**City News**

**The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 11th at the N. C. Senior Center 400 South Street**

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**Holiday Changes in Recycle Schedule**

City Offices Closed Thursday, Dec. 23rd & Friday, Dec. 24th with NO Recycle Pick Up

CITYWIDE Recycle Pick Up on Wed., Dec. 22nd.

Reg. Schedule  Rev. Schedule
Dec. 23rd    Dec. 22nd
Dec. 24th    Dec. 22nd

No Yard Waste Pick Up

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City Offices Closed Friday, Dec. 31st

NO Recycle Pick Up

Reg. Schedule  Rev. Schedule
Dec. 31st    Dec. 30th

CITYWIDE Recycle Pick Up on Thurs., Dec. 30th.

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City Offices will be closed on Mon., Jan. 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with No Trash Pick Up

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

Reg. Date  Revised Date
Jan. 17th    Jan. 18th
Jan. 18th    Jan. 19th

Yard Waste Pick Up:
Thursday, Jan. 20th

Citywide Recycle Pick Up: Friday, Jan. 21st

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**Citywide Surveying and Building Investigation Work**

The City of New Castle has recently been awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administered by the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), to fund surveying and building investigation work throughout the City. This information is needed as the City undertakes planning for long range (10+ years) emergency preparedness actions related to future storm events and potential increases in water surface elevations of the Delaware River and the City’s marshes.

Beginning in mid-December and lasting for approximately six months, field crews from McBride & Ziegler will be intermittently surveying various parts of the City. If your property will be surveyed, you should have received a letter from the City. Surveyors obtain this information from outside and will not need access to the inside of any structure. The time spent at any one location will be no more than a few minutes.

Beginning in the spring of 2022 and lasting for two or three months, personnel from Tetra Tech will be determining which buildings have basements or crawlspaces. This work will require accessing the premises structures and will take no more than 15 minutes. The City asks for your cooperation by allowing access into your house or business. Again, if your property will be affected you should have received a letter from the City with additional details.

Representatives from McBride & Ziegler and Tetra Tech will carry copies of this memorandum along with personal identification.

Thank you in advance. Please contact the City office at 322-9812 with any questions.

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**December/January Events**

**New Castle Library Events:**

- **Something going on, check out their website and Facebook page.**
  - [www.newcastlelibrary.lib.de.us](http://www.newcastlelibrary.lib.de.us)
  - @NewCastleDEPublicLibrary

Dec. 10th – Dec. 24th - Winter Kahoot:
Play Kahoot, a fun quiz on winter holidays around the world. Play between Dec. 10th – 24th. For more details and to access the Kahoot link go to the library’s website or Facebook page.

Holiday Craft Night - Mon. Dec. 20th at 4:30 p.m. Fun for families with children of all ages. Decorate gingerbread style houses and all supplies will be provided by the library. Registration is required, call 328-1995

**Library After Hours:**

- **Junk Journaling with Alison Wessel** - Fri., Jan. 14th at 7pm (This a 21 and over event)
  - Get creative in the new year at the Library! Join in this BYOB happy hour and junk journaling. Registration required.

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**A Taste of Mexico - Sat. Jan. 15th at 2 p.m.** Join the next "Taste Of..." series with the Taste of Mexico program! Come and taste some of Mexico’s more popular snacks. Registration is required. **This program is intended for teens in grades 7 - 12.**

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**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 2022-2023 Grant Application on their Website: 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, 2021.

TNCC Outreach Committee

Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications and Mid-Year Renewals

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

The scholarships are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle and are for undergraduate study only. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university to be considered for the Scholarship. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

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

Funded applicants from the Fall semester need only send in an official Fall 2021 grade transcript prior to the January 3, 2022 deadline.

Packets for new applicants 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.

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, on the Forms and Fees page, or in the City office at 220 Delaware Street. You can call the Code Officer at 302-322-9801. 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.

January is the time to renew your City Business & Rental License’s

Now is the time to renew your City of New Castle Business License and Rental Housing Business License.

All business’s located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a current New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City Rental Housing Business License, both licenses must be renewed annually in January.

License applications are available at the City Administration Building, located at 220 Delaware Street.

Both licenses are also available and payable online on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov on the Forms & Fees page.

Christmas Tree Curbside Recycling

After the holidays place your tree curbside. Public Works crews will collect trees and chip the trees as teams are available.

- DO NOT block sidewalk
- DO NOT place the tree in street or alley
- DO NOT place tree in bags
- DO remove tree stands, nails, ornaments, garland, lights, etc.

§ 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.