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!
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.

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.

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.