



# The New Castle Crier

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The Kalmar Nyckel  
returns to the New Castle  
Delaware Street Pier.  
Tours and Sails available  
August 7th - 14th  
Go to [www.kalmarnyckel.org](http://www.kalmarnyckel.org).

## City News

*The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Aug 10th at the  
New Castle  
Senior Center  
400 South Street  
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**\*City Returns to  
In-Person Meetings**  
On July 1st the City  
began holding all City  
Commission, Board and  
Council Meetings  
in person.

Beginning in August  
Council Meetings will be  
held at the N.C. Senior  
Center and Commission  
and Board meetings will  
be held in the  
Community Room at  
1 Municipal Blvd.

## Understanding your City of New Castle Property Tax Bill



Tax bills are being  
mailed this week. Please  
note: the City does not  
accept a postmark to  
qualify payment as on

time. Payment must be received in  
our office either by mail or in person  
by the close of business on the due  
date.

The City offers a 2% discount if  
payment is received at the City office by  
4:30 p.m. on August 31st.

From September 1st through  
September 30th the base tax  
amount is due.

Payment must be received at  
the City office by 4:30 p.m. on  
September 30th or a 6% late  
penalty will be applied, with  
an additional 1.5% per month  
accrued on all unpaid taxes.

For your convenience the City has 3  
ways to pay your tax bill:

\* **Pay in Person at the City office: 220  
Delaware Street** (Cash, Check or  
Money Order Only.)

\* **Pay online by credit or debit card  
or by e-check on the City's website:**  
[www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov)  
Please be aware, there are  
convenience fees associated with  
paying your bill online. Fees over and  
above your taxes are not kept by the  
City.

\* **Pay by mail** (Please note, postmark  
not accepted as payment on time.)

AMOUNT DUE		
LAST PAYMENT:	(Last Tax Payment Made)	100.00
PAST DUE:	(Any Past Due Amount)	0.00
CURRENT CHARGES:	(This Years Base Tax Amount)	100.00
DISCOUNT:	(Amount of 2% Discount, if paid by 8/31)	2.00
IF PAID BY 08/31/21:		98.00
AMOUNT DUE IF PAID BY 09/30/21:		100.00
IF PAID ON OR AFTER 10/01/21:		106.00

## July/August Events

**Starting Saturday, July 17th: The Amstel House &  
Dutch House museums** re-open for guided tours. The  
museums will be open weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
with more days to be added soon. For updates visit  
[www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org).

**Friday, July 23rd, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Fourth Friday Art Loop is back.** Sip and snack and check  
out your old and favorite spots and discover a few new  
ones.

**Saturday, July 24th at 1:00 p.m.**

**The Amazing Hanna Penn: Wife, Mother and the  
Proprietor of Pennsylvania and the Lower Counties.**  
The New Castle Court House Museum presents on Zoom a  
presentation by Kim Elisee on Hannah Penn. Registration  
link can be found on the New Castle Court House Museum  
website [www.history.delaware.gov/museums](http://www.history.delaware.gov/museums)

**Wednesday, July 28th (Rain Date: 8/4)**

**Battery Park near DE Street between 6 - 8 p.m.**  
City of New Castle Transportation Plan Info Booth Join

us to share your ideas and stay for the concert! We will be  
sharing information about the City of New Castle  
Transportation Plan and seeking community feedback.  
Learn more about the Transportation Plan at  
[www.wilmapco.org/cityofnewcastle](http://www.wilmapco.org/cityofnewcastle).

**Saturday, August 14th - 1 p.m. - Food & Cooking  
Onboard American & English Sailing Vessels with Susan  
Plaisted. 1p.m. Arsenal 30 Market Street.**

**Thursday, August 19th "To Flavor or Treat Fever."  
10 a.m. Arsenal 30 Market Street.** A new children's  
program in the Dutch House gardens. For more info. visit  
[www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org).

**Sunday, August 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Outdoor Antique Show in Battery Park**  
Quality dealers from around the country will offer a  
variety of treasures in Battery Park.

**Thursday, September 2nd, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Dining in the Street**

Dining in the Street will return this year, watch for updates  
and more information.

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

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



## Trustees Annual Education Grant Fund July 1st Deadline

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.**



## Summer Concerts in Battery Park Through Mid-August 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- **Wed., July 21th** – Barrelhouse -Blues
- **Wed., July 28th** – Zydeco a go go - Blues & Rock
- **Wed., August 4th** – Newark Community Band
- **Wed., Aug. 11th** - Swing That Cat - Blues & Jazz
- **Check the City website for make up dates.**

## NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Due to the retirement of Trustee Carlo (Corky) Viola, the Trustees of the New Castle Common will hold an election from September 13, 2021 to September 25, 2021 to fill the vacancy. Voting will be held at the Trustees Office, 201 Delaware Street. Check the schedule below.

**Interested candidates may file up to 3:00 p.m. August 12, 2021. Call (302) 322-2809 for information. Qualifications are listed on [trusteesncc.org/elections](http://trusteesncc.org/elections).**

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### Voting Schedule

Monday, September 13th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15th.....	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 16th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, September 20th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 21th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 22th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 23th.....	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, September 24th.....	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 25th.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mail-in voting will be available starting on August 30, 2021. Call 302-322-2809 to have a ballot mailed to you, or pick up a ballot at the office. You will need to get your ballot notarized before returning it. Requests for a mail-in ballot will end on September 17, at 2 p.m. Mail-in ballots must be returned to the office by 2 p.m. on September 24, 2021.

**Voters need to be registered on the Trustees' Voter List, which is separate from the voting list maintained by the New Castle County Board of Elections. You can register anytime that the Trustee's office is open, however to vote in this election, you must register by September 23, 2021 at 2 p.m.** Normal business hours are 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To qualify, voters must have resided in the City since at least September 25, 2020, and must be at least 18 years old by September 25, 2021.

## 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, [www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov). or at the City Offices . Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.



### Simple Steps to help Prevent Fires in your Basement.

Install a combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector in the basement. Make sure the alarm is interconnected with the smoke detectors throughout the house. If you already have detectors in the basement test the alarm

on a regular basis, replace the battery once a year, and clean any dust or dirt that may accumulate in and around the detector on a monthly basis. Smoke detectors have a ten year life span and should be replaced as needed.

Do not store any flammable material within three feet of the furnace, water heater, wood stove etc. Avoid storing trash, paper, wood, in the basement. Put oily rags in airtight containers and away from heat sources. If a fire starts these items may become fuel for a fire.

Maintain your clothes dryer on a regular basis. Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Remove the lint that has collected around the drum, Plug major appliances directly into the wall sockets.

Extension cords that are overloaded might heat up and create a fire hazard. Keep stairs free of clutter to be able to escape the basement in case of an emergency.

### Tips for Laundry Safety

- Keep the lint trap clean.
- Keep washers and dryers plugged in properly to avoid a shortage.
- Keep the surrounding area rid of flammable items.
- Never dry rubber, foam or plastic.
- Never dry clothes that have been in contact with alcohol or gasoline.