Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, and New Year. From the City Elected Officials and Employees!

January is the time to renew your City Business License and Rental Housing Business License

Now is the time to renew/obtain the 2015 New Castle City business licenses and rental housing business licenses.

All business’s located in and/or working within the City, must have a current New Castle City business license. See Chapter 156 of the City Code.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City “rental housing business license”, which must be renewed annually, and must be periodically inspected by the City Building Department. See Chapter 140, Article V, of the City Code.

All license applications and City Code information are available at the City Building Department, 900 Wilmington Road (Trolley Barn), or at newcastlecity.delaware.gov. Payment is due at the time of application.

Apply for City Property Tax Exemptions starting Jan. 15

January 15th begins the new cycle for citizens 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.

Important Notice
Christmas & New Year Weeks Schedule Change in Recycle Pick-Up
Wed., Dec. 24th City-Wide Recycle Pick-Up
Thurs., Dec 25th - Offices Closed; NO Recycle Pick-Up
Fri., Dec 26th - Offices Closed; NO Recycle Pick-Up
Thurs., Jan 1st - Offices Closed; NO Recycle Pick-Up
Friday, Jan. 2nd City-Wide Recycle Pick-Up

December/January Citywide Events

Through December 28
Holidays at the Amstel and Dutch Houses. The Amstel House will be decorated for a traditional holiday celebration in colonial times, showing off a “dessert board” of the period. At the Dutch House, experience a celebration of St. Nicholas’ Eve, a tribute to the legend of Saint Nicholas, Dutch patron saint. Included with regular admission to the museums.

The City provides the service of Christmas Tree Recycling! Place your tree curbside for City crews to perform chipping operations. Please make sure all decorations are off the Tree.

January 2nd First Friday Art Loop
Every first Friday, we join our big sister (Wilmington) in offering an art loop. Wine, snacks, friends and beautiful works of art - don’t miss it! Next up, January 2nd. For more information go to historicnewcastle.com

January 4th St. Anthony’s Club Spaghetti Dinner
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

January 10th—5:30-9:00 p.m.
Wine About What Ales You Start your New Year off right - at the 5th Annual Wine and Craft Beer Tasting. Additional information on back of newsletter.

New Castle — The First Capital City!
The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
5th Annual Wine About What Ales You
Sat., January 10, 2014 - 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
The Arsenal
30 Market Street New Castle
$35 per person

It’s time to get your tickets for “Wine About What Ales You” Wine and Craft Beer Tasting presented by the Historic New Castle Alliance.
Hor d’oeurves by Penn’s Bistro Music by DJ Lew Indellini Dancing and Cash Bar 7:30-9:00!
Fabulous Silent Auction!!

Due to capacity - tickets are limited Online tickets are available on the Alliance website at historicnewcastle.com.
For further information, cash or check ticket purchases call Cyndi Snyder at 323-4453.

This is an annual event for the Historic New Castle Alliance.

Code Enforcement Corner

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. 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.