



# The New Castle Crier

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**Shop  
Small  
Saturday,  
November  
30th**



## City News

**The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Dec. 10th at  
Town Hall**  
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**Thanksgiving  
Changes in Recycle  
Schedule  
\*\*Wed., Nov. 27th\*\***

**City-Wide  
Recycle Pick-Up &  
NO Yard Waste  
Pickup**

**Thurs., Nov 28th &  
Fri., Nov. 29th City  
Offices Closed;  
NO Recycle Pick up.**

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**See Reverse for Leaf  
Pick Up Information.**

## The "Spirit of Christmas" & "A Dickens Experience"

**Saturday, Dec. 14th  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**19th Annual Spirit of Christmas  
Free event /Rain or Shine**

Spirit of Christmas is sponsored by the N. C. Presbyterian Church and the N. C. Visitors Bureau, featuring historic house tours, concerts and museums decorated for the season, a Victorian Marketplace on the Green, events at the New Castle Court House and musical performances throughout town. Programs for the day's events can be picked up at the church where there will be an all-day sale of handmade crafts, jewelry, notecards, books, breads, candies, jams and soups. Saturday's activities conclude with the town's annual tree lighting ceremony and caroling in the Market Square at 5:30p.m. For more information, visit the event's [Facebook page at www.facebook.com/spiritofchristmasde](https://www.facebook.com/spiritofchristmasde). All proceeds are donated to Friendship House homeless shelters in Wilmington.



**Friday, Dec. 13th & Saturday,  
Dec. 14th A Dickens Experience**

The New Castle Historical Society presents the 6th annual A Dickens Experience, starting with Fezziwig's Ball on Friday evening, Dec. 13th, from 7 - 10:30 p.m. at The Arsenal; details on back. The event continues the next morning, Saturday, Dec. 14th, starting at 10 a.m. with costumed characters strolling through town, performances of *A Christmas Carol* at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., wreaths made by the Arasapha Garden Club for sale on the Green, and Victorian Teas at The Arsenal; details on back. The Read House, Amstel and Dutch House Museums are open and decorated for the season. For more info on the day's events go to the NCHS Facebook page, or [www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org).

**Look for decorated windows around town, and find out how to vote for your favorite at the Small Business Saturday event.**

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

**Shop Small Saturday - Sat., November 30th**



Start your holiday shopping off right, by supporting our New Castle businesses. More info. on the back of newsletter.

**Arasapha Wreath making Workshops:**

**Help decorate Historic New Castle for the Holidays.**

Every year, Arasapha members and volunteers participate in a beloved New Castle tradition: decorating all-natural wreaths that adorn the Historic District during the holiday season.

Tue., Dec. 3rd 10am-3pm/Wed. Dec. 4th 9am-7 pm/  
Thur. Dec 5th 9am- 3pm

Wed. Dec. 4th 4:30-6:30pm **"Make and Take"** - you make it and take it with you - Arasapha supplies the wreath and materials - \$25. New Castle Presbyterian Ed. Building. To order, or for questions go to [www.arasapha.org](http://www.arasapha.org).

**St. Peter's Church - Annual Christmas Bazaar**

**Fri., Dec. 6th - Sun., Dec. 8th** Crafts, gifts, White Elephant Sale and baked goods. Fri. 5 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Don't miss Breakfast with Santa** on Sat. from 9 - 11 a.m. (\$7) or the Spaghetti Dinner, Sun. 12 - 6 p.m.

**Pancake Breakfast/Breakfast with Santa**

**Good Will Fire Co. Sat., Dec. 7th 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

See Back for more information.



**"Christmas Party for the Kids"**

**Saturday, Dec. 21st—Good Will Fire Co.  
401 South Street**

New Castle City Police & Good Will Fire Co. Christmas party for the kids. Details on the back.

**Holidays at the Amstel and Dutch Houses.**

**December 1st Through December 30th**

The Amstel House and the Dutch House will be decorated for a traditional Colonial holiday celebration.

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

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



**A Dickens Experience Special Events**  
**Friday, December 13th, Fezziwig's Ball,**  
 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. Fezziwig's Ball at the Arsenal, with live music from the Susquehanna Travelers. Tickets are \$40 per person and include food and beverages. Period attire is encouraged, but not required. Don't know how to dance?

The Dance Master and assistants from the Victorian Dance Ensemble will give explanations of everything. They are also offering a free dance rehearsal (casual dress) on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Arsenal.

**Saturday, December 14th,** attend a **Victorian Tea** at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., & 3:30 p.m. in the New Castle Visitor Center at The Arsenal. Tickets for the Tea are \$26 per person or \$160 for a table of 8 (a savings of \$48.) Tickets for Fezziwig's Ball and the Victorian Teas are strongly recommended. For tickets or more information call 302-322-2794, or go to [newcastlehistory.org/events](http://newcastlehistory.org/events)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDS



**The New Castle City Police Dept. & Good Will Fire Company**  
**are inviting all the children of the City of New Castle to**

**"Christmas for the Kids"**

**Place: Good Will Fire House**  
**401 South Street**

**Date: Saturday, December 21st**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Don't miss this exciting event. Come visit Santa in his winter wonderland. There will be gifts, snacks and lots of fun activities.

***You can help!*** Please call 302-322-9800 or visit the NC Police Station at 1 Municipal Blvd. for information on how you can help make a magical holiday party for our kids.

## Pancake Breakfast with Santa!



**New Castle Hundred Lions Club & Good Will Fire Co. are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with Santa!**

**Saturday, December 7th**  
**Good Will Fire Co., 401 South Street**  
**from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Visit with Santa from 8:30 to 11 a.m.**

**The Good Will Ladies Auxiliary will be selling baked goods, just in time to stock up for the holidays.**

**For tickets call 302-328-LION, or ask a Lion.**

**Tickets will also be available at the door.**

**Adults \$6.00**

**Children (under 12) \$3.00**



## Small Business Saturday November 30th

Start your holiday shopping, and explore Historic New Castle all while supporting our local businesses.

The fun starts at 9 a.m. at the New Castle Court House Museum (211 Delaware Street) where you will receive a passport and enjoy a cup of hot coffee and donuts. There will also be local artisans located in the West Wing to get your shopping day started.

The shop small passport is your ticket to a scavenger hunt around New Castle. Shop and collect stamps from all of your favorite places. Visit all participating locations, answer a few local trivia questions and enter your passport into our grand prize basket drawing. For more information visit their Facebook page, @VisitHistoricNewCastle.

## CODE CORNER SPECIAL NOTICE:

In the fall, the City of New Castle Public Works Department collects loose and bagged leaves; collection runs through the end of November, or until the majority of the leaves have fallen. Leaves should be raked next to the curb for pick-up. Do not rake leaves into the street, those leaves can wash down the street and clog storm sewer grates when it rains. This can cause flooding and leeching of phosphorus into the river through wastewater.



- **DO** Rake your leaves to the curb.
- **DON'T** rake them into the Street.
- **NEVER** mix any other yard/green waste in with leaves; leave other items out for the regular Wednesday yard waste pick-up. These items can clog and damage machinery. You can also put leaves in bags or cans for Wednesday Yard Waste pick up.