



### City News

**The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Mar. 12th NC Senior Center\* 400 South Street \*\*\*\*\***

**City offices will be closed on Fri., March 29th in observance of Good Friday**

**Revised Recycle Pick-up Schedule Citywide Recycle Pick-up Thurs March 28th**

**No Recycle Pick-up Fri., March 29th**

# The New Castle Crier

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**Check out DNREC's "Recyclopeda"**



**The Annual St Patrick's Senior Center Fundraiser** will be held on **Saturday, March 2nd**, at the Center

located at 400 South Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

New Castle residents Mike and Tracey Connolly's ever-popular SEVEN RINGS band will provide entertainment with an evening of Irish and contemporary tunes. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Reservations can be made for tables of six or eight. Visit the Senior Center during its open hours, contact Senior Center Director Natalie Kaplan at 302.326.4209 or Marianne Caven at 302.588.7410 for tickets and reservations. A raffle of Irish goods and libations will be on offer at \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10 and attendees are welcome to bring in food.

### Back by Popular Demand

The NCCP, Restaurants, and Businesses of Historic New Castle invite you to the Third Annual Historic New Castle Restaurant Week, Feb. 21st to Feb 25th! \$35 per person dinners at the following participating restaurants:

- Jessops Tavern
- The Mercury Cafe and Tea House
- Zollie's Jazz Cucina
- Nora Lee's French Quarter
- Oaxaca
- Porto-fino Pizza and Restaurant

Continuing this year...\$15 per person lunches!

- Halal Bites
  - Taqueria El Centenario
- Farmer's Market (Thursday - Sunday)

- \*Alex's Seafood
- \*Los Jarritos
- \*Mama Gina's Pizza
- \*Masala Kitchen

This is a great opportunity to try new local restaurants and support your favorites. Sponsored by the NCCP.

\*Please note that menu items are subject to product availability and changes may be made without notice. Please check with individual restaurants for details on the most up-to-date offerings

## February & March Events

**Saturday Feb. 24th, 10a.m. - Meet Revolutionary War Hero Ned Hector** at the Arsenal (NCHS), Living historian Noah Lewis on the life and accomplishments of Edward "Ned" Hector, an African-American Revolutionary War soldier who fought at Brandywine, portraying Ned in the first-person to discuss his life and experiences during the war.

**Saturday, Feb. 24th, 10a.m. - Dungeons & Dragons for Teens** at New Castle Public Library. Registration required for this campaign open to players of all experience levels. Grades 6-12

**Saturday, March 2nd atTAcK addiction E-Racing the Stigma 5K/Rally** Registration at 7:00 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m. Additional information and early sign up are available now at [www.attackaddiction.org](http://www.attackaddiction.org)

**Sunday, March 10th 1:00p.m. Lafayette: the Hero of Two Worlds**, The Story of Marquis de Lafayette and the Bicentennial of his Farewell Tour of America, at NC Court House Museum, 1pm. Due to limited seating, RSVPs are requested by email [info@battellandreaddar.org](mailto:info@battellandreaddar.org)

**Saturday, March 16th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Hearth Cooking Demonstration**, at the Amstel House. Visit the Amstel House kitchen to learn about cooking and food of the 18th century. Our hearth cooks will be hard at work preparing authentic recipes from the colonial and revolutionary periods. Demonstrations are free, but donations are welcome. Enter the Amstel House through the rear door by way of the garden.

**Thursday, March 21st, 3p.m.- 5p.m.- Switch it Up: Video Gaming Club** at the New Castle Public Library. Enjoy playing Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, and/or Mario Party?



Join us for our program. We will provide the Switch, enough controllers for 8 teens, the games, and some snacks! This program is reserved for 5th - 12th graders.



**Easter Parade Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 1:00 p.m. on The Green** Don't miss the candy, fun and prizes! This New Castle tradition is sponsored by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club.

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



**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE  
COMMON**

The Trustees of the New Castle Common are holding an election on April 13, 2024 to fill one vacant position. This election will be held at the Goodwill Fire Station, 401 South Street, from 10 AM TO 4 PM.

**Register to Vote**

If you are not already registered to vote in Trustee elections, you can register at the Trustees' office, located at 807 Frenchtown Road, New Castle, DE 19720, on Penn Farm. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM. New registrations will be accepted on Election day up to the end of voting at 4 PM and you can register and vote at the same time on Election day. To qualify, you must be at least 18 years old by the date of the election, April 13, 2024 and a resident of the City for at least one year prior to the date of the election.

Bring proper identification to prove residency and age. If your identification document(s) shows an address outside of the City of New Castle, you are not eligible.

Mail-in voting will be offered. Please call the Trustees' office by March 10, 2024, to request a ballot by mail. The telephone number is: 302-322-2809, Extension 1. Ballots, once printed can also be picked up in person at the Trustees' office.

**Candidates**

To be a candidate in this election you must file at the Trustees' office by close of business, 3:30 PM, on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Prove residency in the City of New Castle for at least two years preceding the election date, April 13, 2024;
- Be at least 25 years old by the election date;
- Be registered on the Trustees Current Voter List;

Please apply in person at the Trustees' office, 807 Frenchtown Road and call 302-322-2809 - Ext 1 to schedule an appointment.



**Signs It Might Be Time to Replace Your Water Heater**

How often do you think about your water heater? If you are like most people, probably infrequently when it's working great. However, if you suddenly find yourself with only cold water in the shower, your water heater likely jumps to the top of your mind!

While water heaters can fail without warning, there are often signs you can look for that indicate it might be time to start planning for a replacement:

- **Visible Corrosion:** Check for corrosion on the water lines or on the unit itself
- **Leaks:** Look for leaks from seams, joints, or seals
- **Noises and Vibrations:** Listen for loud rumbling noises or vibrations, which can be red flags
- **Insufficient Hot Water:** Note if you are experiencing a shortage of hot water
- **Age:** Review the age of your water heater, as they start nearing the end of their lifespan after ten years of use.

If any of the above sounds like your water heater, you might want to consider replacing your unit with a heat pump water heater. Water heating is typically the third-highest energy consumer in a home, making an energy-efficient heat pump model a smart choice for a replacement.

While the initial cost may be higher than standard models, heat pump water heaters make up the difference quickly. The average family of four saves \$300 annually on electric bills compared to using a standard model. Efficiency Smart offers a \$300 rebate on the purchase of a new heat pump water heater and you may also qualify for additional federal tax credits. Check out the Home Energy Rebates page or call our customer support team at 877-889-3777 for more information.

New Castle customers can learn more about the new rebates by visiting [www.energysmart.org/new-castle-delaware](http://www.energysmart.org/new-castle-delaware) and selecting "Home Energy Rebates" or by calling 877-889-3777.



**Check out DNREC's  
"Recyclopedia"**

Use the Recyclopedia search tool to find out if something is acceptable to recycle at home, if you need to drop it off, or if it is trash.

**Recycling Information at your Fingertips**

**Recyclopedia**, administered by the DNREC Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances, helps users determine the best way to manage waste, whether by recycling or proper disposal. Recyclopedia can be an environmental asset for residents and visitors, whether at home, work, school or while on vacation.

The webpage at [de.gov/recyclopedia](http://de.gov/recyclopedia) offers an easy-to-navigate, pictorial guide for more than 375 common items – providing an instant response on how and where these items can be most efficiently recycled or disposed of, and directing app users to the nearest locations for either consumer action. Recyclopedia information can be retrieved by PC, tablet, cell phone, or other devices.

**Curbside single stream recycling is easy if you  
follow these simple steps!**

- **Don't Use A Bag!** Never bag recyclables. Items should be placed in the recycle cart loose.
- **Empty. Clean. Dry.** All items that you place in your recycling cart need to be emptied of their contents, cleaned of residue, and free of moisture.
- **What cannot go into recycle carts:** No Plastic bags, food waste, electronics or batteries. No yard waste, Styrofoam, window glass, mirrors, scrap metal or shredded paper. No frozen food containers, and no "tanglers." Items like hoses, string lights and wires tangle up recycling equipment.

If you have a question about what can be recycled visit [de.gov/recyclopedia](http://de.gov/recyclopedia) or [DSWA.com](http://DSWA.com) or call the DSWA Recycle Hotline at 800-404-7080.