



## City News

*The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Mar. 10th NC Senior Center\* 400 South Street \*\*\*\*\**

**City offices will be closed on Fri., April 3rd in observance of Good Friday**

**Revised Recycle Pick-up Schedule Citywide**

**Recycle Pick-up Thurs., April 2nd**

**No Recycle Pick-up Fri., April 3rd**

# The New Castle Crier



Check out DNREC's "Recyclopeda"

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### Separation Day 250 Participation!

Planning for Separation Day 250 is underway.

As all New Castilians know, Separation Day is the annual celebration of Delaware's independence from Pennsylvania and the British Crown. As we embark on the celebrations for the 250th anniversary of our state and that of our nation, we would like to invite you to be a part of the Colonial inspired parade in Historic New Castle on June 13th at noon. 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of arguably one of the longest running traditions in the state.

This year to help celebrate the milestone we are introducing floats into the parade. We are extending this invitation to non profits, for profit businesses, schools, dance troops and musical groups. All floats should promote the theme of Delaware 250.

If you are a part of one of these organizations and would like to participate in the parade as a participant or with a float, visit the event website: <https://www.separationdayde.com/participate.php>

We are excited to celebrate this memorable event with you on June 12 and June 13, 2026.



## February/March Events

**Sunday, February 15-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. For more information contact James or Charlotte at [secondstreetcoffehousenc@gmail.com](mailto:secondstreetcoffehousenc@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 23 - Sunday, March 1, 2026- 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. More to follow. <https://www.historicnewcastle.com/>

**St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser - Saturday, March 7th 6:30 p.m.-10:00p.m.** 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.



**Saturday, March 7th atTACK 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://www.attackaddiction.org/events/5k>

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

## 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.



### 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](http://www.energysmart.org/new-castle-delaware) and selecting "Home Energy Rebates" or by calling 877-889-3777.



### Check out DNREC's "Recyclopedia"

Use the Recyclopedia 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

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

The webpage at [de.gov/recyclopedia](http://de.gov/recyclopedia) 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. Recyclopedia 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/recyclopedia](http://de.gov/recyclopedia) or [DSWA.com](http://DSWA.com) or call the DSWA Recycle Hotline at 800-404-7080.