



City News

**The next Regular
City Council meeting
is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Feb. 10th at
New Castle Senior
Center**

**City Offices will be closed
on
Monday, Jan. 19th &
Monday, Feb. 16th
in observance of MLK &
President's Days**

Revised Trash

Pickup Schedules:

<u>Reg. Date</u>	<u>Rev. Date</u>
Jan. 19th	Jan. 20th
Jan, 20th	Jan. 21st
Feb. 16th	Feb. 17th
Feb. 17th	Feb. 18th

**No Yard Waste Pickup
Wednesday, Jan. 21st &
Feb. 18th**

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The City Calendars are on their way.

This year the cover of the City calendar features artwork by Dennis Young; Mo'zArt Gallery

Please take time to read through the calendar, as it makes up the Annual Report for City government activities that occurred in 2025, and provides a preview of City events and what residents can expect in 2026.

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.newcastlecitizen.delaware.gov or [#NewCastleCityDE](#)

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 City Awards:

City of New Castle Citizen Unsung Hero Award: In recognition of their civic minded nature and accomplishments through their actions, words and deeds, furthering the legacy and inherited tradition of the City, and the intricate part in which they play in enhancing the quality of life of the City's citizens by volunteering and contributing to the building of community and our society through their \ professional and service minded endeavors that support humanity.

Awarded to: Dr. Joanne Viola, John Reaves, Phee Price, Heidi Benson, James Eoppolo, and Charlottie Eoppolo

City of New Castle Business Difference Maker Award: In recognition and acknowledgement that their business in the City has taken up the mantle of being engaged corporate citizens and provide quality services to the community.

Awarded to: Mo'zart Gallery and Jessops Tavern

City of New Castle Employee Award: In recognition and acknowledgement of their willingness to go above and beyond their employment duties to provide exemplary service and selfless leadership to the City which results in the betterment of the City for all residents, visitors, and stakeholders.

Awarded to: Bill Smith and Dominic Mills

February/March Events

Sunday, January 18th & February 15th, 6:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. - Acoustic 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 23rd, 5:00p.m.- 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.

Thursday, February 12th, 7:00p.m. Old Town Horror

New Castle Public library is excited to announce their new monthly series, where they screen a different blood-drenched classic every second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Old Town Hall, located at 201 Delaware St. Admission is a sliding scale of \$5-10, though no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Refreshments will be available for purchase. BYOB.

February 23rd - March 1- Fourth Annual New Castle Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week returns for the fourth year to showcase our city's diverse and exciting culinary venues. From colonial favorites to vegetarian delights to unique fusion specialties, Historic New Castle is becoming a foodie destination. Check the Partnership's website (www.historicnewcastle.com) in coming weeks for more details.

St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser - Saturday, March 7th 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. Select Irish baked goods will be available for sale. 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.



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 302-322-7489.



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 2026 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 newcastlecitizen.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 newcastlecitizen.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.

