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

The Trustees of the New Castle Common are holding a runoff election on June 1, 2024 to fill one vacant position. This election will be held at the Good-Will Fire Company Station, 401 South Street, from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Results of the April 13, 2024 Election:
539 total votes cast

Regina Schaubert Marini – 259 votes

Laura L. Fontana – 248 votes

Philip Gross – 32 votes

As result of no candidate receiving a majority of the total number of votes cast, a runoff election is being held between Regina Schaubert Marini and Laura L. Fontana.

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, 10:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. New registrations will be accepted on Election day up to the end of voting at 4:00p.m. 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, June 1, 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. If your driver's license shows a renewal date of less than 1 year, please bring a document that confirms residency of one year or more.

Early voting at the Penn Farm office will be available Monday, April 29th through Thursday, May 30th, 2024, during office hours Monday-Thursday, 10:00p.m.-3:30p.m. One evening for early voting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, from 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Please feel free to call the office at 302-322-2809 if you have any questions. Information is also available on the Trustee website: trusteesncc.org

Property Tax Reassessment

New Castle County continues to undergo a property tax reassessment countywide. Residents may have begun to see data collectors making their way through New Castle County to reassess parcels.

New Castle County has engaged Tyler Technologies to conduct the reassessment project. Property owners will be receiving letters requesting information that will assist with reassessment.

Property owners should be on the lookout for data collectors in our community. They will be making their way through the City, visiting every parcel and collecting data. The data collector may also ask the occupants about the property.

Please contact the County assessment office (302-395-5083) with any questions. The most accurate information will ensure the most accurate value for the property. For more information continue to check the County website for updates.

City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., June 11th at
NC Senior Center
400 South Street

City Offices will be closed Mon.,
May 27th in observance of
Memorial Day

Revised Trash Pick-up Schedule

May 27th May 28th
May 28th May 29th
Citywide Yard Waste
Thursday May, 30th
Citywide Recycle
Friday, May 31st

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. Please plan accordingly to get your trash, yard waste and recycling out for pick-up.

May/June Events

5/30- Switch it Up: Video Gaming Club 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Enjoy playing Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, and/or Mario Party? Join us for our program, Switch it Up: Video Gaming Club! We will provide the Switch, enough controllers for 8 teens, the games, and some snacks!

6/1 - City of New Castle Blood Drive at Good Will Fire Co., 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Visit the Blood Bank of Delmarva Donation Bus at GWFC in this collaboration between BBD, GWFC and the City of New Castle.

It's time to sign up for the 2024 Half-Day Summer Recreation Camps For children Ages 5-12

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 17th – August 8th ***** \$45 per child per week

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required. Payment is due in

full at the time of registration. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

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.

ACTIVITIES: Daily camp programming includes arts/crafts, weekly themes, fitness and nature activities, sports games, fresh-air time, and recreational and educational programming New Castle County Parks & Recreation/Camps.

Contact Information: (302) 395-5654

CAMP FORMAT: Half-Day Camps run from 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday except for the following dates: Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday July 4. Check next month for schedule updates or go to www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/events-happenings for more information.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

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



Separation Day Festival & Vintage Market



Friday, June 7th—6:00p.m. - 9:00p.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 Minquadale and Goodwill volunteer fire departments. Featured performer: "Blue Cat Blues" (unique guitar-driven sound from the Motor City)

Saturday, June 8th - Noon Start

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- Noon: Parade (Delaware Street)
- 1 p.m.: Festival and Artisan & 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

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



Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications for 2024/2025 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 copy of an MSC bill is required as proof of residency. 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 1, 2024**.

Applicants from the 2023/2024 school year must complete another application at this time and provide an official Spring 2023 grade transcript prior to the **July 1, 2024** deadline. Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common online at www.trusteesncc.org/grants. Completed packets can be returned online to 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 1, 2024**.

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 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.