



City News

*The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Feb. 12th at
Town Hall*

**City Offices will be
closed on Mon., Feb
18th in observance of
Presidents' Day**

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

Reg. Date	Revised Date
Feb. 18th	Feb. 19th
Feb. 19th	Feb. 20th

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**Municipal Services
Offices will be closed on:
Mon., Feb. 18th**

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**File now to run in the
April 13th City Election!
February 22nd is the
last day to file to run for
City office.**

**Seats up for election in 2019 are:
Mayor (4 year term)**

Two Council seats (4 year terms)

Candidate filing packets are available
at the City office, 220 Delaware
Street. The last day to file for office is
Friday, Feb. 22nd by 5:00 p.m.

**To run for Mayor, or as a Member
of the City Council** you must be a
citizen of the State of Delaware and a
resident of the City of New Castle and
have resided in the City for two years
before the election and at the time of
the election must be a qualified voter of
the City.

**To vote in the City of New Castle
election**, you must be 18 years of
age at the time of the election, have
been a resident of the City of New
Castle for 30 days preceding the
election, and be registered to vote
with the State of Delaware Dept. of
Elections at least 5 days prior to the
election.

**Applications for Absentee Ballots
will be available from the City Office
from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
beginning February 27th.**

Voting will be held on April 13th
from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the New
Castle Senior Center, 400 South
Street. Election updates are
available on the City website at
newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

**Now is the time to
Schedule Over 65 &
Disability City
Property Tax
Exemption Interviews.**

See Back for more information.



January/February Events

Thursday, January 24th - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Guest Bartender Night at Jessop's Tavern

Don't miss this fun event, proceeds benefit
the New Castle Senior Center.

Friday, January 25th - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Downtown - Fourth Friday /Art Loop

On the First Friday of each month, walk through town
visiting galleries, artisanal displays and unique objets
d'art while snacking and sipping wine

Friday, February 1st - 6:00 p.m.

**New Castle Library Friends Annual Supper Meeting
& Program** Enjoy a variety of soups and chilis
along with other fixings and desserts, followed by
a short business meeting and then an interactive
program, "So You Think You Know All About
Delaware?" presented by Ed Okonowicz. RSVP at
302-328-1995 or nclibraryfriends@gmail.com. In
support of the library's Net Zero Waste initiative, please
bring your own bowl or mug and utensils. Free to
members. \$10 for non-members. Membership, starting
at \$10, available at the door. (See back for more info.)



Looking ahead to March:

Sign up and start training now!

6th Annual atTAcK addiction 5K

Saturday, March 2nd, 2018

St. Peter's School - 515 Harmony St.

Pre-Registration: \$30.00

\$35.00 after February 18th

For more information go to: www.attackaddiction.org

Saturday, March 2nd - 7:00-10:00 pm.

Senior Center Annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser

Music by Seven Rings. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/
at the door. Cash bar. Bring your own food.

**REMINDER: 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.**

The New Castle City Code, section 209-1:

Sidewalks require a minimum 3 feet of
clearance within 24 hours of a snow event ending.
**Please remember to clear any fire hydrant; this
could save crucial minutes in an emergency
situation.**



New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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

Non-Profit Corner: New Castle Library Friends

Won't you be a Friend? As a New Castle Library Friend, you will support the growth and life-long learning of your family, friends and neighbors through library programs, activities and resources. For example, the Friends purchase the popular books in the "walk-in" collection, the computers in the children's area that provide games and learning, and help fund the Library After Hours events such as gingerbread house making and trivia/karaoke night. Basically, the Friends provide the funds to expand on the great work being done by the friendly and helpful library staff.

The New Castle Public Library, located at 424 Delaware Street, offers computer access and training, job search assistance, book clubs, a genealogy group, children's story time, poetry readings, LEGO club, movie nights, and more. The library also provides space for community groups to meet, to sew, to discuss, to plan, to play, and to study.

You can make a difference in our community by your support of one of our most valuable resources – our public library. Membership in the New Castle Library Friends starts at \$10 and is tax deductible. To learn more, visit newcastlelibraryfriends.org, our Facebook page, or, better yet, join us at the Friend's Annual Supper Meeting & Program, an interactive program, "So You Think You Know All About Delaware?" presented by Ed Okonowicz. at the library on **Friday, February 1 at 6 pm.** (See the Events section for additional details.)



Over 65 & Disability City Property Tax Exemption

Interviews for the City of New Castle Property Tax Exemptions will be conducted from **January 15th through April 30th.** To apply, applicants must appear in person and provide photo ID and income information. For more information and to schedule an interview please call Diane Delgado at 302-322-9804.

Residents already receiving an exemption are reminded to send back City audit letters and a copy of their 2019 Social Security exemption award letter (for disability exemption only) by April 30th.

Don't miss the deadline to renew your City Business & Rental Housing Licenses

All businesses located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a 2019 New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must renew their New Castle City Rental Housing Business License annually.

Both license applications are available at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street or on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

Business Licenses for businesses located within the City Limits and Rental Business Licenses are due by February 1st, after which a late fee will be assessed at 10% per month.

Applications can now be submitted online on the City website's forms-and-fees page. Call 302-322-9801 with any questions.

SCAM ALERT



The New Castle City Police would like our citizens to be aware that phone scammers are calling claiming to be IRS agents. Please adhere to the IRS's warning regarding those types of phone scams.

Here are five things the scammers often do, but the IRS will never do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. These tips can also be applied to other suspicious phone calls.

The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card. *(Demanding you purchase a prepaid card is a red flag for any caller asking for money.)*
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

