

## Valarie Leary – Mayor

Valarie was elected to the office of Mayor in August 2023. Prior to this office, she served on City Council for 6 years.

Valarie has been an active organizer and volunteer for many events such as National Night Out, Restaurant Week, A Day in Old New Castle, the Summer Concerts in Battery Park and many more. She previously served on the boards of the New Castle Historical Society and the New Castle Community Partnership. Valarie is also actively involved in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and is involved at the local, state and national levels. She is Regent (President) of the Battell and Read Chapter located in New Castle.

Valarie has been a paramedic for over 20 years and is employed with Inspira Health providing both 911 response and critical care transport. Valarie holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Studies and Sociology from Pitzer College (California), as well as a paralegal certification from the University of Delaware.

Valarie moved to New Castle with her son Eric in 2007. Since moving to New Castle, Valarie met her husband Mark and they were married in 2015.