



City News

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

**Public Works Fall
Hours Start
Mon., October 3rd
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

LEAF PICK UP

When the leaves start
to fall, rake them to the
curb for pick up.

Only rake leaves to the
curb, no sticks or other
debris may be in leaf
piles, as that may dam-
age the machinery.

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Fall Fun

Visit the City website
for all the details.

newcastlecity.delaware.gov.



New Castle Shines in the Fall

Upcoming Fall Events & Festivals: September & October

There is no question that New Castle is amazing all year long, but it really comes to life in the Fall. The crisp air and beautiful foliage welcome locals and visitors alike to the many festivals and events held here each year.



Kicking off the Fall season on Sat., Sept. 24th is the **46th Annual Art on the Green** (in Battery Park), hosted by the New Castle Lions Club, it runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also on Sept. 24th are the **Penn Farm Open House/Picnic** from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the **Harvest Dinner at Penn Farm** from 4 to 9 p.m. and the Historical Society's **Farm2Fork Day** from 2 - 8 p.m., including family friendly activities at the George

Read House, and for the adults a hard cider making workshop and whiskey tasting at the Arsenal.



October starts off in a big way with the **River Towns Ride & Festival** Sat., Oct. 1st from 11:30

a.m. - 5 p.m. Dust off your bike, this unique festival spans two historic river towns with a craft beer festival and free family fun in both. Celebrate our history on **William Penn Day**, Sat., Oct. 22nd from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Museum.

There are just too many events to list them all, please visit the City website, newcastlecity.delaware.gov for many more events, and detailed information on the events listed here and below.

September / October Events

Friday, Sept. 23rd - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

New Castle Senior Center - Jazz Jamm with the Rob Zinn Quartet. Bring your own food. Cash bar. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call 326-4209 for information.

Saturday, Sept. 24th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

46th Annual New Castle Lions - Art on the Green
Free Admission & over 250 Vendors. artonthegreende.net

Saturday, Sept. 24th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Penn Farm Picnic & Open House - Call 655-7275 or visit delawaregreenways.org for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 24th 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

New Castle & DE Historical Society - Farm2Fork Day
visit dehistory.org for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 24th 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

New Castle Sailing Club - Open House - Visit newcastlesailingclub.org for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 24th 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CROP/DE Greenways - Harvest Dinner @ Penn Farm
visit thecrop.org for ticket information.

Saturday, Oct. 1st 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Castle Historical Society - Sampler ID Day

Bring your 18th & 19th century samplers to the Arsenal for identification by the Del. Sampler Discovery Group.

Saturday, Oct. 1st 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

River Towns Ride & Festival Biking and fun on the Green.
www.rivertownsfestival.com

Friday, October 7th - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

First Friday Art Loop. Sip and snack and enjoy special events in New Castle's Downtown District.

Saturday, October 8th - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bellanca Open House & Car Show Unique New Castle Aviation Museum, website at friendsofbellanca.org.

Sunday, October 9th - 1:00 p.m.

New Castle Area CROP Hunger Walk

Join others from area churches to help end hunger. Registration begins at noon N.C. United Methodist Church

Friday, October 14th - 6:00 p.m. \$25.00

Good Will Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary - Designer Handbag Bingo Fun, food, 50/50's, and designer handbags! Email emilymajew@gmail.com for ticket info.

Thursday, October 27th - 6:30 p.m. (Note New Date)
Annual Halloween Parade

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!

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



2016 Fall Hydrant Flushing Program to Begin Oct. 17th

The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin their Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, October 17, 2016. Flushing will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday taking approximately 10 business days to complete. The Hydrant Flushing Program is important to MSC's water system and is an integral part of their goal to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. Additionally, it improves fire protection by testing the operation of the City's hydrants.

The Municipal Services Commission schedules the flushing program during the late fall when water demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in our system. Customers should not experience service interruptions during the flushing process.

The flushing process may cause some temporary water discoloration. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you notice discolored water, run several cold water taps at the same time until the water is clear. Avoid using hot water and doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

The Municipal Services Commission urges all residents to exercise caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews as water may accumulate in the flushing area.

Your understanding and cooperation during this process is appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Municipal Services Commission Water Department at 323-2333 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 or in the City offices; you can also call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

It Might be Fall, but You Still Need to Fight the Bite!

Stay vigilant towards mosquitos this Fall. Keep your property free from standing water.

Cases of animal cruelty, neglect, dangerous or at-large dog complaints will now be handled by officers from the Delaware Division of Public Health-Office of Animal Welfare - 302-255-4646



New Castle is Pokémon Go Hot Spot

Ever since Niantic launched *PokémonGo*, New Castle (and countless cities around the world) has been alive with players hunting the elusive Pokémon. Battery Park and other downtown locations are especially popular. If you want to know more about Pokestops in New Castle, visit pokemongomap.info and allow access of your location to view New Castle.

The City government and our Police Department are working on ways to better address this increase in visitors. Actions to date have included more trash cans and increased trash pickups, police enforcement of Battery Park/wharf hours, ongoing enforcement of our laws including tickets, evaluating additional parking options and reaching out to other communities and citizens for input. The City has posted rules on how to play Pokemon Go safely and politely while still enjoying the game on its website and social media. City police request that you call 911 if you need immediate assistance so officers can be dispatched to address parking or other violations.

You can also contact Niantic directly. *PokémonGo* has seen some rather inappropriate real-world locations used in-game, including personal property and memorials such as the Holocaust Museum and Arlington Cemetery. Game creator Niantic has created a solution; they have added a removal request form on their website. You can go to pokemongo.nianticlabs.com and request the removal of a Poké-Stop or Gym; reasons include, it is on your personal property or it is in a dangerous location. The City website will have a link to this page for your convenience; go to newcastlecity.delaware.org for more information.



Don't Fall for Phone Scams!

City Services will **NEVER** require that you pay a bill or ticket in a certain way, such as with a prepaid debit card. **This is a red flag from any phone call.** Current scams include phony calls from the IRS, family members in need of help and even the police. If you think a call is suspicious, take down the number if you have caller ID, hang up and report it to the New Castle Police at 322-9800. Never give information to someone who is calling you.

Normal Field Service Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.

Sat-Sun: 10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Emergency Field Services: 24 hours daily



Delaware Animal Services (DAS) is the community service and enforcement unit of the Delaware Division of Public Health Office of Animal Welfare (OAW.) DAS serves residents and animals statewide in the areas of animal cruelty enforcement, animal control, dangerous dog management, dog licensing, and rabies control. Visit their website at animalservices.delaware.gov.