City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., April 12th
NC Senior Center
400 South Street*

City Offices will be closed on Fri., April 15th in observance of Good Friday

Revised Recycle Pick-up Schedule

CITYWIDE
Recycle Pick-up
Thursday, April 14th
No Recycle Pick-up
Friday April 15th.

*Council meeting may also be viewed via Zoom; information available on the City website.

City seeking a Development & Tourism Coordinator

The City of New Castle is soliciting applications for a one-year contract for $40,000 for a person to act as Development & Tourism Coordinator for the City. The purpose of this position is to support economic activities and tourism that were impacted by business failures and tourism shortfalls during the COVID pandemic and to promote the entire City of New Castle as a great place to live, work, and play.

Specific skills needed include:
- Ability to communicate professionally both orally and in writing.
- Basic knowledge of computer operations.
- Knowledge and ability to use publications and social media outlets.
- Basic knowledge of the principles of tourism.
- Experience in grant-writing.

Applications should be submitted to the attention of the City Administrator, 220 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE 19720 no later than April 9th, 2022.

The City of New Castle is an equal opportunity employer.

Annual Beach Clean Up Postponed

The annual Battery Park beach clean up, scheduled for April 23rd has been postponed until October. Check the NC Sailing Club website for updates, www.newcastlesailingclub.org.

Battery Park Half-Day Summer Camp

Sign ups have begun for Battery Park Half Day Camp, run in conjunction with N.C. County Parks & Rec. Programming includes arts & crafts, fitness, nature activities, sports & games, and much more. Eight weekly sessions begin June 21st and run through August 11th. For more information or to sign up online go to the City website or www.nccde.org.

March & April Events

Friday, March 25th - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fourth Friday - Art Loop On the Fourth Friday of each month, walk through local galleries and shops.

Thursday, March 31st - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
New Castle Public Library
On the Same Page: Your City and You
Don’t miss the last night of this informative series. Representatives from City organizations and non-profits will give a brief overview of their group with Q&A time to follow. Sponsored by the NCCP.

Saturday, April 16th from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon
New Castle Presbyterian Easter Fair
Join New Castle Presbyterian Church for their annual Easter Fair! Decorate cookies, create Easter cards, sing songs, participate in the annual egg hunt on the church lawn! To learn more or to RSVP visit their website www.newcastlepreschurch.org.

Sunday, April 17th 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service on the Wharf
Come welcome the Easter dawn at an ecumenical sunrise service on the Wharf; dress warmly.

Sunday, April 17th - 1:00 p.m. on The Green
New Castle Lions Easter Parade
The New Castle Hundred Lions will once again hold their annual Easter Parade on the Green. Come join this New Castle tradition.

Wednesday, April 27th 7:00 p.m.
Looking Back: 80 Years of New Castle’s May Market
In honor of the 80th anniversary of May Market, Arasapha is offering a free Zoom webinar. Check their website for sign up info. www.arasapha.org.

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!
The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
MSC Announces Water & Electric Rates Increase

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WATER and ELECTRIC RATES TO BE INCREASED

Municipal Services Commission’s (MSC) rate design consultant, Utility Financial Solutions (UFS), recommended a 5% overall water revenue increase and a 1% overall electric revenue increase after reviewing the cost-of-service study. These rate increases will be effective with the April 2021 bills and result in an average residential customer experiencing an increase in their monthly bill of approximately $4.05. MSC is sensitive to customers experiencing additional financial burden, please reach out to the customer service department at 302-323-2330 to find out about agencies that provide assistance.

Code Enforcement Corner

The City Code Enforcement Department 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 at the City office at 220 Delaware St. or on the website newcastlecit.org. You can also call the Code Officer at 322-9801.

Mosquito Control Starts in the Spring. Spring is a great time to do a quick property check, before everything starts to grow for the season. Look for potential areas for mosquito breeding, particularly anywhere water can collect and stagnate. Eliminating these types of areas will go a long way this spring and summer to help with mosquito control.

The City of New Castle will continue to cooperate 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.

Clean Air & Money Saving Tips from MSC & Efficiency Smart.

You can look forward to a cleaner home and savings on your electric bill by adding these energy-saving steps to this year's spring cleaning:

- **Replace dirty furnace filters:** You can save energy and improve your indoor air quality.
- **Dust around your home:** Clearing dust and debris from refrigerator coils, clothes dryer vent, and ceiling fan blades will keep these items working more efficiently.

Clean the air: If you are thinking about purchasing an air purifier, consider ENERGY STAR certified models. They use 40% less energy, and you can even get a **$20 rebate** from Efficiency Smart. Go to www.newcastlemsc.delaware.gov for details.

Clear out your old incandescent bulbs: Replace those dingy lightbulbs with LEDs. They use 80% less energy and last much longer. You can find $0.99 LEDs at the NC Welcome Center at the Arsenal, 30 Market St.

TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Application for the 2022-2023 Academic School Year

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.

Packets will be available in late February from the Trustees of New Castle Commons office at 201 Delaware Street, New Castle or online at www.trusteencc.org.

Please call 322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.