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

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City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 9th at Town Hall

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City Offices will be closed on Monday, Feb 15th in observance of President's Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

Reg. Date	Rev. Date
Feb. 15th	Feb. 16th
Feb. 16th	Feb. 17th

Yard Waste picked Thursday, Feb. 18th

Citywide Recycle Pick-up Friday, Feb. 19th

The City Calendars are being mailed directly to residents. This year the cover of the City calendar features the Frenchtown Railway Ticket Booth in Battery Park. This beautiful photo was taken by Bruce Burk.

Please take time to read through the calendar, as it makes up the Annual Report for City government activities that occurred in 2020, and provides a preview for what residents can expect in 2021.

Inside the calendar you will find helpful information and reminders. 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.

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 your favorite annual events have been added to the calendar, however due to the Covid situation they are all subject to change or cancellation. Check the City website and Facebook page for updates.

File now to run in the 2021 City Election!

Seats up for April 10th election are:

City Council President (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 is Friday, February 26th at 5 p.m.

January/February Events

atTAcK addiction
Virtual 5k - March 7th

DUE to the COVID situation the 8th Annual atTAcK addiction E-Racing the Stigma 5K has decided to go virtual.

More than ever they need YOU make this the best year yet. From now until March 6th you can run, jog, walk or crawl your 5K anytime and anywhere. Simply complete your 5K and upload your results to the website. Go to *www.attackaddiction.org* for more information and to sign up.

The organization provides support for recovering addicts and their loved ones, advocates for policy changes, educates families about opiate addiction and treatment options, works to prevent drug use, and strives to end the stigma of the disease.

City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update
Visioning Public Workshop
Wednesday, February 10, 7 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), City of New Castle, and the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) are developing the City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update.

This Plan will update the 1999 *City of New Castle Transportation Plan* and will further analyze issues raised in the *City of New Castle Comprehensive Development Plan*.

Go to the WILMAPCO website for more information. Check the City website for a link to the 2/10 virtual meeting as the date gets closer, *www.wilmapco.org/cityofnewcastle.*

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Due to the resignation of Trustee Henry F. Gambacorta, the Trustees of the New Castle Common will hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Candidates: Fred G. Gallagher
Angelo J. Rispoli

DATES: January 25, 2021 to February 6, 2021.
PLACE: Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street
Precautions will be taken in light of the corona virus. Masks are required. Bring proper identification showing your current address and your own pen (pens will be provided as well.)

Beginning on January 25, 2021, and ending on February 6, 2021 voting will be conducted at the Trustees' office at 201 Delaware Street. The following schedule will be followed:

Voting Days	Times
Monday, January 25	10AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, January 26	10AM-3:30PM
Wed., January 27	10AM-3:30PM
Thursday, January 28	10AM-3:30PM
Monday, February 1	10AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, February 2	10AM-3:30PM
Wed., February 3	10AM-3:30PM
Thursday, February 4	10AM-3:30PM
Friday, February 5	10AM-8:00PM
Saturday, February 6	8AM-12:00PM

Voters need to be registered on the Trustees' Voter List, and must have proper identification. Voter Registration will be available with documentation (Driver's license and MSC bill). Due to the corona virus, voting will be done outside the office. A mask must be worn, covering your mouth and nose. One voter at a time. A distance of at least six feet will be required between all persons in the voting area. Follow all posted instructions.
Absentee ballots will be available by mail. Mail ballots must be notarized. Call (302) 322-2809 to request that a ballot package be mailed to you. Requests will be taken starting on January 5, 2021, and stopping at end of day on January 27, 2021. Mail in ballots must be returned to the office by 2 p.m. on February 5, 2021.

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 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 Social Security exemption award letter (for disability exemption only) by April 30th.

Don't miss the February 1st 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 2021 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.

§ 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 teaches those animals to associate humans with food. This can make them more likely to get hit by cars, or get into altercations with children or pets.