

City Of New Castle



Municipal Services Commission

# *The Future Of Buttonwood C School*

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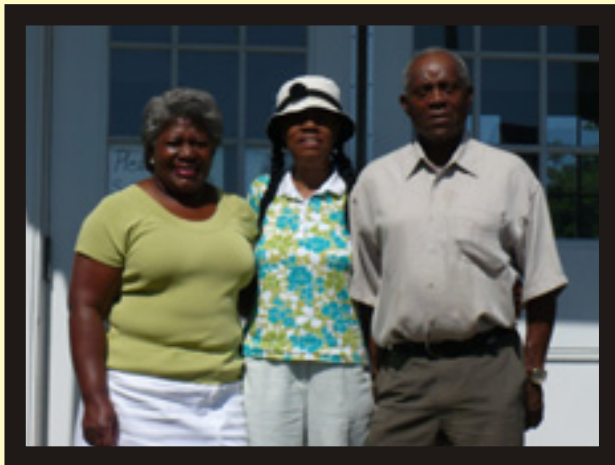


*Are you part of the next chapter?*





*In the Fall we think about children going back to school. In Buttonwood it's about how to maintain and support a school that has historical significance to that community and to the City of New Castle. The Buttonwood Colored School operated from 1924 to 1954. Today after extensive renovations it struggles to support itself in this difficult economy. The Board of Directors is asking the community to help it help itself. The School is a perfect venue for many social events such as meetings, weddings, anniversaries, exhibitions and graduations at a rental price that can't be beat. Your support would be welcomed in the form of a cash contribution, a rental of the facility or donations of table linens, silverware, folding chairs and tables. All gifts are tax deductible. Pictured are Gene Petty, his wife Teel and Dr. Bonnie English who are Board members. It's folks like this that make New Castle a better place to live. You may contact them at 328-3806. Donations may be made to:*



*Buttonwood C School  
111 Buttonwood Ave  
New Castle, DE 19720*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 9th**

Kitchen & Garden Tour

**Monday, October 11th**

Columbus Day

**MSC Main Office Closed**

**Friday, October 29th**

Halloween Parade 6:30pm

**Sunday, October 31st**

Halloween

**Tuesday, November 2nd**

**MSC CLOSED**

**Thursday, November 25th**

Thanksgiving- **MSC Closed**

**Friday, November 26th**

**MSC Closed**



# Water

Progress on the Water System Treatment Facility is moving forward. Layne Christensen, the Contractor who is working on the rehabilitation has performed as much work as possible while the facility remained in service however, they are ready to take it out of service to complete the remaining work.

On Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the MSC shutdown our School Lane Treatment Facility for approximately 120 days so the remaining work can be completed. During this time, the MSC has made arrangements with Artesian Water Company to purchase water for our customers. The MSC has an interconnection with Artesian at our School Lane Facility which will be utilized with out interfering with the rehabilitation. Since Artesian's water source is from the same aquifer as the MSC's and they perform the same treatment process to their water as the MSC, this should be a transparent change for our customers. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the MSC at 323-2333.



## Meet Our Employee



In this issue we would like you to meet Bill Barber. Bill came to work at the MSC in 1989 and we turned him from a carpenter into a water operator. The MSC is fortunate to have people like Bill who bring a variety of talents to their jobs and allow us to do all types of work in house. You can see some of Bill's carpentry skills in many of the buildings the MSC owns and maintains. He has taught his co-workers many new skills and especially how to care for MSC tools and equipment. Bill is talking about retirement and spending more time with his wife Jo and his three boys and their families. Both Jo and Bill have criss crossed the country on their Harley-Davidson touring motorcycle and they are looking forward to filling in the places they haven't seen. When the time comes we will miss Bill and thank him for his years of service to New Castle and the MSC.



# Message From The Comptroller

Did you know that in addition to the \$487,500 that the MSC gave to the City of New Castle in cash for their operations last year, the MSC also provided the City with \$98,622 worth of electric, water, labor and equipment services? I am very happy and proud to be a part of an Organization that gives back to the Community. You will see in this Edition our Audited Financial Statements where I put in bold print the Appropriations to the City of New Castle. What you will also see is the New Castle Cares Fund expense in the amount of \$5,000. This is a fund that the Commissioner's created at the Salvation Army to provide City of New Castle residents help with their electric bills during times of hardship. You can help too by making a contribution; feel free to contact our office for details.

Not only is the MSC a caring Organization, but it is proactive. If you compared last year's financial statements to this year's you would see Construction in Progress and Property, Plant and Equipment have increased over \$470,000. This is a result of the Commission planning for the future. The major Water System Improvements throughout the City and the beginning of our new Substation are two examples of our putting money back into systems in order to continue to provide quality service you our customers expect.

Again this year we received an unqualified opinion from the auditors and received no significant managerial comments. You might note that the Change in Net Assets this year is a negative number, which means we had a deficit. This result was a conscious decision on the part of the Commissioner's to not pass along all the increased

purchase of power cost that the MSC incurred. In an effort to minimize the effect that the current economy is having on our customers the Commissioners decided to use cash reserves to cover the additional cost instead of passing the full amount to you. Just one last example that the MSC continues to give back.

Sincerely,

*Pam Patone*

Comptroller



MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE)

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

MARCH 31, 2010

<u>Assets</u>	
<u>Current Assets:</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,221,959
Accounts Receivable (net of \$23,611 allowance)	998,151
Inventory	522,065
Construction In Progress	616,526
Dividend Receivable	3,551
Prepayments	47,814
Other Receivables	33,713
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<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>5,443,779</u>
<u>Net Investments</u>	<u>674,727</u>
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>	
Property, Plant and Equipment	14,641,060
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	( 9,393,016)
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<u>Net Fixed Assets</u>	<u>5,248,044</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>11,366,550</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Account Payable	\$ 704,098
Utility Taxes Payable	22,241
Payroll Withholdings Payable	10,217
Accrued Wages	39,151
Accrued Pension	-
Developer Deposit	24,920
Accrued Compensated Absences	268,816
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Total Current Liabilities: 1,069,443

Non-Current Liability:

Customer Deposit	104,455
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Total Liabilities 1,173,898

Net Assets:

Capital Grants (less accum amort)	367,770
Private Developer Contributions	1,247,377
Unrestricted Net Assets	8,577,505

Total Net Assets 10,192,652

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: \$ 11,366,550

ASSETS-This Section shows the items that the MSC owns called Assets. These items are either in our Possession such as trucks or are at a financial institution, like cash and investments or are payments that are owed to us such as accounts receivable.

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS- This section shows the liabilities of the MSC, the amount to vendors (accounts payable), to employees (accrued comp. abs.) and to customers (customer deposit). Net assets is the amount that remains after the liabilities are subtracted from assets.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

<u>Operating Revenue:</u>		<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
User Charges	\$ 10,686,904	Purchase of Power	
City Service Charges	84,275	Operating Expenses	
Miscellaneous	105,026	General & Administrative Expenses	
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 10,876,205	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 10,423,908
<u>Less: Free service</u>	( 30,125)	<u>Operating Income</u>	422,172
Net Operating Revenues	10,846,080		
<u>Purchase of Power and Water</u>	7,739,585	<u>Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses):</u>	
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	1,618,262	Investment Income	45,241
Salaries and Related Expenses	907,624	Gain on sale of Equipment	10,377
Repairs and Maintenance	48,677	Private developer contributions	48,327
Supplies and Training	61,316	Net Unrealized Gain on Noncurrent Investments	35,518
Insurance	110,115		
Depreciation	403,567	<u>Appropriations to the City of New Castle:</u>	
Plant & Equipment Expense	79,619	Ordinary	( 487,500)
Other	7,344	City service	( 84,275)
<u>General and Administrative Expense</u>	1,066,061	Special	( 14,347)
Salaries and Related Expenses	647,190	Total Appropriations to the City of New Castle	( 586,122)
Insurance	34,500		
Professional Fees	152,886	<u>Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)</u>	
<b>NEW CASTLE CARES FUND</b>	<b>5,000</b>		( 517,695)
Administrative & Occupancy	194,062	<u>Change in Net Assets</u>	
Depreciation	32,423		(\$ 95,523)

**Revenue** - This section shows the revenue earned through the sale of electricity and water to our customers.

**Expense** - This section shows the expense of the MSC. Purchase of Power & Water is the cost we incur to buy power for our customer. Operating Expenses are the direct costs to pay for linemen, water operators and to operate our facilities. General and Administrative Expenses are the cost associated with Billing, meter reading, accounting and management functions.

**Nonoperating Revenue And Expenses** - This section shows the income associated with investments and contributed capital.

**Appropriations To The City Of New Castle** - This section shows the amount given in cash (ordinary), electric and water (city service) and the amounts given in labor or equipment usage (special) to the City of New Castle. All of these appropriations benefit our customers.

**Change In Net Assets** - This section shows the Change in Net Assets which is the Net Income (what remains after the expenses are subtracted from the revenue. We put this net income back into our systems by making capital improvements to our systems).