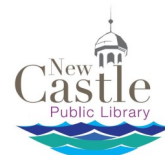




# The New Castle Crier

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**New Castle  
Public  
Library is  
Open Again!**  
(see below)

## City News

*The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., May 11th  
Via Zoom Conferencing*

### TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE

**April 30th is the last  
day to apply for the  
Over-65 or Disability  
Property Tax  
Exemption or Return  
your Audit Letter  
Call 302-322-9804  
For Information**

**Check the City website  
for updates regarding  
Covid testing and  
vaccine locations.**



### RECYCLOPEDIA

#### Recyclopedia

##### What • Where • How

To reduce the confusion on what is acceptable to recycle in Delaware, DNREC's Delaware

Recycles program has launched a new search tool called **Recyclopedia**. The online tool allows anyone to easily search for an item that is no longer needed and provides a solution to properly dispose of it. Why is this tool so important? Residents and visitors often hear national and regional messaging that just doesn't apply in Delaware.

DNREC has one recycling program for the entire state that is the same whether at home, at school, or at work. All items placed in recycling carts and dumpsters are taken to one facility in Delaware to be sorted and sent to market to be made into something new. The more residents recycle only acceptable items, the smoother and faster this process works.



**May Market  
Town Hall Market Square  
201 Delaware Street  
Fri., May 7th, 12-5 p.m.  
Sat., May 8th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Whether you are looking for the perfect plant for your garden, garden advice, or a special Mother's Day gift, you will find it, and much more at this year's May Market. May Market is famous for its wide selection of unique garden plants and herbs. This year may look a little different but all your favorites will be back, including the indoor yard sale and plants and garden items donated by local gardeners. Look for the owners of the new Mercury Café and Teahouse, at their booth in front of Town Hall. They will have an assortment of refreshments and specialty items.

Admission is free, and Arasapha's has an approved plan in place to keep May Market customers and volunteers safe.

## April & May Events

### Summer Garden Contest



In lieu of A Day in Old New Castle, the New Castle Community Partnership will sponsor a Summer Garden Contest. The contest is open to gardens within the New Castle City limits. Prizes will be awarded for the top voted gardens in several categories. Participants must register between April 25th-May 25th.

Registration forms can be found at the New Castle Court House Museum, Tue-Sat 10am-3:30pm, New Castle Public Library during open hours, or online at [www.historicnewcastle.com](http://www.historicnewcastle.com). A \$5.00 registration fee must accompany registration. Completed forms with fee can be mailed to New Castle Community Partnership, PO Box 444, New Castle, DE 19720 or dropped off at the Court House or Library during open hours. The deadline for registration is May 25th.

Judging will occur during the week of May 30th with the winners announced on June 5, 2021. For more information call the Court House at 323-4453 or email [Newcastlecommunitypartnership@gmail.com](mailto:Newcastlecommunitypartnership@gmail.com) or [Cynthia.Snyder@delaware.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Snyder@delaware.gov).



**The Library is open again!  
New Castle Public Library  
424 Delaware Street  
The Library has reopened with a  
limited schedule.**

### CURBSIDE SERVICES HOURS

Monday - 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday - 12 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Friday - 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### LIMITED IN PERSON SERVICES HOURS

Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - 2 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(No curbside services will be offered on these days.  
Call 302-328-1335 for more information)

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

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



## 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](http://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.**



## MSC NEWS RELEASE

### WATER RATES TO BE INCREASED

Municipal Services Commission's (MSC) rate design consultant, Utility Financial Solutions (UFS), recommended a 5% overall water revenue increase after reviewing the cost of service study. There will be no changes in the MSC electric rates. The water rate increase will be effective with the April 2021 bills and results in an average residential customer experiencing an increase in their monthly bill of approximately \$2.60. MSC is sensitive to customers experiencing additional financial burden during this national crisis (COVID-19 pandemic), please reach out to the customer service department at 302-323-2330 to find out about agencies that provide assistance.

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For Immediate Release: 4/9/21



**Battery Park is open  
for your enjoyment  
from dawn to dusk.  
The Trails are calling.**

## 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](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov), or in the City offices; or call the Code Officer at 322-9801.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

**§ 204-6 Trash Pick-up:** The City Public Works department provides regular trash collection services for residents, each pick-up may not exceed four (4) 35 gallon containers, with no container exceeding 50 lbs.

**Special Trash Pick-up:** A special trash pick-up is required for large and/or bulk items, such as refrigerators, dishwashers, TV's, sofas, etc., fees apply. You may arrange a special trash pick-up by calling the City office at 322-9801, or on the City

website at [www.newcastlecity.de;aware.gov](http://www.newcastlecity.de;aware.gov) on the forms and fees page. Items are picked up on your regular trash day, and arrangements must be made and items paid for 24 hours prior to the pick-up day.

**Recycle Pick-up:** The City Public Works department provides regular trash collection services for residents, If you have any question about what can be recycled check out DNREC's new program called Recyclopedia read more about it on the front page.



**GRASS MAINTENANCE:** No person being the owner or possessor of a developed or undeveloped parcel one acre in size or less shall permit grasses or weeds to grow more than six inches high. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways. Keep sidewalks clear of grass and weeds.

**The City Code can be accessed online at [www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/city-code](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/city-code).**