City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 11th at Town Hall

City Offices will be closed on Mon., Jan. 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:
Reg. Date   Revised Date
Feb. 20th   Feb. 21st
Feb. 21st   Feb. 22nd

City Offices will be closed on Mon., Feb 17th in observance of President’s Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:
Reg. Date   Revised Date
Feb. 17th   Feb. 18th
Feb. 18th   Feb. 19th

January/February Events
The New Castle Public Library is hosting “Revisiting the Founding Era,” it is being presented through a grant award the library received from the American Library Association and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Portrayal of Major Robert Kirkwood (Delaware Continentals) – presentation by Chris Mlynmczyk President/Commander of the 1st DE Regiment.

Friday, January 24th - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fourth Friday Art Loop Downtown.
Walk through town visiting galleries, unique objets d'art while snacking and sipping wine.

Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.
Lecture: Italian American Story
The Arsenal, 30 Market Street, New Castle
Free to the public.
Join the NC Historical Society at the Arsenal for a free presentation with J. Jordan Storlazzi, Jr., M.D.

Looking ahead to March:
Sign up now and start training!
7th Annual atTack addiction 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, March 7th
For more information go to:
www.attackaddiction.org

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The City Calendars are here!
This year the cover of the City calendar features a beautiful painting of the Old Library Museum by local artist Dennis Young. Inside you will find photos, taken by Bruce Burk highlighting all the areas of the City that make up New Castle.

Please take time to read through the calendar, as it makes up the Annual Report for City government activities that occurred in 2019, and provides a preview for what residents can expect in 2020.

Inside the calendar you will find helpful information and reminders. Do you want the latest information on recycling; go to October. When are tax bills mailed, check July.

On the calendar page for each month you will find any changes in the Public Works schedule, such as the trash and recycle schedule after a holiday. Look in the lower left corner to see the changes. If it’s a Monday holiday, follow the Monday "Rule of Thumb" When the City is closed for a Monday holiday, Monday’s trash will be picked up on Tuesday, and Tuesday’s trash will be picked up on Wednesday; Yard Waste will be picked up on Thursday, and there will be a citywide Recycle Pick Up on Friday.

The Calendar also highlights the many annual events that take place in New Castle throughout the year. Check the February page to see the list of special events; all the old favorites are back plus a few new events, that are sure to become traditions.

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Our Customer Service or stop by our office if you have many scammers are known to do. Again, please call month. We will not call you over and over again as however, customers will typically receive one call per

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The MSC does utilize Tyler Notify (electronic phone
balances. The system is completely Interactive Voice
Response (IVR) and user-friendly. If you do have
problems with utilizing the service please feel free to
contact the MSC's customer service at 302-323-2330
and they will be able to assist you.

We would like to caution ALL MSC customers as we
are aware of scammers calling customers and advising
their service will be discontinued if they do not call an
800 number to make payment. Please think TWICE
before making payments over the phone and be sure
you are calling the correct numbers.

One of many benefits of Public Power is that we
are local and if you are unsure about a phone call
you can just stop in our office and we can assist
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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 February 3rd 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 2020 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.

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 at the City Offices or on the City Web site newcastlecity.delaware.gov. 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.

§ 94-1 Defecation on public or private property prohibited; owner to remove feces. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit a dog, cat or other domestic animal owned or subject to the control of such person to defecate upon any street, sidewalk or park, or upon any public property, or upon any private property within the City of New Castle without the consent of the owner or tenant of such private property. In the event that any dog, cat or other domestic animal deposits its excrement upon any public or private land within the City of New Castle, such owner of said dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall remove immediately, in a sanitary manner any fecal matter deposited by said dog, cat or other domestic animal.

§ 94-4 Feeding of Wildlife. No person shall feed any wildlife in any public park. According to the National Geographic society, feeding wildlife is generally a bad idea. Food-seeking squirrels bite more people than any other animal in National Parks, also providing food for wildlife also teaches those animals to associate humans with food. This can make them more likely to get hit by cars, get into altercations with children or pets.