



City News

**The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Feb. 11th at
New Castle Senior
Center

**City Offices will be closed
on
Monday, Jan. 20th &
Monday, Feb. 17th
in observance of MLK &
President's Days**

**Revised Trash
Pickup Schedules:
Reg. Date Rev. Date
Jan. 20th Jan. 21st
Jan, 21st Jan 22nd
Feb. 17th Feb. 18th
Feb. 18th Feb. 19th**

**Yard Waste
Thursday, Jan. 23rd & Feb.
20th**

**Citywide Recycle
Friday, Jan. 24th & Feb. 21st**

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**Beginning February 3rd, file to run in
the April 12, 2025 City Election!**

**Seats up for election in are:
Council President (4 year term)
Two Council seats (4 year terms)**

**In order to file your candidacy for
election you must:** Request a
Candidate Filing form, available at the
City Administration office, 220 Delaware
Street, during regular business hours - 8:30
a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or via email to
info@newcastlecity.delaware.gov by the
deadline of Friday, February 28th at 5 p.m.

**To run for Mayor or Member of the 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
before the election
- be a qualified voter of the City at 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.

**The City Calendars are on their
way.**



This year the cover of the
City calendar features
the tall ship the Nao
Trinidad.

Please take time to read
through the calendar, as it has the
Annual Report for City government
activities that occurred in 2024, and
provides a preview of City events and
what residents can expect in 2025.*

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

*Calendar cover has a misprint of 2024

January/February/March Events

Saturday, January 18th, 12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.

The (mock) Trial of Thomas Garrett

New Castle Court House Museum 211 Delaware St.

Come participate in the 1848 trial of abolitionist Thomas
Garrett in the very court room where it happened. Volunteers
will get the chance to stand as witnesses or even be on the
jury of the recreation of this Federal Trial. Scripts will be
provided to those participating.

**Sunday, January 19th, 6:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. - Accoustic
Open Mic Night—Presbyterian Fellowship Hall 25 E. 2nd
St.**

Join us for an evening of outstanding entertainment featuring
musicians, poets and comedy. All proceeds benefit Friendship
House.

Friday, January 24th, 5:00 - 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.

February, 22nd-26th: Third Annual New Castle

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

**\$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, and Porto-fino Pizza and Restaurant

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

Halal Bites and Taqueria El Centenario

Farmer's Market (Thursday - Sunday) Alex's Seafood,
Los Jarritos, Mama Gina's Pizza, & Masala Kitchen

**St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser - Saturday, March
1 6:30 p.m.-10:00pm New Castle Senior Center—400
South St.**

Featuring music by Seven Rings—\$25 in advance/\$30 at
the door. Cash or Check. Bring your own food. Cash bar.
For tickets or more information, contact Natalie at 302-
326-4209 or stop by the senior center

New Castle — The First Capital of the First State!

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



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>, texting NewCastleAlerts to 24639, or scanning the QR code.



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

Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Good Will Fire Company Blood Drive—401 South St.

Visit the Blood Bank of Delmarva inside Good Will Fire Company. This event is a collaboration between Blood Bank of Delmarva, Good Will Fire Company, City of New Castle, Senator Nicole Poore and House Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown.

Walk up donors are welcome.



Over 65 & Disability City Property Tax Exemption

Interviews for the City of New Castle Property Tax Exemptions will be conducted from **January 15th through April 30th**. 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 30th.



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 2025 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.

§ 209-1. Removal of snow and ice required

Residents are reminded that any person, corporation, company or other entity, being the owner, tenant or occupant of any house or other building, or the owner of any improved or unimproved lot, shall remove any snow, hail, ice or other matter or thing from any pavement, sidewalk or footway along and adjoining said premises within 24 hours of the time snow ceased to fall or the ice formed. 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.

§ 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.