



City News

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

**City offices will be
closed on Fri., April
18th in observance of
Good Friday**

**Revised Recycle
Pick-up Schedule
Citywide**

**Recycle Pick-up
Thurs., April 17th**

**No Recycle Pick-up
Fri., April 18th**

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



The Annual St Patrick's Senior Center

**Fundraiser will be
held on Saturday,
March 1st, 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., cash or check only. 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 for tickets and reservations. A raffle of Irish goods and libations will be on offer. There will be a cash bar and attendees are welcome to bring in food.

Filing for the April 12th Elections Concludes on February 28th.

Seats up for election are:

- Council President (4 year term)
- Two Council seats (4 year terms)

In order to file for candidacy for election, you must: Request a Candidate Filing Form, available at the City Administration Office, 220 Delaware St., during regular business hours—8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or via email to info@newcastlecity.delaware.gov. The deadline to file your candidacy forms is Friday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m.

To run for Member of City Council you must:

- Be a citizen of the State of Delaware
- Be a resident of the City of New Castle
- Have resided in the City for two years prior to the election
- Be a qualified voter of the city by the time of the election
- Be at least 21 years of age as of the date of the election
- Never been convicted of a felony in accordance with State of Delaware and City of New Castle Code.

February/March Events

Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 12p.m. - Collision on Route 40: Cold War Tensions and Civil Rights at the New Castle Courthouse Museum. This presentation brought to you by Delaware Humanities explores how Route 40 in Delaware and Maryland became an unexpected battleground for Cold War tensions and civil rights. On this corridor between Baltimore and the Delaware Memorial Bridge, international diplomacy, African decolonization, Jim Crow, Soviet propagandists, and Freedom Riders collided, forcing a confrontation for the Kennedy administration that involved global tensions and domestic policy.

Sunday, February 16-Open Mic Night: Held the 3rd Sunday every month. 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
Location: NC Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall , 25 E 2nd St. Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, and poets.

- Doors open at 6:00p.m.
- Sign-up begins at 6:00p.m.
- Admission \$5.00 per person (cash only)

- Two songs or poems to showcase your talent.
- Drinks & goodies available for purchase.
- All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE.

For more information contact James or Charlottie at secondstreetcoffeeshousenc@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 26 - Sunday, March 2, 2025- Restaurant Week

The New Castle Community Partnership, restaurants, and businesses of Historic New Castle invite you to the Fourth Annual Historic New Castle Restaurant Week. \$40 per person at the following participating restaurants:

- Jessop's Tavern
- The Mercury Cafe and Tea House
- Nora Lee's French Quarter Bistro
- Zollie's Jazz Cucina

More to follow. <https://www.historicnewcastle.com/>

Saturday, March 1st at TACK addiction E-Racing the Stigma 5K/Rally Race starts at 9:00 a.m. Additional information and early sign up are available now at <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/NewCastle/>

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!

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

Absentee Ballots



To obtain an Absentee Ballot, contact the Absentee Ballot Clerk, Diane Delgado at 302-322-9804, or in person at 220 Delaware Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Affidavits for Absentee Ballots will be available from the City Office, during normal business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning March 3rd.

Added dates and times when Affidavits for Absentee Ballots will be available from the City Office are: Thursday, March 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 29th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

April 11th at 12 noon is the deadline to request an affidavit for Absentee Ballots from the City Administration office, 220 Delaware Street.

April 11th at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for Absentee Ballots to be turned in to the City Office. Absentee Ballots may also be brought to the polling place on the day of the Election.

For election questions and/or comments, contact City Board of Elections at marianneecaven@yahoo.com

Qualifications to Vote in the Election

At any municipal election of the City of New Castle all individuals who shall have attained the age of eighteen 18 at the time of the election who shall have been a resident of the City of New Castle for thirty 30 days preceding said election shall be entitled to vote provided however that said person is otherwise qualified to register to vote *and has registered to vote as required by the Election Laws of the State of Delaware 15 Del C Chapter 75 five 5 days prior to said election. The Board of Elections shall decide on the legality of the votes offered.

You can register to vote by applying with the Delaware Department of Elections. You can apply online by visiting <https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView>



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 and selecting "Home Energy Rebates" or by calling 877-889-3777.



Check out DNREC's "Recyclopeda"

Use the Recyclopeda 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

Recyclopeda, 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. Recyclopeda can be an environmental asset for residents and visitors, whether at home, work, school or while on vacation.

The webpage at de.gov/recyclopeda 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. Recyclopeda 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/recyclopeda or DSWA.com or call the DSWA Recycle Hotline at 800-404-7080.