



The New Castle Crier

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St. Patrick's Day
Dance at the
New Castle
Senior Center,
Details Below.

City News

The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Mar. 14th at
Town Hall

Election News

The last day to file to
run for a City office is
Fri., Feb. 24th 5 p.m.
at the City Office
220 Delaware Street

The Last day to
withdraw as a
candidate from the
City Election is
Monday, March 20th

First State National Historical Park Public Meeting - March 8th



First State National Historical Park

The National
Park Service is
excited to
announce that
the Sheriff's
House
Rehabilitation
Environmental

Assessment will be released for
public comment on February 13th.
After intense interest from the public
and the extensive incorporation of
comments, the document focuses on
a building mainly used by Delaware's
new National Park, while providing
access for the public.

A public meeting will be held on
March 8th from 6 - 7 p.m. at the
Courthouse Museum, 211 Delaware
Street to present the proposed
alternatives.

The meeting will include a brief
presentation to describe the
proposed alternatives and discuss the
next steps in the process. There will
also be time to ask questions and
provide your thoughts, ideas, and
concerns for the future use and
management of the Sheriff's House.
For more information contact Ethan
McKinley, Superintendent of First
State National Historical Park, at
ethan_mckinley@nps.gov.

February / March Events

Saturday, February 25th 7:00 to 10:00p.m.
NCHS Winter Fundraiser The Bootlegger's Bash
The Arsenal, 30 Market Street
Join the Historical Society for their annual Winter
Fundraiser. More information on the back of the
newsletter.

Tuesday, February 28th - Polls open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Colonial School District Referendum
Go to colonialreferendum.com for more information
including an address calculator.

Thursday, March 2nd 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party
New Castle Public Library
424 Delaware Street
All ages are invited to the library to
celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday.
Presented by William Penn High School
culinary students.

Friday, March 3rd - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
First Friday - Art Loop On the First
Friday of each month, walk through local galleries and
shops. Free



Saturday March 4th

4th Annual atTAcK addiction 5K
St. Peter's School - 515 Harmony Street
Pre-Registration: \$30.00 - Virtual Registration \$35.00
For more information go to: attackaddiction.org

Saturday, March 4th, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

5th Annual St Patrick's Day Dance
New Castle Senior Center River Room
Irish music by Seven Rings
Bring your own food. Cash bar
\$20/advance; \$25 at the door.
For more information, contact Natalie at 326-4209



Monday, March 6th - 7:00 p.m.

Courthouse Museum - West Wing
New Castle Community Partnership Meeting.
All are welcome!

Thursday, March 9th - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Night at the Movies
New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street
Come to the Library and see the movie *Café Society*, a
2016 romantic, comedy/drama written and directed
by Woody Allen. The plot follows a young man who
moves to 1930s Hollywood, where he falls in love.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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

Call now to Schedule Over 65 & Disability*
City Property Tax Exemption Interviews.



Interviews for the City of New Castle property tax exemptions will be conducted on weekdays through May 1st.

To apply, applicants must appear in person and provide a photo ID and income information.

If you received an exemption last year, make sure you have returned your exemption audit letter. Those who do not return the letter risk losing their exemption.

For more information and to schedule an interview please call Diane Delgado at 302-322-9804. *Persons with a Disability Tax Exemption must apply each year.

New Castle Historical Society Annual Winter Fundraiser Bootlegger's Bash!



Join us on February 25th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., for our annual Winter Fundraiser, Bootlegger's Bash, to support the Society. Escape the winter doldrums and have a roaring good time at our juice joint! Guests will enjoy Prohibition-era cocktails prepared by a mixologist, silent films, best costume contest, Jazz band, photo booth and much more! Scofflaw? Teetotaler? All are welcome!

Tickets are \$85 per person, or \$75 person for NCHS members, and must be reserved in advance. Register online via newcastlehistory.org or call the Society's office at 302-322-2794.

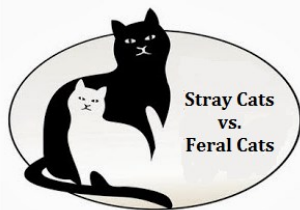
Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life for 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 at the City Office and on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; if feedback and/or updates are requested, please provide name, address and phone number.

Please help the City control wildlife and feral cat colony problems...

DO NOT feed wild animals or feral cats.



What is a "Feral Cat?"

Both stray and feral cats live outdoors, where they can find food and shelter. The difference is that stray cats are usually lost or

abandoned house pets - cats who are friendly with humans and can often be re-adopted. In contrast, feral cats are domestic cats that are not socialized to human contact. They live in all kinds of settings, usually in family groups called colonies.

Feral cats are generally quite good at fending for themselves, and are often able to find their own food and shelter. They are quite comfortable outdoors, and have no desire to be a house pet.

Because they have not been socialized to human contact, feral cats are not adoptable. They don't belong in shelters!

Instead of animal control, there are other ways to address feral cat populations. The most humane, and proven effective, is to sterilize outdoor cats. Spay/neuter programs exist for both house cats and feral cat populations. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a humane approach for feral cats.

The size of a colony is dependent on the resources available to the cats. For this reason, removing cats from an area or killing them will not eradicate a colony. As long as resources are available, new cats will move in to take their place.

That is why it is vitally important not to feed feral cats; if they have an unlimited food supply the colony will stay and grow. Feeding these cats will also attract other undesirable wildlife such as raccoons and skunks.

Ways to humanely discourage feral colonies

We realize that not everyone wants a colony of cats in their backyard. Here are a few helpful and safe tips for discouraging ferals from colonizing your yard, courtesy of Alley Cat Allies.

- Citrus peels and coffee grounds are known cat repellents. Scatter these anywhere you don't want cats hanging out or relieving themselves.
- Keep a tight lid on trash containers, this will also keep dogs and other wildlife out of the trash.