



# COUNCILMAN TACKETT'S NEWSLETTER

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## PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

The Community Services Unit of the New Castle County Police provides programs and presentations free of charge to any Civic, Church or other group in New Castle County. Most of the presentations are 30 minutes to 1 hour in length. To schedule a program, call the Community Services Unit at 302-395-8050.

Examples of the programs they offer are the Community Watch Program that provides training to organize mobile patrols. These "patrols" are strictly designed to act as "eyes and ears" for the County Police. The Senior Roll Call Lifeline Program is reliable, daily telephone reassurance for seniors that checks on subscribers' safety through a computerized telephone system. Service is available to individuals over 55, disabled individuals, married couples over 55, and individuals with unique medical needs.

For more information, go to [www.nccpd.com](http://www.nccpd.com) and click on community programs.

### Volunteers Make a Difference Every Day

Volunteer Service enriches our community. The rewards are many—helping others, sharing your skills, making new friends, expanding your interests, and just having fun.

Volunteer opportunities abound with the New Castle County Government.

Volunteer for the new "Book Buddy" Program and help deliver library books to senior citizens. Mend and shelve books, read to children, or become an internet instructor at the New Castle County Libraries. These are just two examples of many great opportunities to help.

To sign up or for more information call the New Castle County Department of Community Services at (302) 395-5651.

### New Grocery Store Opens in Glasgow

The NEW Pathmark of Glasgow had its grand opening this past spring. It's in the Rt. 896 shopping center (with the Burger King and Happy Harry's/Walgreens) diagonally across from Glasgow High School .

Sign up for the Pathmark Advantages Newsletter by going to [www.pathmark.com](http://www.pathmark.com).

Subscribe and be rewarded with *special* promotions. It will also keep you informed of their biggest sales, news, events and exclusive promotions.

Pathmark *Advantages* E-news is completely FREE (if you ever change your mind you can always unsubscribe).

## Faithful Friends Can't Adopt? Then Sponsor—A-Friend

Help a pet awaiting adoption!!

For as little as \$10.00 per month, you can show your love and support by sponsoring the less adoptable pets currently being cared for by Faithful Friends.

You will receive a photo and letters to update you on your friend's progress and activities. It's an ideal way for youth groups, apartment dwellers or others who can't adopt or foster a pet to share their blessings— and save a life.

For more information call (302) 427-8514 or go to [www.faithfulfriends.us](http://www.faithfulfriends.us)

## The Friends of Glasgow Park

You are invited to the next meeting of the Friends of Glasgow Park to get involved in helping to develop and maintain New Castle County's regional park in the Glasgow area.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Community Room of Delaware State Police Troop 2 located on Route 40 near Glasgow.

Glasgow Park is a 300 acre recreational facility with current amenities such as a 2.75 mile multi-use trail, children playgrounds, a sledding hill and a pavilion.

Future plans include a skateboard area, basketball courts, tennis courts and soccer fields.

The Friends of Glasgow Park is a non profit organization of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and enhancing Glasgow Park for the enjoyment of everyone. In conjunction with New Castle County & State officials, members and all residents, the FoGP strive to make Glasgow Park an all inclusive recreational park.

For more information about the Friends of Glasgow Park, their website is

[www.friendsofglasgowpark.org](http://www.friendsofglasgowpark.org)

# PENCADER HERITAGE GHOST TOURS

## SEARCH FOR THE SPIRITS ON THE ONLY REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE FIELD IN DELAWARE

Ghost Tours Conducted  
by:

Delaware Ghost Tours

September 14, 2009—7:00PM

October 12, 2009—7:00PM



Pencader Heritage Museum  
Dayett Mills Complex  
Route 72, s/o Old Baltimore Pike



Wear non-skid shoes

Bring a flashlight and a camera

Cost—\$15.00 per person

Reservations Suggested!!

Call Barbara at (302) 737-5792

or Wendy at (302) 365-6282

## Christiana Fire Company Launches New Web Site

Christiana Fire Company announced the launch of its new web site [www.christianafc.org](http://www.christianafc.org)

"This web site is a great education and marketing tool for our Company", said President Pete Gilbert. "It takes Christiana to a whole new level. It gives the community greater access through the Contact Us feature and keeps them up to date about what's going on."

"We see it as a tool to communicate with our members and our residents", said Chief Brian Reeder. "Having the ability to receive fire and EMS pages as cell phone text messages really helps. This will improve our response and we'll be able to get rid of some old fashioned alpha pagers."

The web site, hosted and designed by Chief Web Design, is meant to share who they are, what they do and how they get it done. It includes many new features such as live run tracking, expanded leadership and membership listings, the Memorial Hall Calendar, upcoming events and an easy to find membership application.

## Contribute to New Castle County Pride

Are you interested in improving your County parks or library?

You can by making a tax-deductible donation to New Castle County Pride?

County Pride is a non-profit organization organized to accept to accept donations to improve our County programs.

- ◆ Make a donation to improve Glasgow Park...or any park.
- ◆ Help buy books for the Bear Library...or any library.
- ◆ Support County special events...or any other community program.
- ◆ Underwrite a guest speaker in the library.

You can provide direct support to important programs that serve our community.

For more information, please contact the Dept. of Community Services at (302)395-5613.

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and New Castle County wants to make sure that you have the smartest card of all—a library card. Studies show that children that are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

A library card has always been the most important school supply of all. Kids can visit the library to get homework help and check out books. Not to mention, they have access to a wide variety of reliable online resources. They can also check out free music, DVDs and use the internet to make after school life a little more fun. Sign up for your library card today!

## **LAND USE PAGE**

**Homeowners should apply for a permit only if they are doing the work themselves. If a contractor is doing the work, it is their responsibility to obtain the permit.**

**The process for obtaining a building permit can be relatively quick and easy if you arrive prepared with all the necessary information and materials. When you arrive at the Government Center, you will be asked to sign in using a computer kiosk. In specifying that you are applying for a building permit, you will be placed on the list of those seeking this service. The order is based upon time of check in, so signing in is important.**

**Once in the waiting room for the Department of Land Use, you will go through a pre-screening process. Our staff will ensure that you have all the necessary paperwork and will verify that the County taxes and fees for the property show no overdue balances. The wait is generally not extensive and our lobby has both a television set and publications to help you use your time while waiting.**

**Next is plan and zoning review. A planner will verify that the use is consistent with the zoning requirements for the site. The construction plans will be examined and the plan reviewer will verify that you are within the legal setback requirements and that the proposed structure meets all relevant size and height requirements. He/she can help answer any questions you may have about the construction process, how to schedule the necessary inspections and any other important information about the project.**

**Any work that changes the outside envelope of your home or adds outbuildings requires a plot plan that shows any structures on your property in relation to the property boundaries and which shows easements. This is called a "plot plan" or a "mortgage survey" and a copy should have been provided to you at settlement when you bought your home. If you do not have a copy of the plot plan, you will need to hire a surveyor to prepare one for you. Three copies are required when applying for a permit.**

**Detailed building plans/construction drawings are also required. Show the materials that you plan on using and how the construction will be done. If you are buying a package from a home improvement store, ask before purchasing whether construction drawings are included or available. Three copies are required when applying for a permit. The building plans will be examined by a Certified Plan Examiner for code compliance. You will also need to have a copy on hand when inspections are performed during construction.**

**Finally, bring a checkbook! The fee must be paid before the permit is issued. Remember – your building permit placard must be displayed in a conspicuous location, visible from the street, until your project is completed and the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.**