



City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 13th at The Senior Center

City Offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th in observance of President's Day

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:
Reg. Date Rev. Date
Feb. 19th Feb. 20th
Feb. 20th Feb. 21st

**Thursday, Feb. 22nd
Yard Waste**

**Friday, Feb. 23rd
Citywide Recycle**

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The City Calendars are on their way.

This year the cover of the City calendar is "Hermitage in the fall".

The Trustees of the New Castle Common have been entrusted with the care of hundreds of acres in and surrounding Historic New Castle dating back as far as 1764. The 149 acres of the Hermitage are a wonderful resource for every resident of New Castle from the avid naturalist to the amateur gardener to a walker with an appreciation of nature. The Trust's continued dedication to conservation and preservation of the Hermitage as a wildlife preserve are a benefit for this and future generations of New Castle. Please take time to read through the calendar, as it makes up the Annual Report for City

government activities that occurred in 2023, and provides a preview of City events and what residents can expect in 2024.

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.newcastlecitadelaware.gov or [#NewCastleCityDE](https://www.instagram.com/NewCastleCityDE)



City of New Castle DELAWARE

2024 Annual Report Calendar

Friday, January 26th at Noon - Well Seasoned Heirlooms at NC Court House Museum. Historic Site Interpreter Kimberly Fritsch shines a spotlight on women throughout Delaware history that speak to us through their food.

Friday, January 26th, 5:00p.m. - 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.

Saturday, Jan. 27th at noon-"The (Mock) Trial of Thomas Garrett, at NC Court House Museum. Experience the 1848 trial of abolitionist Thomas Garrett in the very court room where it happened. Jim Whisman will portray Thomas Garrett and volunteers will get the chance to play various roles in the Federal Trial's recreation.

Wednesday January 31st-Which Craft: Framing Paper Art at NC Public Library 5:30p.m. Learn about framing techniques and mount and frame your own 5" x 7" artwork.

Open Mic Night: Held the 3rd Sunday every month starting on: Sunday, February 18, 2024. 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Doors open at 6:30p.m.

Location: NC Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 25 E 2nd St

Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, storytellers, poets, and comics (clean acts only). Admission \$3.00 per person. Performers have a maximum of 10 minutes or two songs to showcase their talent. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE For more information contact James or Charlottie at secondstreetcoffeehousenc@gmail.com

February, 21st-24th: Restaurant Week - Restaurant Week returns to highlight the city's diverse, culinary venues. Hosted by the N.C. Community Partnership. - www.historicnewcastle.com

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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



Greetings from the Mayor

Happy New Year to all residents! May this new year bring you happiness, good health, and wonderful opportunities.

Community Outreach will continue throughout our neighborhoods. We were able to visit Shawtown in October and Dobbinsville in November, and are planning on Buttonwood in February, and the downtown area in March. Dates and locations are variable based on availability and weather. Please reference the City of New Castle Facebook page as well as Valarie Leary - Mayor, City of New Castle Facebook page for schedules and updates. The Weekly and New Castle City Topics will also post schedules and updates. Please come visit us when we are in your neighborhood!

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Cheers to new beginnings and a fantastic year ahead!

Over 65 & Disability

City Property Tax Exemption

Interviews for the City of New Castle Property Tax Exemptions will be conducted from **January 16th 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 2024 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.