



The New Castle Crier

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Castle Announces
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Assistance Program**
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City News

**The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., October 13th via
Zoom Conferencing**



DELDOT ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE ON Rt. 9

Beginning October 2nd,
October 18th Rt. 9 will
be closed south of New
Castle between
Grantham Lane and
Hamburg Road for
bridge repairs.
Check the City website
and Facebook page for
updates;
[www.newcastlecity.
delaware.gov](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov).

Help STOP Recycling Contamination



The City of New Castle has
received notice from
DSWA and its partners that
beginning in mid-
September the City is at risk of being
fined for recycle loads that contain
excessive contamination. We need
your help to insure we are only
putting approved items that can be
recycled into the carts.

What DSWA is finding in the loads is
bagged material, food waste, yard
waste and other non-allowed
materials. Having non-recyclable
items in your bin may cause your
recycle to not be picked up. For a
booklet on what to recycle go to
[www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/
public-works](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/public-works) and click on the "How To
Recycle."

Single use plastic bags and plastic film
are not recyclable in your bin; they
can be returned to retail stores.

How to Avoid Recycling Contamination

1. Never place garbage, food waste
or yard waste in recycle bin.
2. Never bag recycling; place items
loose in the bin.
3. No shredded paper or used paper
products such as paper plates, paper
towels or pizza boxes.
4. No Styrofoam, or frozen food/
refrigerated containers, (coated
paper.)
5. Only recycle clean and empty glass
bottles and jars, No mirrors or
window glass.
6. No plastic bags or plastic film in
the recycling bin; return to retail
store, or library for recycle.
7. No scrap metal or "tanglers" such
as strings of lights, garden hose or
rope.
8. Contact DSWA (1-800-404-7080)
to find out where to properly recycle
items like batteries, electronics, and
shredded paper.

September & October Events

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

Fourth Friday Art Loop. Sip and snack and enjoy
special events in New Castle's Downtown District.

RIVER TOWNS Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 3rd

Rivertown Ride & Festival:

The eighth annual River Towns
Ride & Festival is being
converted into a recreational
ride-only event for 2020 due to Covid-19. Riders
will visit the historic riverfronts of New Castle,
Delaware City and Wilmington, earning medals
based on distance completed. This year's ride will
be held Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 9am.
Go to www.rivertownsfestival.com to sign up, and
for more information.



**Hauntings in History Walking
Tours: Fri. & Sat. nights in
October 9th - 30th at 7, 8:00,
& 9:00 p.m. Ticketing
information will be**

**forthcoming. Call 302-322-2794 or go online to
www.newcastlehistory.org.**

**Friday, Oct. 16th - 1 p.m. Celebrating Caesar
Rodney's Birthday.** Speaker Bob Vander
Decker will host a webinar. The link for Webinar is
on the Courthouse Museum Facebook page or
website: www.history.delaware.gov/ncch.

Saturday, Oct. 24th - 10 a.m. William Penn Day
New Castle Court House Museum. Celebrating the
338th anniversary of William Penn's landing in
New Castle. Virtual activities. Call the Courthouse
for more information; 302-323-4453.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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



**The City of New Castle
Announces
New Home Repair
Assistance Program**



This new program is funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, and administered by the City of New Castle. Residents of the City can get help with roof and sidewalk repairs thanks to the new program.

Qualification for receipt of funds:

- **Qualified properties must be owner occupied.**
- **At least one owner must be 65 years of age and older, or permanently disabled.**
- **Income limits: No more than \$15,000 / year of income for a single occupant - \$30,000 for a married couple - Does not include Social Security income.**

**Maximum funding amount \$2,500 / property.
Call the City Office for details, 302-322-9801.**

New Castle News

“Historic New Castle” Postal Designation: The City of New Castle announced that, through an agreement with the United States Postal Service, city residents may now begin using “Historic New Castle” as their mailing address.

The city has been concerned for some time about the confusion in the public’s mind between the city and the New Castle 19720 ZIP Code. Incidents in the 62,000 resident ZIP Code area are invariably reported by the State Police as happening ‘in New Castle’ (population 5,200). This means that many more criminal incidents are reported as happening in New Castle than there should be. There were 42 such incidents in a one year period.

The city appealed to the USPS for a new ZIP Code, but was told that operational issues make that impossible. The USPS offered instead the use of an alternate name. City Council agreed and has chosen the name “Historic New Castle.” Council hopes that this change will help make a distinction in all types of statistics, while it continues to address the issue of police reporting. This change should also help reduce confusion

GET A \$60 REWARD BEFORE IT COOLS OFF



Introducing Appliance Recycling Rewards

Schedule a free pick up by October 31, and Efficiency Smart will pay you ~~\$50~~ \$60 for responsibly recycling your appliance.

Eligible appliances:

Refrigerator	Dehumidifier
Freezer	Room Air Conditioner



**Schedule
your free pick
up today!**

Go to:
www.efficiencysmart.org/new-castle-delaware
and select "Appliance Recycling Rewards" or
call 888-997-9106.

among some local residents regarding whether they live in the city or not. This has been a particular problem in terms of elections and government services.

The name “Historic New Castle” is already widely used and recognized. It underlines New Castle’s status as Delaware’s oldest city, incorporated in 1672.

It is important to note that the new address applies only within the boundaries of the city and that use of the address is totally optional. Residents who wish to can continue to use “New Castle.”

For further information, please contact Councilman Russell Smith at 302-322-9801.



**It's not too late to
complete your 2020
Census.**

Answering a few simple questions will impact our state and city for the next 10 years.

You can still fill out and send back the forms you were sent in March, or complete the form at www.2020census.gov. You can also complete the census by calling 1-844-330-2020.