



# The New Castle Crier

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**Tuesday, Jan. 3rd is the first day to file for office.**

## City News

**The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 10th at Town Hall**  
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### Holiday Changes in Recycle & Trash Schedule

**Thursday Dec. 22nd**

#### CITY-WIDE

**RECYCLE PICK-UP**

**Friday, Dec. 23rd**

**City Offices Closed**

**NO Recycle Pickup**

**Monday, Dec. 26th City**

**Offices Closed**

**NO Trash Pickup**

Reg. Schedule Rev. Schedule

Dec. 26th Dec. 27th

Dec. 27th Dec. 28th

**Monday, Jan. 2nd**

**City Offices Closed**

**NO Trash Pickup**

Reg. Schedule Rev. Schedule

Jan. 2nd Jan. 3rd

Jan. 3rd Jan. 4th

*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 & Rental License's



Now is the time to renew your 2017 New Castle City Business License and Rental Housing Business License.

All business's located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a current New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City Rental Housing Business License, which must be renewed annually; rental properties must be periodically inspected by the City Building Department.

License applications and City Code information are available at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street 302-322-9801, or at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov). Payment is due at the time of application.

### Apply for City Property Tax Exemptions starting Jan. 16th



January 16th 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 the Finance Department 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.

### City Calendars will be mailed to you this year.

The City Calendar is due to mail later this month. Calendar's will also be available at the City Administration building, the Police Station, MSC and other locations around the City.

## December/January Events



### Shop Small Continues through the year.

"Shop Small" and support the businesses in and around New Castle. Many of our local shops and restaurants offer gift certificates, the perfect gift.

### First Friday Night - Fri., Jan. 6th

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Throughout Downtown.**

Walk through town visiting galleries, unique objets d'art while snacking and sipping wine.

### New Castle Library Friends Annual Meeting,

**Thur., Jan. 26th - 6:30 p.m. (see back)**

New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street.

### Wine About What Ales You (see back)

**Sat., Jan. 28th - 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

New Castle Senior Center 400 South Street



### Trustee Grants Available:

Grants are available from the Trustees of the New Castle Common. Every year the Trustees accept requests from the community organizations. Competitive grants are evaluated by the Outreach Committee and voted on by the whole Board of Trustees. If your organization wishes to submit an application forms are available from the Trustees office or online at [TrusteesNCC.org](http://TrusteesNCC.org). The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, 2016

*New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!*

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



## MSC CORNER

### New Castle Cares!

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) created the New Castle Cares Fund at the Salvation Army which can provide financial assistance to individuals who may have experienced a hardship and need assistance paying their electric and water bills. This may be an unexpected automobile repair or hospital bill.

Please contact the MSC to obtain more information (302) 323-2330 or call the Salvation Army directly at (302) 472-0764.

**MSC Offices Closed for the Holidays:** Municipal Services offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd & Monday, December 26th for the holiday, and also on Monday, January 2nd for New Year's. As always, if you have an electric or water emergency on a holiday or after hours you can call 323-2330 or 323-2333. Leave a message and you call will be returned.

### Join the Friends of New Castle Library and Alexander Hamilton for their Annual Meeting

Join the New Castle Library Friends on Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the New Castle Public Library for its Annual Meeting. Following the meeting there will be a program on Alexander Hamilton by the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Hamilton's story is told using videos and music from the Broadway musical, "Hamilton: An American Musical" and fills in where the musical leaves some historic gaps. This event is free and open to the public and includes a meal of a variety of hearty soups and breads.

Come out on a cold January night and warm up with some soup, an entertaining presentation, and learn about the exciting work the Friends are doing to support valuable programs and services for the local community. If you have any questions, please call the New Castle Public Library at (302) 328-1995.

### 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](http://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.



## New Castle City Police News

On behalf of the New Castle City Police Department and Good Will Fire Company, we want to thank everyone who donated and helped out with the Christmas for the Kids party. It was a great event.

### Air Compressor Recovered

During a recent investigation the New Castle City Police Department recovered an air compressor. If you or a neighbor was the victim of this theft, please contact Det. Tina Shughart at 322-9800.



After the holidays, it's time to

### "WINE ABOUT WHAT ALES YOU"



New Castle Community Partnership  
Presents the

### 7th Annual Wine and Craft Beer Tasting

Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:30-9:00 p.m.

**NEW CASTLE SENIOR CENTER**

River Room

### Featuring

Wines from Prestige Wines, Heritage Ridge and Crow Wineries. Craft Beers from Mispillion River, 3rd Wave, and Argilla Breweries. Also featured, the Painted Stave Distillery, Liquid Alchemy, and Belgian Beers from Jessop's Tavern.

Fabulous Food by Penn's Bistro (William Penn H.S.)

Music by DJ Paul Freebery

Dancing and Cash Bar 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**TAROT READINGS \* GAMES OF CHANCE \* SILENT AUCTION**  
\$35.00 per person Purchase tickets at door or online  
at [www.Historicnewcastle.com](http://www.Historicnewcastle.com)

For more information call- 302-323-4453

Tickets are Tax-Deductible

Proceeds benefit the N. C. Wayside Exhibit Project



**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. If off-street parking is available,**

**please move vehicles to facilitate plowing.**

**The New Castle City Code, section 209-1:** Sidewalks require a minimum 3 feet of clearance within 24 hours of a snow event ending. 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.**