



# The New Castle Crier

*The Official Newsletter of New Castle City*



Starts June 20th  
Call (302) 395-5654 or  
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[www.nccde.org/camps](http://www.nccde.org/camps).

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## City News

*The next Regular  
City Council meeting  
is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., June 13th at  
NC Senior Center  
400 South Street*  
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**City Offices will be closed  
Mon., May 29th  
in observance of  
Memorial Day**

### **Revised Trash Pick-up Schedule**

Reg. Pick-Up   Revised Pick-Up  
Mon., May 29   Tues., May 30  
Tues., May 30   Wed., May 31  
Yard Waste - Thursday, June 1  
Citywide Recycle - Friday, June 2  
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### **Public Works Starting Summer Hours May 1st 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Beginning Monday, May 1st  
Public Works will begin their  
collection routes at **6:00 a.m.**  
so plan accordingly to get your  
trash, yard waste and recycling  
out for pick up.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Christiana Care Hospital has closed the Family Practice Center at the New Castle Senior Center. A Petition asking Christiana Care to reconsider their decision and outlining the impact this closure will have on many of our residents has been placed at the New Castle Senior Center and the New Castle Library on Delaware Street. They are available for your signature should you care to sign the petitions. Below is a copy of the Petition.

### PETITION TO THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF CHRISTIANA CARE.

We, the undersigned, request that you reconsider your decision to close The Primary Care Medical Practice Office, located in the City of New Castle Senior Center. Closing the Practice will have a devastating effect on many of the seniors in the City of New Castle. Please note the reasons for our concern below.

- The 2020 census confirms 20.6% of New Castle residents are over 65. That means approximately 1,444 seniors will not have access to any medical care in town.
- Many of these seniors are in their seventies and eighties. They no longer drive.
- For the last 16 years, their medical needs have been met in the Senior Center location, which is within comfortable walking distance.
- There are no other doctors' offices, or medical facilities in town.
- Many elderly patients have chronic conditions – Diabetes, heart diseases, which were regularly monitored because they were seen frequently.
- No regular supervision is going to be possible now. The probable outcome is a patient in crisis, followed by a visit to the Emergency Room at Christiana.
- It is an additional monetary drain for the more expensive care provided by Christiana Care at the hospital.
- COVID has strained and reduced your staff, and has resulted in a substantial financial burden to Christiana Care.
- Yet Christiana Care is the only health system in Delaware to make the World's Best Hospital List for "Consistent high quality patient care" for the last four years.
- Dr. Janice E Nevin, M.D. MPH, President and CEO said "Even in a year of unprecedented challenges, we have continued to innovate and find new ways to serve our community."
- Dr. Nevin, The Board and the Administration of Christiana Care. Based on your reputation for "Consistent high quality patient care" and your commitment to serve the community, we respectfully ask you to reconsider the closing of the Family Medical Practice at the Senior Center in the City of New Castle.

## May/June Events

### **Looking Ahead to Summer:**

The Kalmar Nyckel will be docking at the Delaware Street Wharf several times during the 2023 sailing season.

May 20th—Day in Old New Castle May 20th—*Free Deck Tours*

May 21st – May 29th (Public Sails)

July 15th – July 23th (Public Sails)

August 26 - September 3rd (Public Sails)

For more information or to book a sail go to  
[www.kalmarnyckel.org](http://www.kalmarnyckel.org).

### **A Day in Old New Castle & The Kalmar Nyckel visit to the Delaware Street Wharf**

On Saturday, May 20th come to America's oldest Home & Garden Tour featuring the Kalmar Nyckel for historical reenactments, kids activities, plundering pirates, colonial craftsmen, and musical performances. There will be a *Plein Air* Art Competition & Sale, the City museums will be open, and you can tour beautiful homes and gardens that are rarely open. Go to [www.historicnewcastle.com](http://www.historicnewcastle.com) for a complete list of activities and to purchase tickets.

### **BATTERY PARK HALF-DAY SUMMER CAMP**

**June 20th– August 10th**

**8 Weekly Sessions — \$40 per session.**

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration is required. Payment in full is due at time of registration.

**ACTIVITIES:** Arts/Crafts, weekly themes, fitness & nature activities, sports, games and fresh-air time!

**BREAKFAST:** DE Dept. of Education Summer Food Service Program is available at select sites. Call the camp office to verify if camp site has breakfast provided.

**CAMP FORMAT:** Half -Day Camps—8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Monday-Thursday except for the following dates: Monday, June 19 and Tuesday July 4.

Call 302-395-5654 or go to [www.nccde.org/camps](http://www.nccde.org/camps) for more information.

### **SUMMER CONCERTS IN BATTERY PARK**

**Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free to the Public.**

Check next month for schedule updates or go to  
[www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings](http://www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings) for more information.

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



## Separation Day Festival & Vintage Market



**Friday, June 9th—6 - 9:30 p.m.**

### SEPARATION DAY KICK-OFF PARTY:

Enjoy live music, beer, wine, seltzers and non-alcoholic drinks along with food trucks in a block-party setting. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase with tips benefiting New Castle's Minquadales and Goodwill volunteer fire departments. Featured performer: *"Too Tall Slim & The Guilty Pleasures"* (Classic Rock Covers & Originals)

**Saturday, June 10th - Noon Start**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- Noon: Parade (Delaware Street)
- 1 p.m.: Festival & Vintage Market (Battery Park)
- 2-9:30 p.m.: Live Music (Main Stage, Battery Park)
- 9:30 p.m.: Fireworks (Battery Park)

### Separation Day Parade

The parade progresses along Delaware Street and culminates at the review stand in front of the Courthouse. This Colonial-

inspired parade features re-enactors, bands, dance teams, classic cars, local sports teams and non-profits.

### Family Festival

There will be something for everyone in Battery Park including live music, games, kid's rides, exhibitors, food & drink, and a beer garden featuring craft beer, wine & seltzers. Admission is free. Food, drink & ride tickets available for purchase.

### Vintage Market

Offering festival attendees an array of vendors. Whether it is handmade, hand-painted, up-cycled or found, vintage market vendors all share the love of mixing old and new to create something completely unique.

**Live Music:** Bands will be performing on Separation Day's Main Stage from 2pm until the fireworks at 9:30pm. See the full schedule of performers at: [www.separationdayde.com/schedule](http://www.separationdayde.com/schedule)

**Fireworks:** Spectacular display over the Delaware River beginning at 9:30 p.m. Bring your own blanket and chair.



## Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications for the 2023/2024 School Year are Available Now

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.

A new 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 Fall semester. **The application deadline is July 5, 2023.**

Applicants from the 2022/2023 school year must complete another application at this time and provide an official Spring 2023 grade transcript prior to the **July 5, 2023** deadline.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common online at [www.trusteesncc.org/grants](http://www.trusteesncc.org/grants). Completed packets can be returned online to [office@trusteesncc.org](mailto:office@trusteesncc.org) or by mail to Trustees of New Castle Commons, 807 Frenchtown Road, New Castle, DE 19720. Completed applications can also be hand delivered to the same address Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle, please call the Trustees office at 302-322-2809. **Please note that the application and/or all necessary information must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 5, 2023.**

## 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 codes. Complaint forms are available in the City office, on the City website [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov) or by calling 302.322.9801.

**Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.**



**POOLS:** All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) **require a building permit.** Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** The City of New Castle will be cooperating 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.

**GRASS MAINTENANCE:** No person being the owner or possessor of a developed or undeveloped parcel one acre in size or less shall permit grasses or weeds to grow more than six inches high. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways. Keep sidewalks clear of grass and weeds.

**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.