

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Mar. 14th NC Senior Center* 400 South Street *******



File now to run in the April 15th City Election! February 24th is

the last day to file to run for City office. Seats up for election in 2023 are: Mayor - 4 year term 3 City Council Seats 2 Seats - 4 year Terms. 1 Seat - 2 Year Term

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Attention Residents: Community Meet & Greet: Whether

you are new to Historic New Castle or have lived here your whole life, you should come to the Library for this series of informative get togethers.

The dates are Wednesday, March 1st, 8th, and 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware Street. Check the City website for information on which groups will be speaking on each date.

City and community organizations will give short presentations on their organization, what they do for residents, and how residents can help them. Afterwards enjoy wine and cheese during the question period.



Back by popular Demand! Don't miss the Second Annual Historic New Castle Restaurant Week, February 22nd - 26th.

Participating this year are Jessop's Tavern, the Mercury Cafe and Teahouse, Nora Lee's French Quarter Bistro, Porto-Fino Pizza and Restaurant, and Zollie's Jazz Cucina. NEW in 2023! The New Castle Farmer' Market joins the fun for Feb. 24th -26th with lunch specials at the following participating restaurants: Alex's Seafood, Los Jarritos, Mama Gina's Pizza , Masala Kitchen, Stoltzfus Sausage Sandwich (Fri/Sat only) and Byler's BBQ (Fri/Sat only.)

This is a great opportunity to try new local restaurants and support your favorites. Sponsored by the NCCP.

February & March Events

Saturday, March 4th

atTAcK addiction E-Racing the Stigma 5K/Rally

Registration at 7:00 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m.

See information above for traffic restrictions in town the day of the race. Additional information and early sign up are available now at *www.attackaddiction.org.*



Saturday, March 4th St. Patrick's Day Party at the New Castle Senior Center: 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Featuring music by Seven Rings. Bring your own food. Cash bar. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Enjoy a night of Irish Music, Drinks

and Dancing to support the New Castle Senior Center! For more information, contact Natalie at 302-326-4209.

Saturday, March 18th 6 - 10 p.m. St. Peter's School Gymnasium St. Joseph Day Wine Festival Admission \$35.00



The St. Anthony's Society is hosting the St. Joseph's Day

Wine Festival at St. Peter's Gymnasium at 5th and Harmony Streets. Social Hour & Wine Registration at 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner of Roast Pork and Italian Cuisine at 6:45. Judging of Homemade Wines 7:30 - 10 p.m. For more info. call Bob Blakely 302-388-4565.

Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m. Courthouse Museum "The Kidnapping of Bathsheba Bungy". Dr. Valarie Petty Boyer will give a dramatic performance about a New Castle free African American girl who was kidnapped and taken to be sold into slavery and her harrowing escape. For information call 302-323-4453.

Sunday, March 19 th,1:30p .m. Courthouse Museum "The Big House". Delaware Humanities speaker, Steve Renzi, will present a program on the New Castle County Workhouse and their 5 female sharpshooter prison guards, " the Annie Oakleys". These were the first female prison guards in the nation. For info. call 302-323-4453.

Open House at Penn Farm

The Trustees are planning an open house at the Penn Farm in the early Fall. Stay tuned for updates.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State! The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!



See back for more information.



Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications for 2023/2024 School Year are Available Now

The "Trustees of New Castle Common Scholarship Fund" was established in 1983 for eligible residents of the City of New Castle.

The scholarships are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle and are for undergraduate study only. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university to be considered for the Scholarship. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

A new applicant must be a senior in high school or a high school graduate who is entering an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming Fall semester. The application deadline is **July 5, 2023**.

Applicants from the 2022/2023 school year must complete another application at this time and provide an official Spring 2023 grade transcript prior to the **July 5, 2023** deadline.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common online at <u>www.trusteesncc.org/grants</u>. Completed packets can be returned online to <u>office@trusteesncc.org</u> or by mail to Trustees of New Castle Commons, 807 Frenchtown Road, New Castle, DE 19720. Completed applications can also be hand delivered to the same address Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle, please call the Trustees office at 302-322-2809.

Please note that the application and/or all necessary information must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than **July 5, 2023**.



New Air Conditioner Rebates Available for New Castle Electric Customers

Efficiency Smart has introduced a \$100 rebate on qualifying central air conditioners and a \$50 rebate on qualifying window air conditioners for Municipal Services Commission of the City of New Castle electric customers.

Energy-efficient air conditioners can help keep homes cool while reducing energy use compared to standard models. This makes upgrading to an efficient model a smart choice for those looking to replace their aging air conditioner ahead of the cooling season.

Qualifying central air conditioners use eight percent less energy than standard new models while qualifying window units use nine percent less energy than standard models.

To celebrate the launch of the new rebates, Efficiency Smart is giving away a window air conditioner on its Facebook page. New Castle customers can visit <u>www.Facebook.com/EfficiencySmart</u> between March 1st and March 8th to learn more and to enter the contest.

Only qualifying air conditioner models purchased after February 28, 2023, are eligible for Efficiency Smart's rebates.

New Castle customers can learn more about the new rebates by visiting <u>www.efficiencysmart.org/new-castle-delaware</u> and selecting "Home Energy Rebates" or by calling 877-889-3777.

Efficiency Smart helps residents, businesses and communities use less energy and save money through energy efficiency services. Since its launch in 2011, it has served more than 60 communities in multiple states. Efficiency Smart was established by American Municipal Power for the benefit of its member communities. Efficiency Smart was brought to Delaware through the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation's energy efficiency program for the benefit of its member communities. It is administered under contract with VEIC. Operations are based in Columbus, Ohio.



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 <u>de.gov/recyclopedia</u> offers an easy-tonavigate, 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 <u>cannot</u> 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 <u>de.gov/recyclopedia</u> or <u>DSWA.com</u> or call the DSWA Recycle Hotline at 800-404-7080.