



City News

**The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Sept. 9th at the
N.C. Senior Center
400 South Street

**Public Works will return to
their standard hours of 7 am-
3:30 pm beginning on
September 29th**

City and MSC offices will be
closed on Monday,
September 1st
in observance of Labor Day
**Revised Trash
Pick-up Schedule:**
Regular Date Revised Date
Sept. 1st Sept. 2nd
Sept. 2nd Sept. 3rd
Yard Waste Pick-Up: Thursday,
Sept. 4th
CITYWIDE RECYCLE
Pick-Up: Fri., Sept. 5th

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Please Help the City
Control Wildlife
Issues...
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newsletter.

Understanding your City of New Castle Property Tax Bill

Tax bills were mailed in July. Please note: the City does not accept a postmark to qualify payment as on time. Payment must be received in our office either by mail or in person by the close of business on the due date.

The last day to apply for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption and Disability Tax Exemption is September 1st. Please call 302-322-9804 for an appointment.

The City offers a 2% discount if payment is received at the City office by 4:30 p.m. on August 29th.

From September 1st through September 30th the base tax amount is due.

Payment must be received at the City office by 4:30 p.m. on September 30th.

Please see below for late fee penalty schedule:

- October 1st a 1.5% penalty
- November 1st 1.5% penalty

- December 1st a 6% late penalty with an additional 1% per month accrued on all unpaid taxes.

For your convenience the City has 3 ways to pay your tax bill:

Pay in Person at the City office: 220 Delaware Street (Cash, Check or Money Order Only.)

Pay online by credit or debit card or by e-check on the City's website:
www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov

Please be aware, there are convenience fees associated with paying your bill online. Fees over and above your taxes are not kept by the City. E-checks are mailed by your financial institution and must arrive by close of business one due date.

Pay by mail (Please note, payment must be received by September 30th. A postmark of September 30th will not be accepted as on time payment.)



August/September Events

**Final Annual Summer Concert in Battery Park
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

- 8/13/25 Olivia Reynolds

Fourth Friday Art Loop

Friday, August 22nd 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sip and snack and check out all your old and new favorite spots in New Castle's Downtown District.

Historic New Castle Farmers Market on the Green 211 Delaware St. - Saturdays 9a.m-1p.m. Visit the popular weekly Farmers Market offering local produce, meat, eggs and other artisan culinary items to residents and visitors! Senior Discount programs are honored.

Sunday, September 21st 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. Acoustic Open Mic Night-NC Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Come out for a night of entertainment performed by acoustic singer-songwriters, musicians, and poets. Drinks and homemade treats available for purchase.

New Castle Senior Center Annual Block

Party Sunday, September 21st, 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

(Rain Date 9/28) Covered Dish on the Green. Tickets \$25 on Eventbrite, New Castle Senior Center and The Mercury Café and Tea House.



Annual Art on the Green in Battery Park

Saturday, September 27th, hosted by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club.

www.artonthegreende.net

Belgian Beer Fest Saturday, September 27th, Hosted by the NCCP.

www.historicnewcastle.com



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BLOCK PARTY ON THE GREEN

New Castle Senior Center Annual Block Party
Covered Dish on the Green-

September 21, 2025 4:00-8:00 (rain Date 9/28). Tickets \$25.00 on Eventbrite and at the New Castle Senior Center beginning August 1, 2025. Proceeds benefit the Center's operational costs.



Community Collaboration of Delaware cordially invites citizens of the City of New Castle to join us at our upcoming **Safe Streets Summer Fest**, taking place on **Saturday, August 23rd from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Susi Park (1000 Gray Street, New Castle, DE 19720)**. We will be shutting down Gray Street between 10th and 11th Streets for a safe-street block party! This **FREE, family-friendly event** is an opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate, connect, and access valuable resources. We hope to see you all there!

Event Highlights:

- **Free food and drinks**
- **Youth recreational activities**
- **Giveaways for attendees**
- **Community-based resources**

Announcement from the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs (HCA) for the launch of the digital submission option for the state's Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. The portal is expected to be available sometime this month.

<https://history.delaware.gov/2025/06/25/unveiling-the-historic-tax-credit-program-online-system/>

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 zoning, property maintenance and building codes. Complaint forms are available on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov, or in the City office; or call the Code Officer at 302-322-9801. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

PLEASE HELP THE CITY CONTROL WILDLIFE AND FERAL CAT COLONY PROBLEMS...
DO NOT FEED WILD ANIMALS OR FERAL CATS.



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.

- ◇ Make sure all garbage is secured in covered plastic or metal trash containers.
- ◇ Keep yards clean and mowed and cleared of any debris including: compost, piles of wood, lumber or rocks and junk. Also, clean outdoor grills regularly.
- ◇ Eliminate all protective cover. Clear any brush areas or hedge rows.
- ◇ Close up any open areas that provide access under structures, porches or decks that could be used as potential den sites.
- ◇ Clean up any pet food, bird seed, fruits or vegetables

that may have accumulated.

- ◇ If there is any evidence of a den, make sure the animals are gone and fill hole with dirt and rocks. Sprinkle flour on the ground to detect tracks.
- ◇ If your yard has a grub or other subsoil insect problem, these are a feast for skunks.
- ◇ Raccoons and skunks may carry rabies and distemper, so keep pet vaccinations up to date.

What is a "Feral Cat?"



Both stray and feral cats live outdoors, where they can find food and shelter. The difference is that stray cats are usually lost or abandoned house pets - cats who are friendly with humans and can often be re-adopted. In contrast, feral cats are domestic cats that are not socialized to human contact. They live in all kinds of settings, usually in family groups called colonies. Because they have not been socialized to human contact, feral cats older than 2 months are generally not adoptable.

It is vitaly important not to feed feral cats; if they have an unlimited food supply the colony will stay and grow. Feeding these cats will also attract other undesirable wildlife such as raccoons and skunks.

TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) is a humane and effective program that ends the birth of unwanted litters, stabilizes the cat populations, improves the quality of life for the cats themselves, and prevents the spread of disease. For more information on feral cat resources in Delaware go to www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/oaw/foundstraycats.html