

City Of NewCastle



Municipal Services Commission

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Mrs. Rose Gambacorta





-Meet Our Customers-

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When I think of Spring I think of the Philadelphia International Flower Show and our own Rose Gambacorta who's amazing talent combines two of her passions, Miniatures and Gardening. For many years Rose and her partner Marnie King have displayed scaled dioramas which depict both architectural detail along with plant materials which are also to scale. The lines of people who wait to see these displays are never disappointed. Rose and Marnie have won awards from the Flower Show which has an international jury. This year Rose doesn't have an entry in

the Flower Show but she is showing her talent at the First State Miniature Club who puts on an annual event, usually in March. If you miss it this year be sure to put it on your calendar and look for it next year. Rose is a founding member of the Miniature Club and always delights the public when she shares her creations at the New Castle Public Library, the Montessori School or at the Wilmington Public Library. Her talents always captivate both children as well as adults. It's people like Rose who make New Castle a special place to live.

Secretary Message

Calendar

Did You Know ?

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires manufacturers to develop light bulbs that produce the same amount of brightness (lumens) with less energy (watts). This will result in the elimination of most of the commonly used incandescent bulbs over the next several years. The Act in general require a bulb to be 25% more efficient. In January 2012 the traditional 100-watt bulb will be required to meet the new standard. In 2013 the 75-watt bulb and in

2014 the 60-watt and 40-watt bulb will need to meet the standard. The Energy Independence and Security Act will affect other aspects of our daily lives by mandating energy efficiency in buildings, automobiles and appliances among other things.

If you wish to learn more go to:

energy.senate.gov/public/_files/RL342941.pdf

Sincerely,

Chip Patterson

Secretary

April 22nd
Good Friday
MSC Closed

May 6th, 7th
May Market

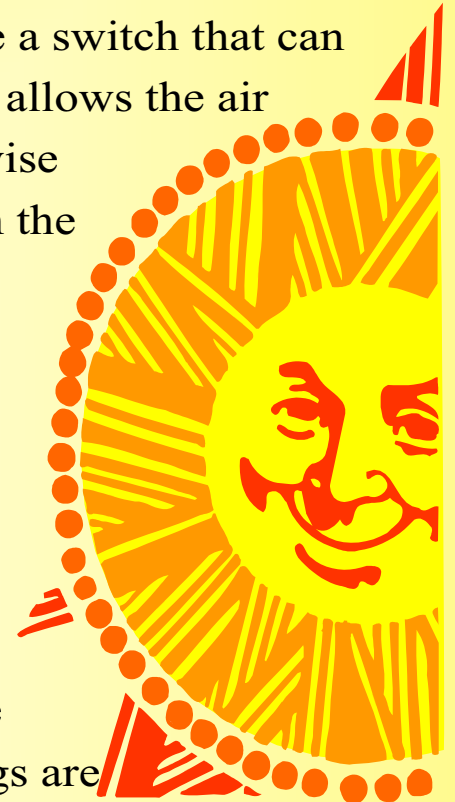
May 21st
A Day In
Old New Castle

May 30th
Memorial Day
MSC Closed

June 11th
Seperation Day

Here are some tips to help you keep cool or warm and keep your utility bills low:

1. Install ceiling fans in main rooms and bedrooms. Not only will they help keep you cool, they are also helpful in the winter. Did you know that most ceiling fans have a switch that can make the blades go clockwise or counter clockwise? Clock wise setting allows the air flow downward and is used mostly during the summer. Counter clockwise forces the air flow upward which is helpful in circulating warm air from the ceiling in the winter. For more information, go to:
<http://www.dansfancity.com/techhelp/wntsrsmmr.htm>
2. Install a whole house fan in your attic. Some people believe it does a better job cooling the whole house than a regular air conditioner. For more information, go to:
http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/home/heating_cooling/wholehouse_fan.html
3. If the temperature is below 80 degrees, open a window preferably in the morning to allow fresh, cool air inside to ventilate your rooms. Evenings are also good. If you are able, create a cross breeze by opening two or more windows across from each other.
4. Dress in light clothing. Wear shorts and sleeveless shirts or tops in the house. Wear white or light colors while outdoors, this prevents your body from attracting and holding heat from the sun. Reducing the time that you use an air conditioner not only saves on your utility bills, but it also helps the environment. You can do your own home energy audit by logging onto the MSC Website at: www.newcastlecite.net/utilities. Click on the house to get started. The MSC maintains a list of agencies that help with utility bills. Stop in our office to obtain one. Have a great summer and keep cool!





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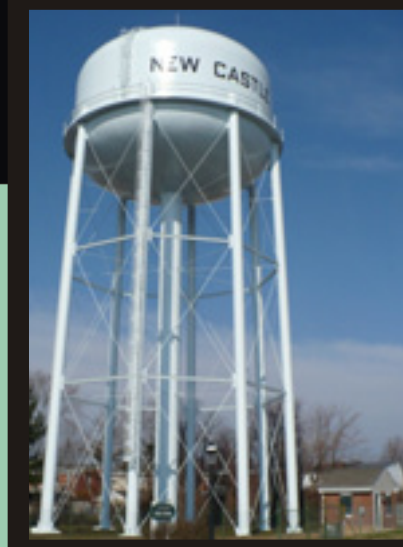
On February 8, 2011 the MSC put load on the new transformer at the Dobbinsville Substation and it has been handling the West End of the city without a hitch ever since. In the Spring the whole city will operate from this substation while work is done on the Wilmington Road Substation.





On January 20, 2011 the MSC started up the newly renovated School Lane Water Treatment Facility and School Lane, Frenchtown Road, and Basin Road Wells began supplying water to our citizens again. The MSC would like to thank Artesian Water Company for supplying water to our customers during the 120 day renovation. Completion of the Treatment Facility renovation marks the end of a 5 year Water System Capital Improvement Project. The water system improvements MSC invested in ensures we are in a position to meet future anticipated demands while serving the highest quality water to our customers.

Water





Meet Our Employee

Dave Bennett



In this newsletter we would like to introduce Dave Bennett. Dave is one of four linemen the MSC employs to keep your electric system running. Dave grew up in Bear and attended Hodgson Technical High School where he studied to become a journeyman electrician. The MSC is lucky to have someone who has the skills of an electrician as we train him to become a journeyman lineperson. Believe me they are two different skill sets.

On a personal note Dave enjoys fishing, 4 wheeling, furniture refinishing and time at a family beach house. He plans to marry next year and raise his son. Dave tells us this is the best job he has ever had and he enjoys the diverse jobs he is called upon to perform. He says he loves working in New Castle and he appreciates the compliments he gets from the citizens. It's nice to know people appreciate your work.

We are happy to have someone like Dave working for You and we are training him to be that next generation lineman who will maintain that same level of reliability you have come to expect.