



# The New Castle Crier

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**Shop  
Small  
Saturday,  
November  
28th**



## City News

*The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Dec. 8th at  
Town Hall*

**Thanksgiving Week  
Changes in Recycle  
Schedule**

**\*\*Wed., Nov. 25th\*\***

**City-Wide**

**Recycle Pick-Up**

**NQ Yard Waste Pickup**

**Thurs., Nov 26th & Fri.,  
Nov. 27th City Offices  
Closed;**

**NQ Recycle Pick up.**

**NCPD Reminder**

**LOCK IT or LOSE IT**

**Lock your car, take your  
keys and hide your  
valuables.**

## Celebrating Safely this Holiday Season

### New Castle City Police and Good Will Fire Company's "Adopt a Family and Christmas Party for the Kids"

NCCP and GWFC are still tentatively planning the annual "*Christmas Party for the Kids*" on December 19th, at Good Will Fire Hall. Check the City website for more information as it becomes available. They will be going forward with the Adopt a family event.

Nominations can be made at the New Castle City Police Station or emailed to [tina.shughart@cj.state.de.us](mailto:tina.shughart@cj.state.de.us).

### The New Castle Court House Museum

will partner with the Arasapha Garden Club to present a webinar on their annual wreath making workshop. Arasapha Garden Club makes the wreaths that decorate the downtown area every year. The webinar will feature members of the club talking about Arasapha's history and demonstrating how they make the

wreaths. This webinar will be on December 12th at 1:00 p.m. You can find a link at [www.history.delaware.gov](http://www.history.delaware.gov) or streaming on their Facebook page- New Castle Court House Museum.

### Spirit of Christmas 2020

#### "A Way Home"

This Year's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration will be a quiet reflection on years past. Although they cannot open their doors to welcome you, New Castle Presbyterian Church hopes you will join them as they continue their support for their Friendship House mission, "A Way Home."

The church will be sharing recipes and offering a limited edition "print" as a thank you for your support. Visit [newcastlepreschuch.org](http://newcastlepreschuch.org) for more information. The City joins with NCPD in thanking the community of New Castle for your participation and support of Spirit of Christmas past!

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

### Shop Small Saturday - Sat., November 28th

Start your holiday shopping off right, by supporting our New Castle businesses. Local shops, services and restaurants offer unique gift ideas, and gift certificates.



### 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. You can help decorate the wreaths, or make one for your own home for only \$25. No talent or experience needed! Stop by whenever you can, and they will show you what to do. Just bring garden clippers. Arasapha also needs donations of evergreen

clippings from local backyards. For more information, including our social distancing plan, visit [www.arasapha.org/holiday-greening](http://www.arasapha.org/holiday-greening).

- **Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 10a.m. - 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### Tips from the State of Delaware for celebrating Thanksgiving and the Holidays safely.



The best way to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from COVID-19 this Holiday season is to limit gatherings to members of your household. If you must be with people outside of your household, wear a face covering at all times, stay at least 6 feet apart, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and clean commonly used surfaces often. If we all do this, we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state. Visit the City website or [de.gov/coronavirus](http://de.gov/coronavirus) for more tips for gathering safely.

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

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



## Trustee Community Grant Program

The Trustees of the New Castle

Common have posted the 2021-2022

Grant Application on their Website:

[www.trusteesncc.org](http://www.trusteesncc.org). Organizations

within the town of New Castle can apply

for grants. The Trustees mission is to

manage its resources "for the benefit of

the citizens of New Castle." Citizens are

defined as the residents of the

incorporated area of the City. **If an**

**organization has activities both inside  
and outside of the New Castle City limits,**

**the Trustees can only support those**

**activities within the City. Information and**

**documentation provided must clearly**

**indicate the location of services provided.**

**Remember! Your organization must  
complete and return the "Grant Request  
Application" to the Trustees of the New  
Castle Common by December 31, 2020.**

Outreach Committee



## Municipal Services Commission

### New Castle Cares Fund

#### *You Can Make A Difference*

During these difficult economic times some of your neighbors are finding it hard to pay their electric bills. The Municipal Services Commission, working with the Salvation Army, has established a tax deductible fund that allows you to make a contribution that will help your fellow citizens.

What makes this fund unique is that the money you contribute stays right here in New Castle and you can see the result. You may just be helping a student stay connected while schools are in a virtual environment.

**The Municipal Services Commission has  
already made a donation. How about you?**

Make your check payable to New Castle Cares Fund and mail to: The Salvation Army c/o New Castle Cares Fund, P.O. Box 308, Wilmington, DE 19899. You may also drop your donation off at the MSC office at 216 Chestnut Street and they will mail it for you.

Thank you for your consideration; you can make a difference by acting now before winter closes in.



### "Dressed in Holiday Style"

## New Castle Historical Society Announces Holiday House Decorating Contest

The New Castle Historical Society is sponsoring "Dressed in Holiday Style," a holiday house decorating contest for residents of the City of New Castle. Open to all residents within the city limits, the contest will encourage exterior

decorations, and award cash prizes in seven different categories: Best Overall Display, People's Choice, Best Vintage/Traditional, Best Historical, Best Themed Display, Best Lighting Display, and Best Entranceway.

A panel of three judges will decide the winners in each category except the People's Choice winner which will be selected through votes for photos of displays on the Historical Society's Facebook page. The top prize is \$250 for Best Overall display.

Advance registration, including a \$5 registration fee, is required to participate in the contest. Judging will begin on December 9th, and winners will be announced on December 12th. The People's Choice winner will be announced on December 28th to allow time for the public to vote. For more information and to register for the contest visit [www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org) or [www.facebook.com/NewCastleHistory](https://www.facebook.com/NewCastleHistory).



**Don't forget to Shop  
Small**

**Saturday,  
November 28th and  
all year long. Our local shops  
have a wide variety of unique  
gifts, including our museum  
shops, and gift certificates  
are always a great gift.**