



# The New Castle Crier

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## City News

The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Aug 9th at the New  
Castle  
Senior Center  
400 South Street



**Attention  
New Castle  
Residents.**

Are you upgrading an old appliance or have an extra fridge adding to your electric bill? If you are a customer of MSC, for a limited time, you can get a FREE pick up and \$100 for each working fridge, freezer, dehumidifier, or window air conditioner you responsibly recycle through Efficiency Smart. Check the City or MSC websites for details.

## 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.newcastlecit.delaware.gov](http://www.newcastlecit.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 Year's Tax Payment)
PAST DUE:	(Any Amount Still Past Due Amount)
CURRENT CHARGES:	(This Year's Base Tax Amount)
DISCOUNT:	(Amount of 2% Discount, if paid by 8/31)
IF PAID BY 08/31/22:	
AMOUNT DUE IF PAID BY 09/30/22:	
IF PAID ON OR AFTER 10/01/22:	

## July/August Events

**Friday, July 29th, 12 p.m.** New Castle House Museum presents the 4th webinar in the series "*Well Seasoned Heirlooms*" presents *Ice Cream in Delaware History*. You can register to join at [www.us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN-gLjCwTfuzFG6zeaYAWQ](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN-gLjCwTfuzFG6zeaYAWQ)

**Annual Summer Concerts in Battery Park**  
**Wednesday's, June 22nd - August 10th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

- **Wed., July 20th** Jimmy Pritchard
- **Wed., July 27th** Trinity Acoustic Group
- **Wed., Aug. 3rd** Kona Shame
- **Wed., Aug. 10th** Cherry Crush
- **Wed., Aug. 17th** Ashley and the LimesTones

**Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**National Night Out in Battery Park**

**Sunday, August 28th, 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 8th from 6 to 9 p.m.**  
**Dining in the Street - "Flavors of Fall"**

Don't miss the Annual "Dining in the Street" event on . This event benefits the New Castle Senior Center. Rain date: Sept. 15th. Tickets available starting August 1st.

**Sat. & Sun., September 10th & 11th p.m. 12 -6:00 p.m.**  
**24th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show on the Green in New Castle. "That's Entertainment"** is the theme this year featuring: the American History Theatre players, Her Time 20XX , a women's string orchestra, Shakespeare Delaware, vocal performances, speakers and more. Free to the public. Sponsored by the New Castle Court House Museum and the New Castle Historical Society.

**Saturday, September 24th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Annual Art on the Green in Battery Park** hosted by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club.

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**Bavarian Beer Fest** This is a new event this year, watch for details. Hosted by the NCCP.

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

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



## National Night Out Tuesday, August 2nd in Battery Park 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign celebrated across the United States that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out enhances the relationship

between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

### New Castle Police/Child ID Kits

The NCCP will be offering child fingerprint ID kits. The kits are completed at home, so the information is completely confidential. The fingerprints are kept by the parents or guardians in the event this important information is ever needed.

**Good Will Fire Apparatus - Games - Food - Fun  
Music by American Pie Entertainment/Paul Freebery  
Hot dogs provided by New Castle Hundred Lions Club**



## General Announcement of Trustee Election

The Trustees of the New Castle Common hereby announce an election to fill an open seat on its Board.

Voting is scheduled from October 3rd, through October 8th, at the Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street. Specific times for voting will be published at a later time in The Town Crier, The Weekly, and on the Trustees' website ([www.trusteesncc.org](http://www.trusteesncc.org)).

To become a candidate in this election, you must apply to the Trustees of the New Castle Common at the office located at 807 Frenchtown Road, on the Penn Farm. Applications are now being accepted. Office hours are from 10 to 3:30, Monday through Thursday. The deadline to file for candidacy is September 8, 2022. There's a non-refundable fee of \$100 to file.

Candidates must be at least 25 years of age by October 8, 2022, and must be a continuous resident of the City of New Castle for at least two years prior, or since October 8, 2020.

For more information, call (302) 322-2809 or stop by.  
**Trustees of the New Castle Common  
807 Frenchtown Road \* (302) 322-2809**

## 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.

**Street Trees:** A street tree is a tree planted in the sidewalk or a planting strip in the public right-of-way. If you have a street tree in need of attention, please contact the City office at (302) 322-9801, or go on the City website to submit a Tree Work Application.

[www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/tree-commission](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/tree-commission).

**The City of New Castle Tree Advisory Commission** acts in an advisory capacity for the City of New Castle regarding the maintenance of the street trees and other trees on

City property. There are approximately 1,000 trees that the Commission oversees.

### From the Code: § 210-12:

- A. No person shall, without a valid tree permit, remove, destroy, break, cut or deface any street tree.**
- B. No person shall directly or indirectly permit any toxic chemical or any toxic substance to seep or drain or be emptied on or about any street tree.**

**A tree work permit** is required for the planting, removal or pruning of branches of street trees. A resident must obtain a tree permit to ensure that proper care is given to street trees. Street tree work completed without a permit shall be a violation of this chapter subject to fines and enforcement actions under the City Code.



**Summer Water Tank Painting Project**  
**The Municipal Services Commission (MSC)** has two Elevated Water Tanks in their distribution system. A 1,000,000 gallon tank located at Ships Landing Way and a 600,000 gallon tank located at Gray Street. This

summer, contractors will complete structural improvements then pressure wash and repaint both tanks. This routine maintenance will enhance their appearance while extending the useful life of the tanks. MSC will keep their customers updated on this project.

