



Trustees Scholarship Announced

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, 2014.



Important City Tax exemption information

Interviews for the Over 65 and Disability exemption are accepted through June 16th. Homeowners can contact Finance Manager, Marian C. Delaney, at 322-9811 for an interview. The interview appointment can be scheduled at your convenience. The Exemption is available to seniors and persons with disabilities with income



of \$15,000 for a single and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security

income is not counted towards this total. If applying for a 2014 property tax exemption a copy of the **completed 2013** Federal income tax form is required.

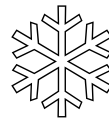
Important Notice

City Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan 20th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Feb 17th, Presidents' Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

Regular Schedule	Revised Schedule
Jan. 20	Jan. 21
Jan. 21	Jan. 22
Feb. 17	Feb. 18
Feb. 18	Feb. 19

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 11th at Town Hall



January & February Citywide Events

January is Friends of the Library Month, Join the Friends of the New Castle Public Library. For a contribution starting at only \$10/year, you can become a Library Friend? Membership information and forms are at the circulation desk.

February 7th—First Friday Art Loop

Every first Friday, New Castle joins our big sister (Wilmington) in offering an art loop. Wine, snacks, friends and beautiful works of art - don't miss it! For more information go to www.historicnewcastle.com

Wednesday, February 5th, 7 p.m.

Wintery Wednesdays Lecture Series. Join the New Castle Historical Society for a series of three lectures at the New Castle Court House Museum. For the first lecture Gerald Kaufman discusses the British Invasion of Delaware in 1777. Free to NCHS members / \$5 for non-members.

Wednesday, February 19, 7 p.m.

Wintery Wednesdays Lecture Series.

For the second lecture John Medkeff will discuss the history of Delaware breweries. Free to NCHS members / \$5 for non-members.

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, March 1st—7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

A Night at "Scully's Irish Pub"

New Castle Historical Society will host their annual Winter Fundraiser event, *A Night at Scully's Irish Pub*, at historic Buena Vista in New Castle

For more information and to purchase tickets visit the New Castle Historical Society's website at www.newcastlehistory.org or call 302-322-2794. All proceeds help support the New Castle Historical Society.

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Clip n' Save Reminders

Important MSC Information

If you experience a Water or Electric Emergency, the Municipal Services Commission is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including weekends and holidays.

During Normal Business Hours Call:
302-323-2330 or 302-323-2333

After Normal Business Hours Call:
302-323-2330 or 302-323-2333

(leave a message on our after-hours emergency mailbox and a representative will return your call.)

2014 City Holiday Trash, Recycle and Yard Waste Pick Up Changes.

***In case of Inclement Weather ***

check the City website for closing and updated pick-up information. www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov

- 1/1/14 New Years Day—Closed—No Yard Waste Pick-Up
- 1/20/14 M.L. King Jr. Day—City Offices Closed

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
Jan. 20	Jan. 21
Jan. 21	Jan. 22
- 2/17/14 President's Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
Feb. 17	Feb. 18
Feb. 18	Feb. 19
- 4/18/14 Good Friday Offices Closed No Recycle Pick-Up
City-wide Recycle on Thursday the 17th
No Recycle pick-up on Friday the 18th
- 5/26/14 Memorial Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
May 26	May 27
May 27	May 28
- 7/4/14 Independence Day Offices Closed No Recycle Pick-Up
City-wide Recycle on Thursday the 3rd
No Recycle pick-up on Friday the 4th
- 9/2/14 Labor Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
Sept. 1	Sept. 2
Sept. 2	Sept. 3
- 11/4/14 Election Day—City Offices Closed

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
Nov. 4	Nov. 5
- 11/27 & 28/14 Thanksgiving Offices Closed Thurs. & Fri.
City-wide Recycle on Wednesday the 26th
No Recycle pick-up on Thurs. or Fri. 11/27 & 28
- 12/25 & 26/14 Christmas Offices Closed Thurs. & Fri.
City-wide Recycle on Wednesday the 24th
No Recycle pick-up on Thurs. or Fri. 12/25 & 26
- 1/1/15 New Years Day—Closed—No Yard Waste Pick-Up
City-wide Recycle on Friday the 2nd

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.

Inclement Weather Reminders:

The New Castle City Code, section 204-6G, outlines the proper times to place receptacles for pickup and when the receptacles must be removed to the proper storage locations. If by chance the receptacles are missed, or the resident has placed them out at an incorrect day/time, they must be removed until the next scheduled day. (the City calendar addresses the correct days for pickup) There was considerable confusion, throughout the City, over the recent holiday's and weather events, 12/23/13 to 1/10/14, as to when the trash/recycle pickup might occur. Many left trash and recycle at their pickup locations for several days, until the next scheduled pickup day. This is a violation, a potential health hazard, an invitation to animals, and a lack of neighborhood consideration. Special trash days are included on the City calendar, and are posted on the City website. If you have questions, you can also call 322-9813. For your convenience, please see cut out and save info in this newsletter for this year's special trash days.



The New Castle City Code, section 209-1: after the recent snow storm, 1/2-1/3/14, many of our Citizens did not (could not or would not) clear the sidewalks adjacent to their properties. 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. If you have a neighbor who is unable to do this, think about helping out if you can. **Also, please remember to clear any fire hydrant; this could save crucial minutes in an emergency situation.**