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*Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, and New Year. From the City Elected Officials and Employees!*

City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 14th at the N. C. Senior Center 400 South Street  
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Holiday Changes in Public Works Schedule

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City Offices will be Closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th & Wednesday, Dec. 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

Reg. Schedule	Rev. Schedule
Dec. 23rd	Dec. 23rd
Dec. 24th	Dec. 26th

No Yard Waste Pick Up: Citywide Recycle Pick Up: Friday, Dec. 27th

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City Offices Closed Wednesday, Jan. 1st for New Year's Holiday

Yard Waste Pick Up: Thursday, Jan. 2nd  
Citywide Recycle Pick Up: Friday, Jan. 3rd

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City Offices will be closed on Mon., Jan. 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Revised Trash Pick Up Schedule:

Reg. Date	Revised Date
Jan. 20th	Jan. 21st
Jan. 21st	Jan. 22nd

Yard Waste Pick Up: Thursday, Jan. 23rd  
Citywide Recycle Pick Up: Friday, Jan. 24th



**January is the time to renew your City Business & Rental License**

All businesses located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle must have a current New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City Rental Housing Business License, both licenses must be renewed annually in January.

License applications are available at the City Administration Building, located at 220 Delaware Street. Both licenses are also available and payable online on the City website at [newcastlecitadelaware.gov](http://newcastlecitadelaware.gov) on the Forms & Fees page.



The City of New Castle is excited to debut CodeRed, the City's emergency and general alert system. Residents are encouraged to enroll in emergency alerts regarding traffic conditions; including road closures, inclement weather, missing persons, criminal activity, fires, utility outages

various threats to people, property, or the environment, and more. Be sure to opt in for the communication method that will best reach you, or all of them- text, email, phone call, etc.

Residents can register by visiting: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/NewCastleAlerts> or texting **NewCastleAlerts** to 24639.

Any questions or for assistance in registering, please call the City Administration office at 302-322-9801.

**Apply for City Property Tax Exemptions starting January 16th**



January 16th begins the new cycle for city residents to apply for the over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call the Finance Department at (302)-322-9804.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. The last day to apply is April 30th.

**December/January Events**



**Don't forget to Shop Small for the Holiday Season and throughout the year.**

**Fourth Friday Art Loop Friday, Dec. 27th - 5:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Walk through town visiting galleries, unique objets d'art while snacking and sipping wine. The Museums are open and decorated for the holidays.

**Shaw Alley Holiday Food Market, November 16-December 21, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.**

Gourmet holiday food items, bread, desserts, produce, holiday gift items and more. Behind Zollie's, 5 Shaw Alley.

**Sunday, January 19, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Acoustic Open Mic Night** Third Sundays- Admission \$5-cash only. NC Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall on 2nd St. Doors open and sign-up begins at 6:00p.m.

"Shop Small" and support the businesses in and around New Castle. Many of our local shops, museums, and restaurants offer unique gifts. Gift certificates make the perfect gift.

**Christmas Tree Curbside Recycling**

After the holidays place your tree curbside. Public Works crews will collect trees and chip the trees as teams are available.

- **DO NOT** block sidewalk
- **DO NOT** place the tree in street or alley
- **DO NOT** place tree in bags
- **DO** Remove tree stands, nails, ornaments, garland, lights, etc.



*New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!*

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

## 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 at the City office at 220 Delaware St. or on the website [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov). you can also call the Code Officer at (302)322-9801.



### **New Castle City Code, § 209-1. Removal of Snow and Ice Required.**

The owner, tenant or occupant of any property, shall remove any snow or ice from sidewalk or footway along and adjoining property within 24 hours of the end of a weather event. Said owner, tenant or occupant shall cause a pathway to be cleared at least three feet in width along the pavement or sidewalk to the gutter to allow the free passage of pedestrians.

If off-street parking is available, please move vehicles, if possible, to facilitate plowing.



### **Reminder from Good Will Fire Company**

If you have a hydrant near your property, please help clear the area around it in the event of snow. This could save crucial minutes in an emergency. In case of fire, our firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.



### **Trustee Community Grant Program**

The Trustees of the New Castle Common have posted the 2025-2026 Grant Application on their Website: [www.trusteesncc.org](http://www.trusteesncc.org).

Organizations within the town of New Castle can apply for grants. The Trustees mission is to manage its resources "for the benefit of the citizens of New Castle." Citizens are defined as the residents of the incorporated area of the City.

**If an organization has activities both inside and outside of the New Castle City limits, the Trustees can only support those activities within the City. Information and documentation provided must clearly indicate the location of services provided.**

**Remember! Your organization must complete and return the "Grant Request Application" to the Trustees of the New Castle Common by December 31, 2024.**

#### **TNCC Outreach Committee**

#### **Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications and Mid-Year Renewals**

The "Trustees of the 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 a recent MSC bill is required for documentation of residency beginning in the Spring 2025 application cycle (previously funded applicants are exempt from this requirement).

An 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 semester.

Funded applicants from the Fall semester need only send in an official Fall 2024 grade transcript prior to the **January 2, 2025** deadline.

**Beginning in November**, packets for *new applicants* are available from the Trustees of the New Castle Common online at [trusteesncc.org](http://trusteesncc.org). Please call (302)322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle. Completed packets can be returned online to [office@trusteesncc.org](mailto:office@trusteesncc.org) or by mail to Trustees of the New Castle Common, 807 Frenchtown Road, New Castle, DE 19720.

Please note the application and/or all necessary information must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than January 2, 2025.

### **Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow**

*Every second counts in an emergency*

- Remove snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear an area approximately 3 feet around the hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

