



The City Calendars are here! This year New Castle Historical Society, in a partnership with the Colonial School District explores New Castle's varied architecture. The cover features artwork done by Colonial School District Students from William Penn and The Wallin School.

2014 marked New Castle Historical Society's 80th year, the Society continues to preserve and

promote the City's heritage. Many thanks to Colonial School District, and the NCHS for collaborating on this unique cover.

Please take time to read through the calendar, as it makes up the Annual Report for City government activities that occurred in 2014, and provides a preview for what residents can expect in 2015. As always, we welcome your feedback. Comments and suggestions may be sent to the City Administrator at bbarthel@newcastlecity.org.

Important City Tax exemption information

The new year is the time for residents to apply for the over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Kathleen Walls at 322-9804.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. **The last day to apply is May 1st.**



File now to run in the April 11th City election!

Seats up for election in 2015 are:
Mayor (4 yr. term); City Council

President (2 yr. term), fulfilling the remainder of the previous President's term, & two Council seats (4 yr. terms.) Candidate filing packets are available at the City office, 220 Delaware Street. The last day to file for office is 2/27. Election updates are available on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

Important Notice
City Offices will be closed
on Monday, Feb 16th,
Presidents' Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

Reg. Schedule	Revised Schedule
Feb. 16	Feb. 17
Feb. 17	Feb. 18

**The next
Regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Feb. 10th at
Town Hall**

January & February Citywide Events

New Castle Little League Early Bird Sign Ups: Saturday, Jan. 31st, and Feb. 7th, See more information on back of newsletter.

Friday, February 7th—First Friday Art Loop

Every first Friday, New Castle has an Art Loop. For more information go to www.historicnewcastle.com.

Wednesday, February 4th, 7 p.m. - "Frigid February"

Lecture Series "The Story of the Delaware Continentals" Speaker: Chris Mlynarczyk, President - 1st Delaware Regiment. For more information on the Frigid February series go to www.newcastlehistory.org

Sunday, February 8th* St. Anthony's Club Spaghetti Dinner

(*Note Date Change, 2nd Sunday, due to the Super Bowl)

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's Club, 1017 Gray Street



Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and two meatballs! \$8.00

The First Sunday of Each Month* October-May

*April 12th (2nd Sunday) due to Easter Holiday

Friday, February 13th - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Castle Library Friends Chocolate Friendly
New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware Street

The focus of this event is chocolate; see more information on back of newsletter.

Wednesday, February 18th, 7 p.m. "Frigid February" Lecture Series "Seized in September: Revolutionary War Comes to Delaware" - Speaker:

Kim Burdick, Delaware Historian.

Saturday, February 28th - Attack

Addiction 5K Run - 9a.m. at St. Peters School. For more information

on getting involved as an individual

or a team, go to www.attackaddiction.com.



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Trustees Scholarship ...

The "Trustees of New Castle Common Scholarship Fund" was established in 1983 for **eligible residents of the City of New Castle**.

An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering the freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming September. Funded applicants from previous years who continue to meet the eligibility requirements are invited to re-apply for grant funding if available.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need and scholastic ability. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

Applications and instructions are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common, Delaware Street, New Castle.

Note that student's application and a transcript of final grades must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 1, 2015.

Need 2015 Healthcare coverage?

2015 Open Enrollment ends on February 15th. Enroll by this date and coverage can begin as soon as March 1st. For more information, go to www.healthcare.gov

Code Enforcement Corner

City Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes;

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site at newcastlecity.delaware.gov. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.



Mosquito Control. In February? The City of New Castle will be cooperating with the State of Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife to maximize mosquito control in the area in an effort to combat mosquito borne diseases. The City will aggressively enforce City health codes that require the elimination of standing water, such as in tires or buckets. So, now is a good time to do a quick property check, with the leaves are off the trees, and the plants dormant for the winter it is easier to see places on your property where this could be a problem. Look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, such as tires, buckets or tubs, anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this spring and summer to help with mosquito control.

New Castle Little League

Early Bird Sign Ups:

New Castle Little League will hold Early Bird sign ups on Sat., Jan. 31st, and Sat., Feb. 7th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at NCLL clubhouse; 732 Frenchtown Road. Please be sure to bring a birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency, such as drivers license, insurance card or a water/electric bill.



Additional Sign Ups: Wed., Feb. 11th (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), Sat., Feb. 14th, (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), Wed., Feb. 18th (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), Sat., Feb. 28th, (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) Check their website or Facebook page for more information - www.eteamz.com/nclittleleague

Just in time for Valentine's Day, it a Chocolate Friendzy!



Bring your sweetie to the New Castle Library Friends' **Chocolate Friendzy** on Friday, February 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Sample lots of goodies while raising

funds to support programs at the New Castle Public Library.

Tickets will be sold at the door, admission is \$20 for New Castle Library Friends/Non-members \$25, and includes two drink tickets! For additional information go to facebook.com/newcastlelibraryfriends.

It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of the end of a weather event.

The New Castle City Code, section 209-1: Sidewalks require a minimum 3 feet of clearance within 24 hours of a snow event ending. One should not anticipate warm weather following a storm to clear the sidewalk.

Also, please remember to clear any fire hydrant; this could save crucial minutes in an emergency situation.

Clearing Ice:

Here are some tips on clearing ice off sidewalks, from our neighbors to the north in the City of Edmonton:

- Pile snow in a place where it will not run across your sidewalk when it melts and aim your downspouts away from areas where people walk to keep your sidewalks clear during freeze-thaw cycles. Do NOT pile snow in the roadway.
- Warmer weather during the day can make ice soft, so it's easier to chip or shovel away.
- Spread sand or gravel on icy patches to make your sidewalk safer for pedestrians. Spreading sand on a sidewalk before ice forms can also make future ice easier to remove.
- Microwaving sand in a microwave-safe container and spreading it while it is still warm can make it more effective. It will embed itself in to the ice, creating a gritty top layer.