holly wreaths which brought 3 to 6 cents each. The Christmas wreath has come to convey its own set of

meanings in modern times. Across time, the circle or

ring shape of a wreath that has no beginning and no end symbolizes eternity or eternal rebirth. Pre-Christian cultures' interpretation of the power of evergreens to battle the forces of winter has evolved into a modern representation of eternal life. The vast array of materials that are used to create modern wreath carry significance as well. Holly represents immortality, for instance, whereas cedar stands for strength. But for many, the wreath's symbolic attributes are much simpler than all this. The Christmas wreath has evolved into a sign of welcoming and an acknowledgment of holiday cheer for this season that emphasizes generosity, giving, and the gathering of loved ones.



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*This sultry cocktail comes to us
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bartender at the Savoy*

- 1.5 oz Gin
- 1.5 oz Sweet vermouth
- 2 dashes Fernet-Branca
- Garnish: Orange twist

Add all the ingredients to a mixing glass and fill with ice. Stir, and strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist.

[thevideo](#)

One
candy
cane
each for 1.76
billion people.

The classic peppermint flavor of the candy cane has been around for 600 years, but the original candy canes were just straight sticks, like a real walking cane. In 1640, a German choirmaster decided to change things up by curving the shape to look more like a shepherd's staff, resulting in the candy cane shape we all know and love today.

Each year about 1.76 billion candy canes are made and 90% of candy canes are sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In fact, candy canes are the number one selling non-chocolate candy in the month of December. The biggest single week for candy cane sales is the second week in December; my guess is people stock up on them before Christmas to decorate their tree, bring to parties, and pack as snacks. Since each candy cane has only 55 calories and no fat it's actually a fairly "safe" holiday treat!

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- Exhibits the City as a great place to invest.
- Identifies and attracts market needs.
- Strengthens the downtown's ties to the waterfront.
- Unifies the many stakeholders and initiatives towards a shared goal.
- Organizes businesses with joint marketing efforts and resources.
- Is the primary marketing tool to stimulate economic activity.
- Involves coordinated efforts of the City, State agencies, civic associations, community organizations, and other stakeholders

OUTCOME HIGHLIGHTS

A successful District Plan and DDD designation will stimulate economic development, create a more active and healthy community, promote public safety and welfare, and advance overall community vitality. Additional neighborhood retail will enhance shopping convenience for residents and also diversify the economy and provide job opportunities. The City will have an extended thriving downtown, improved connectivity, and an unparalleled waterfront that will reinforce community identity and boost civic pride

FOUND On Wednesday after Council meeting: A very nice pair of women's leather gloves in one of the front benches. We also have two coats/jackets that were left behind at earlier meetings. If yours, call Kim at 322-9801

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Letter to the Editor

Cobblestones - 112 Delaware St.
New Castle, DE 19720

To The Editor:

The Fifteenth Annual Spirit of Christmas, December 12, was a (very) warm and welcoming celebration for New Castle, the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, the New Castle Historical Society and the New Castle Presbyterian Church. Hundreds of visitors and friends participated in the festivities throughout the city and at 9 houses in our neighborhood. Many thanks to this community for their unfailing hospitality!

On behalf of the members of the New Castle Presbyterian Church and the Spirit of Christmas leadership team, I express a sincere thanks to Gene and Caroline Dempsey of the New Castle Visitor's Bureau, Jim and Rita Meeks and the entire New Castle Historical Society's Dickens Experience, the New Castle City employees and officials, all local businesses, the generous publicity of Cobblestones, and all the citizens of New Castle for wonderful support. Your participation each year is very much appreciated.

The generosity of all involved helped us generate a contribution of well over \$9,000 to Friendship House ministries for homeless men, women, and children. We particularly thank the New Castle Visitor's Bureau for a contribution of \$1500 and the Dickens Experience for collecting offerings totaling over \$500.

Thank you, New Castle, for sharing your gifts! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rev. Nancy Rowland, Pastor.

New Castle Presbyterian Church.



at home with Cobble Trees

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& Stan



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Michael



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English Tea Fezzinwig's Ball A Dickens Experience Spirit of Christmas

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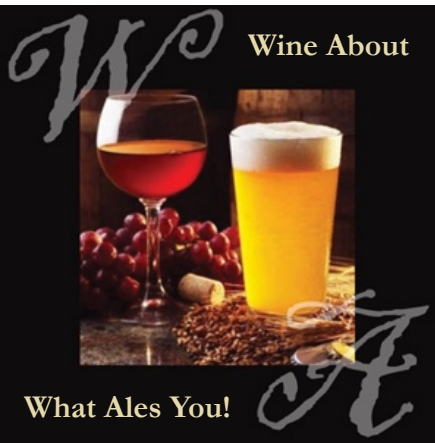
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1-16
Wine About
What Ales You!
2-20
NCHS
Bootlegger's Bash
2-27
Trustees Election
3-5
St. Patricks Dance
Senior Center



		Sun		Moon	
20	☺	7:19am	☾	4:40pm	
21	☺	7:19am	☾	4:41pm	
22	☺	7:20am	☾	4:41pm	
23	☺	7:20am	☾	4:42pm	
24	☺	7:21am	☾	4:42pm	
25	☺	7:21am	☾	4:43pm	
		Full Moon: 6:13am			
26	☺	7:21am	☾	4:43pm	

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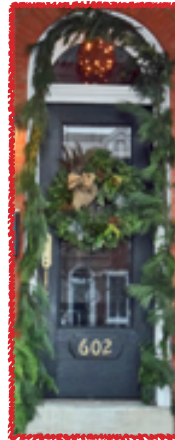
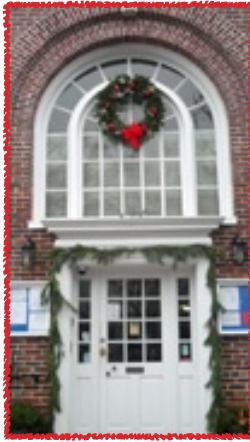
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