



# The New Castle Crier

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**MARCH  
INTO  
YOUR  
DOWNTOWN**



## City News

The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Mar. 8th at  
Town Hall  
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City Offices will be  
closed on Fri., Mar. 25th  
in observance of  
Good Friday

### Revised Recycle Pick-up Schedule

CITYWIDE

Recycle Pick-up  
Thur. Mar 24th

No Recycle Pick-up  
Fri. Mar. 25th

## Your Opinion Counts! City of New Castle Downtown Open House, and Downtown Development District Survey

On Friday, March 4th between 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. plan to **March Into Your Downtown** for the Downtown Open House. Visit participating businesses to be eligible to win a gift basket, courtesy of the N. C. Downtown Development District Partnership. Look for the 3 leaf clovers!

The City of New Castle will seek Downtown Development District (DDD) designation as an integral component to its comprehensive, on-going economic efforts.

As part of the Downtown Development District planning process, we are conducting an online survey on

the frequency and purpose of consumer activity in the New Castle area and the demand for new and expanded commercial offerings. The results of this survey will help to identify current and future market opportunities in the New Castle.

As a current patron of businesses in the New Castle area, a resident, tenant, employee, visitor, or a business owner or operator, we need your opinion! The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. More information about DDD and the survey can be found on the City's website, [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov).

## February /March Events

Friday, March 4th - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**March Into Your Downtown - Open House**  
Visit 10 participating businesses to be eligible to win a gift basket. More information above.



Friday, March 4th - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**First Friday - Art Loop** On the First Friday of each month, walk through local galleries, at the Courthouse, tour the **Charles Park's Sculpture and Statue Exhibit**, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Free

**3rd Annual atTACK addiction 5K**  
**Saturday March 5, 2016**  
St. Peter's School - 515 Harmony Street  
Pre-Registration: \$30.00 - Virtual Registration \$35.00  
For more information go to:

[www.attackaddiction.com/2016-5k.html](http://www.attackaddiction.com/2016-5k.html)

**Saturday, March 5th, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**  
**4th Annual St Patrick's Day Dance**  
Irish music by Seven Rings  
Bring your own food. Cash bar (no outside beverages allowed) \$20/advance; \$25 at the door.  
River Room at the New Castle Senior Center  
Tickets available at the senior center



**Sunday, March 6th - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**St. Anthony's Club Spaghetti Dinner**  
St. Anthony's Club, 1017 Gray Street  
Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and two meatballs! \$8.00

**Monday, February 7th - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse Museum - West Wing**  
**New Castle Community Partnership Meeting.**  
All are welcome!

**Wednesday, March 9th - 7:00 p.m. Founding of America in One Year** - Presentation by historian Bob Vander Decker. Part one of a year-long series. This month **1764-1769: Leading Causes to the American Revolution- Post French and Indian War.** Free

**Saturday, March 12th - Songs of a Faithful People** - Valarie Petty Boyer, Ph.D. performs the story of an enslaved woman escaping to freedom via the Underground Railroad. 1:00 p.m. Free but Limited Seating Reservations Required. 302-323-4463

**Sunday, March 13th - Whispers of Angels** - Screening of this Award-Winning film of Delaware abolitionist Thomas Garrett and his work on the Underground Railroad. Starring Edward Asner and Blair Underwood. Filmed in New Castle and other Del. sites. Free

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

# SPECIAL CODE NOTICE

**To: All New Castle City Residents and Property Owners**

**RE: Removal of Snow or Ice from Sidewalks and Trails**

In the aftermath of the recent January 23, 2016 snow event, many of our Citizens complied with the City Code and cleaned/cleared the sidewalks adjacent to their properties, and for that we thank you. However there were also a large proportion of properties that failed to comply, and consequently, contributed to the hazardous conditions that existed well after the storm.

It is unfair, illegal and wrong to deprive pedestrians of a clean, clear and safe right-of-way to traverse. Children, elderly and physically disabled individuals are especially vulnerable to the hazardous conditions presented when property owners or tenants do not follow these rules.

**The City Code states:**

**Chapter 209. Streets and Sidewalks**

**Article I. Removal of Snow and Ice**

**[Adopted 4-1-1986 by Ord. No. 279]**

**§ 209-1. Removal of snow and ice required.**

Any person, corporation, company or other entity, being the owner, tenant or occupant of any house or other building, or the owner of any improved or unimproved lot, shall remove any snow, hail, ice or other matter or thing from any pavement, sidewalk or footway along and adjoining said premises **within 24 hours** of the time snow ceased to fall or the ice formed. Said owner, tenant or occupant shall cause a pathway to be **cleared at least three feet in width** along the pavement or sidewalk to the gutter to allow the free passage of pedestrians.

**Chapter 140. Housing and Property**

**Maintenance**

**Article III. Administration and Enforcement**

**§ 140-13. Action by City upon failure to correct.**

In the event the owner, occupant, or tenant fails to comply with the lawful order of the Code Enforcement Officer to make safe or correct a dangerous or unsafe condition ... the Code Enforcement Officer shall proceed, when in his or her opinion emergency action is required, to abate the unsafe condition by appropriate means. All costs incurred by the City for the abatement of such conditions shall be paid by the owner or possessor of the land in procedures established in this code. In addition to any expense incurred by the City for the removal or abatement of such violations, an administrative fee shall be assessed to the owner or possessor of



land or improved premises. Such administrative fee shall be set from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

**§ 140-14. Collection of fees; creation of tax lien.**

Any expense of removal or abatement by the City in the enforcement of this code shall be paid by the owner or possessor of the land or improved premises within 30 days after notice thereof by registered or certified mail. If the amount is not paid within such time, such amount, together with a penalty of 10% of such expense and interest of 18% per annum, shall be assessed against the land or improved premises and shall, until paid, constitute a lien against the property.

All sidewalks adjacent to each property must be cleared.

It should be noted that curb cuts and intersections where sidewalks meet streets there should be a clear path; additionally, for everyone's safety, fire hydrants should also be cleared as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter. In the future, we look forward to having everyone abide by the Code and create an environment that is safe for everyone.

## **NCHS Save-these-Dates!**

**Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.**

***NCHS Annual Meeting***

**The Arsenal, 30 Market Street, New Castle**

The New Castle Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at The Arsenal, 30 Market Street, New Castle, DE. *Free to the public.*

**Friday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.**

***House Museums Open.*** The Amstel House & Dutch House museums open to public for tours. Tickets for tours may be purchased at The Arsenal, 30 Market Street, Old New Castle.

**Thursday, June 2nd, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

***Annual Garden Party.*** Welcome the beginning of summer at NCHS's annual bash in the Dutch House gardens! Hors d'oeuvres and libations are included with admission to the party. Tickets are \$30 for current NCHS members and \$35 for non-members. Reservations are highly suggested. **Online ticketing will be available soon at [newcastlehistory.org](http://newcastlehistory.org) or for more info., call the Society office at 302-322-2794.**