The Official Newsletter New Castle Crier **Of New Castle City** 

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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.

A ll 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.

### 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

## **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 exemp-



tion. 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.



## **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. Nichols' 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!

# Clip n' Save Reminders

<u>Quick Reference Guide: Who do I call?</u> Police, Fire of Emergency Medical Services: Call 9-1-1 Non-emergency Police Service: 24 hours/day 302-573-2800 New Castle City Office: 302-322-9801

Public Services Trolley Barn: 302-322-9813 Regular office hours are Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \*Urgent after hours, call 302-420-2692 and leave a message\*

Water or Electric Issue: (Municipal Services Commission) Call 302-323-2330

(leave a message after hours and your call will be returned)

# 2015 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

1/1/15 New Years Day—Closed—No Recycle Pick-Up \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Friday the 2nd</u>\*\*\*

1/19/15 M.L. King Jr. Day—City Offices Closed <u>Regular Schedule</u> Jan. 19 Jan. 20 Jan. 20 Jan. 21

2/16/15 President's Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up <u>Regular Schedule</u> Feb. 16 Feb. 17 Feb. 17 Feb. 18

4/3/15 Good Friday Offices Closed No Recycle Pick-Up \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Thursday the 2nd</u>\*\*\* No Recycle pick-up on Friday the 3rd

5/25/15 Memorial Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up Regular Schedule Revised Schedule

May 25

May 26

May 26 May 27

7/3/15 Independence Day Offices Closed No Recycle Pick-Up \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Thursday the 2nd</u>\*\*\* No Recycle pick-up on Friday the 3rd

9/7/15 Labor Day Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up <u>Regular Schedule</u> Sept. 7 Sept. 8 Sept. 8 Sept. 9

- 11/26 & 27/15 Thanksgiving Offices Closed Thurs. & Fri. \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Wednesday the 25th</u>\*\*\* No Recycle pick-up on Thurs. or Fri. 11/26 & 27
- 12/24 & 25/15 Christmas Offices Closed Thurs. & Fri. \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Wednesday the 23rd</u>\*\*\* No Recycle pick-up on Thurs. or Fri. 12/24 & 25 1/1/16 New Years Day—Closed—No Yard Waste Pick-Up \*\*\*<u>City-wide Recycle on Thursday the 12/31st</u>\*\*\*

No Recycle pick-up on Friday the 1st

# January Event

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 <u>historicnewcastle.com</u>. 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**

**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 on the City Website, newcastlecity.delaware.gov. or at the City Offices . 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.

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. 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.