City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., April 13th Via Zoom Conferencing

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City Offices will be closed on Fri., April 2nd in observance of Good Friday

Revised Recycle Pick-up Schedule

CITYWIDE Recycle Pick-up Thursday, April 1st No Recycle Pick-up Friday April 2nd.

CITY ELECTION 2021!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Election Day Saturday, April 10th. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Castle Senior Center

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT: contact the Absentee Ballot Clerk, Diane Delgado at 322-9804, or in person at 220 Delaware Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: For this election only, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all registered City of New Castle voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. When completing the application for an absentee ballot, check the box indicating “I am sick or disabled.”

COVID-19 Guidelines: All voters are strongly encouraged to wear a mask to the polling place, abide by social distancing recommendations, and practice good COVID-19 hygiene. If you are unable to wear a mask please consider voting by mail with an Absentee Ballot.

Affidavits for Absentee Ballots are available from the City Office during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Added dates and times when Affidavits for Absentee Ballots and State Voter Registration will be available from the City Office are: Tuesday, March 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. *State Voter Registration is available at the City Office during normal business hours; the deadline to register to vote in the Election is Monday, April 5th.

April 9th at 12 noon is the deadline to request an affidavit for Absentee Ballots from the City Administration office, 220 Delaware Street.

April 9th at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for Absentee Ballots to be turned in to the City Office. Absentee Ballots may also be brought to the polling place on the day of the Election.

March & April Events

The Easter Sunrise Service at the Wharf and the Easter Parade on the Green have been cancelled for this year.

New Castle Historical Society Offers Spring Webinar Series

The New Castle Historical Society’s Spring Webinar Series starts in March.

March 31st, 7 pm: Delaware’s Struggle for Women’s Right to Vote with Ann Boylan and Emily Green

April 7, 7 pm: Beautiful Native Plants for Year-Round Interest with Nancy Bell

April 21, 7 pm: A Fortress…Which the Hollanders Call Fort Casimir with Wade Catts

All webinars are free, but require advance registration. For more information and to register visit newcastlehistory.org. Webinars are made possible, in part, by a grant from the M&T Charitable Foundation.

New Castle Public Library

424 Delaware Street

The library is inviting our patrons and members of the community to "Broadway: The Golden Era," a virtual music performance which will be taking place on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30pm. Join Jeff Cooper and Glenn Pearson, also known as Notes on the Beach, as they present both an educational and entertaining program about the great songs and composers from this era in American Music. There will be narration, storytelling, and plenty of tunes.

This event will be broadcast over Zoom and on the library’s Facebook page. To register, call the library at (302) 328-1995, or visit the New Castle County Virtual Events calendar at www.delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/virtuallibraryevents. Those who wish to attend will be given the Zoom link upon registration. For more information, feel free to give the library a call.

Looking ahead to May Market

May 7th & 8th

Are you looking for the perfect plant for a special corner of your garden? How about a bargain, or the perfect Mother’s Day gift? You'll find all this and more at May Market, a New Castle tradition held on the first Friday and Saturday of May.

Free expert gardening advice is available and credit cards are accepted. Proceeds benefit the gardens of New Castle’s historic Amstel and Dutch Houses. Social distancing and mask rules will be in place.

Please note: Due to the Covid situation all events are subject to change or cancelation.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
**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 on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov, or in the City offices; or call the Code Officer at 221-6507. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** The City of New Castle is cooperating with the State of Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife to maximize mosquito control in the area in an effort to combat mosquito borne diseases. The City will aggressively enforce City health codes that require the elimination of standing water, such as in tires or buckets. Springtime is a great time to do a thorough property check, look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, such as tires, buckets or tubs, anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this summer to help with mosquito control.

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**Trustees Announce Annual Education Grant Fund**

The “Trustees of New Castle Common Education Grant Fund” was established in 1983 for eligible residents of the City New Castle.

An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a **full-time** student in the coming September.

The grants are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university in order to be considered for the Grant. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle. Funded applicants from previous years who **continue to be a student in good standing** are invited to reapply.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Commons, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle or online at trusteesncc.org. Please call 322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.

Please note the application and necessary information must be received by the Education Grant Committee no later than July 1, 2021.

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**Annual New Castle Beach Clean Up!**

**Sponsored by the New Castle Sailing Club**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

**Saturday, April 17th**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

(Rain or Shine)

Help clean up the winter debris from the Battery Park Beach area. Groups and individuals are welcome to help pick up the trash and debris that has accumulated this winter so we can enjoy this beautiful park this season! Wear old sturdy shoes, and bring gloves. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. **All volunteers are asked to wear a mask and abide by social distancing recommendations.** For additional information and updates on the status of this or any city event go to www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings.

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**A New City Flag**

At their March 9th meeting the New Castle City Council passed Resolution 2021-10, a Resolution to adopt a new flag for the City of New Castle. With input from (NAVA) the North American Vexillological Association and using the 2018 Branding standards, New Castle has a flag which honors its historic past and foresees a bright future.

The flag features the City shield showing the four flags that have flown over the City of New Castle. Can you name them?

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**The Kalmar Nyckel to Make Three Special Appearances in Historic New Castle**

Mark your calendars! The Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel is scheduled to make several stops in Historic New Castle this year. Dates and times are subject to change.

**June 4th – June 12th**

**August 6th – August 16th**

**October 24th – October 27th**

Get updated information on the Kalmar Nyckel and her scheduled visits at newcastlecity.delaware.gov, on the Events & Tall Ships page.