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**Come out to
Community Nature
Day at the Hermitage
Natural Area,**

January 21st at 10:30 a.m.
See Back for more information.

City News

**The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Feb. 14th at
Town Hall

**City Offices will be
closed on
Monday, Feb. 20th
in observance of
President's Day**

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

<u>Reg. Date</u>	<u>Rev. Date</u>
Feb. 20th	Feb. 21st
Feb. 21st	Feb. 22nd

**Yard Waste picked
Thursday, Feb. 23rd**

Call the City office to
schedule 302-322-9801

**Normal Recycle
Schedule Thursday
& Friday.**

The City Calendars are on their way.



This year the cover of
the City calendar
features the new
entryway signs going up around the
City featuring the City branding.

Please take time to read through the
calendar, as it makes up the Annual
Report for City government activities
that occurred in 2022, and provides a
preview of City events and what
residents can expect in 2023.

Inside the calendar you will find
helpful information and reminders.
On the calendar page for each month
you will find any changes in the
Public Works schedule, such as the
trash and recycle schedule after a
holiday.

Check the City website for updates.
www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov or
[#NewCastleCityDE](https://www.instagram.com/newcastlecityde)



**File now to run in the
April 15, 2023
City Election!**

Seats up for election in are:

Mayor (4 year term)

Two Council seats (4 year terms)

One Council seat (2 year term)

Candidate filing packets are available
at the City office, 220 Delaware
Street. The last day to file is Friday,
February 24th at 5 p.m.

New Yard Waste Pick Up Process

Reminder! The City is implementing a
new yard waste pick up process
beginning January 16th, that will run
through March 6th.

During this time period if you need a
yard waste pick up you will need to call
the City office at 302-322-9801 by
Monday of each week during this time
frame to arrange for your pick up. The
service will continue to be offered on
Wednesdays*

*Wednesday or holiday schedule.

January/February Events

Friday, Jan. 27th at Noon - Well Seasoned Heirlooms
Webinar toasting the Chinese New Year. Kim Fritch will
talk about the Chinese culture in Delaware and cook
traditional Chinese cuisine. Register online for webinar
on New Castle Court House Museum Facebook.

**Saturday, February 4th 9am-12pm - Trail
Maintenance Party Hermitage Nature Area**
Rain Date: Sunday the 5th.

Help the Hermitage improve the hiking experience and
native habitat as they remove invasive plants that are
encroaching on the trails. Bring gloves, drinking water,
and tools (rakes, clippers, loppers, etc). Snacks will be
provided.

Friday, February 24th, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fourth Friday Art Loop. Sip and snack and check out all
your old and new favorite spots in New Castle's
Downtown District.

February, 22nd-26th: Restaurant Week - Restaurant
Week returns to highlight the city's diverse, culinary
venues. Hosted by the N.C. Community
Partnership. -www.historicnewcastle.com

Saturday, Feb 25th at Noon- "The Letter of the Law"
Presentation by Juliette Wurm on bias and racism
written into the laws of Delaware from the American
Revolution to Reconstruction, and how those laws were
enforced. New Castle Court House Museum.

**Sunday, Feb 26th at 1:30 pm - "Thar She Blows:
Whaling on the High Sea!"** Delaware Humanities
Speaker, Steve Renzi, will present a program about
whaling in the Delaware River and the Wilmington
Whaling Co. New Castle Court House Museum.

Saturday March 11th 8:00 a.m. Morning Bird Walk
The Hermitage will host a monthly bird walk led by an
expert birder. Join us on these hikes through the
meadow and forest to watch and to learn about the
wide variety of birds found here.

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!

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



The *Kalmar Nyckel* will be Visiting Historic New Castle Again this year.

Mark your calendars! The Tall Ship *Kalmar Nyckel* is scheduled to stop in Historic New Castle from **July 14th to July 18th**. Additional dates will be posted as they become available. Discover the remarkable story behind the *Kalmar Nyckel* and Delaware's rich maritime history.

Get updated information on the *Kalmar Nyckel* and her scheduled visits at newcastlecity.delaware.gov on the Events & Tall Ships page, or on the *Kalmar Nyckel* website at www.kalmarnyckel.org.



Come out to Community Nature Day at the Hermitage Natural Area, January 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Come out to Community Nature Day to learn about the birds and animals that call this area home. Also check out the bird feeders and homes they will be installing!

Located at 901 Delaware Street, in the area behind the New Castle School the Hermitage Natural Area offers trails to view the native plants, birds and animals that call New Castle home.

Other events at the Hermitage include bird walks led by expert birders, Trail Maintenance Parties to help improve the trails, and classes such as *Woody Plant Propagation* in February and *March into Spring with the Bees* where you will learn the importance of native bee populations. Visit their Facebook page for more information on their events. www.facebook.com/HermitageNaturalArea



Over 65 & Disability City Property Tax Exemption

Interviews for the City of New Castle Property Tax Exemptions will be conducted from **January 17th through April 28th**. To apply, applicants must provide photo ID and income information.

For more information and to schedule an interview please call Diane Delgado at 302-322-9804.



Residents already receiving an exemption are reminded to send back their City audit letters and a copy of their Social Security exemption award letter (for disability exemption only) by April 28th.



Don't miss the February 1st deadline to renew your City Business & Rental Housing Licenses.

All businesses located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a 2023 New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must renew their New Castle City Rental Housing Business License annually. Both license applications are available at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street or on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

Business Licenses for businesses located within the City Limits and Rental Business Licenses must be renewed before February 1st, after which a late fee will be assessed at 10% per month. Applications can now be submitted online on the City website's forms and fees page. Please call 302-322-9801 with any questions.

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 on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov or in the City offices; you can also call the Code Officer at 322-9801.



§ 140-7: Dangerous or Vacant Properties:

Any vacant property must be registered with the City and maintained as if that property were used or occupied. Please call the Public Services Department at 302-322-9801 or stop by the City office at 220 Delaware Street with any questions you may have about registering a vacant property.

§ 140-15 Unregistered or Inoperable Vehicles:



In any zoning district, it shall be unlawful to park, store, or permit to be parked or stored, other than inside a fully enclosed building, any vehicle that is required to and does not have current registration attached to the vehicle, is inoperable in the manner for which it is designed, is missing major components, is wrecked or is dismantled.



§ 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.