



# The New Castle Crier

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## City News

The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Aug 9th at  
Town Hall  
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**City Council reminder:**  
All City meetings are  
open to the public and  
residents are encour-  
aged to attend.

Agendas for City  
meetings are posted at  
the City Administration  
building (220 Delaware  
Street), and on the City  
website [newcastecity.  
delaware.gov](http://newcastecity.delaware.gov)) seven  
days prior to any  
meeting.

**Pier Update:** City Administrator, William Barthel reported at the July 11th, City Council Meeting, that construction on the Delaware Street pier will begin in August. In addition to the funds already provided by the State, the City will receive another \$300,000 from this year's Bond Bill. This funding will allow the pier to be built as planned.

The plan calls for a lighted pier extending approximately 170 feet into the river from the wharf at the foot of Delaware Street. A "T" at the end will allow the Kalmar Nyckel to dock in New Castle, and creates the potential for ferry traffic and visits by other tall ships.

**City Council Finalizes the FY 16/17 City Budget with no Tax Increase:** At a Special City Council meeting on June 27th, Council members finalized the FY 16-17 City budget with no tax

increase; the tax rate will remain at \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value.



### A LOOK at the BUDGET

Property owners who pay the City directly (not through escrow and a mortgage company), who have not received their tax bill by the end of July, should contact the tax office at 322-9804.

A 2% discount applies to payments received by August 31st. The full base amount is due for payments made in September. Beginning in October, all payments are subject to added interest and penalties.

A copy of the Budget and Resolution are available at the City office, 220 Delaware Street or on the City website at [newcastecity.delaware.gov/  
budgets-audits](http://newcastecity.delaware.gov/budgets-audits).

## June/July Events

### Summer Concerts and Dinner in the Park!

**Wednesday, July 20th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Seven Rings (Penn's Bistro & Sweet Josephine's)  
*Irish music & Acoustic rock.*

**Saturday, July 23rd, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Bellanca Open House**  
Bellanca Airfield and Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Museum. Free Admission.

**Wednesday, July 27th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Zydeco a Go Go (Mama Mia & Sweet Josephine's)

**Wednesday, August 3rd 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Newark Community Band (Plum Pit & Sweet Josephine's) *Marches, show tunes and light classics.*

**Friday, August 5th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**First Friday Art Loop.** Sip and snack and enjoy

special events in New Castle's Downtown District.

**Wednesday, August 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Special Delivery (Mama Mia & Sweet Josephine's)

**Saturday, August 13th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Bellanca Open House**  
Bellanca Airfield and Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Museum. Free Admission.

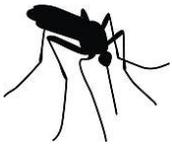
**Wednesday, August 17th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
The Big Package (Penn's Bistro & Sweet Josephine's)

**Sunday, August 28th 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
**Annual Antique Show in Battery Park**  
Sponsored by the New Castle Visitor's Bureau. Admission \$7.00.



*New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!*

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!



## Fight the Bite!

Please remain vigilant in the fight against mosquitoes and mosquito borne disease. City health codes require the elimination of standing water.

### Please check your property for areas where mosquitos may breed.

- Eliminate containers of standing water in wheelbarrows, buckets, pet dishes or tires.
- Stagnant water in birdbaths should be changed every other day.
- Pool & boat covers collect water and should be emptied right away.
- Wading pools should be emptied when not in use, pools and toys should be stored where they won't collect rainwater.

**POOLS:** All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) require a building permit. Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

## Your New Castle Public Library

### It's Not too late to Join the 2016 Library Summer Challenge



This year's reading challenge will continue through August 25th. Earn incentives by logging reading, attending events, and completing activities this summer.

Get started by registering at Beanstack - [www.delaware.beanstack.org/reader365](http://www.delaware.beanstack.org/reader365).

Age groups range from birth to 18+, so get started today!

For more information stop in at the New Castle City Library, 424 Delaware Street, call the library at 302-328-1995 or visit their website at [www.nccdelib.org/newcastle](http://www.nccdelib.org/newcastle).

## Code Enforcement Corner

The City Code Enforcement department 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 on the City website at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov) or in the City offices; you can also call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

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.

### **§ 94-1 Defecation on public or private property prohibited; owner to remove feces.**



It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit a dog, cat or other domestic animal owned or subject to the control of such person to defecate upon any street, sidewalk or park, or upon any public property, or upon any private property within the City of New Castle without the consent of the owner or tenant of such private property. In the event that any dog, cat or other domestic

animal deposits its excrement upon any public or private land within the City of New Castle, such owner of said dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall remove immediately, in a sanitary manner in an airtight bag or other closed or sealed container, any fecal matter deposited by said dog, cat or other domestic animal.

**SPECIAL TRASH PICK-UP** (appliances, bedding, furniture, excess trash or other large items, etc.) can be arranged by calling the Public Works Dept. at 322-9801. Arrangements must be made and paid for prior to pick-up. Pick-up is only on the regular scheduled trash pick-up days. Placement times are the same as for normal trash, except large appliances may be put out for as long as 24-hours.

**GRASS MAINTENANCE:** No person being the owner or possessor of a developed or undeveloped parcel one acre in size or less shall permit grasses or weeds to grow more than six inches high. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways. Keep sidewalks clear of grass and weeds.



The City Code can be accessed online at [www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/city-code/](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/city-code/)