

Celebrating Small Businesses



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Learn more and nominate a business at efficiencysmart.org/BOTB



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City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m.,

Tues., June 9th at NC Senior Center 400 South Street

City Offices will be closed Mon., May 25th in observance of Memorial Day

Revised Trash Pick-up Schedule

May 25th May 26th
May 26th May 27th
Citywide Yard Waste
Thursday, May 28th
Citywide Recycle
Friday, May 29th

Public Works Summer Hours have begun

6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Beginning Monday, May 4th Public Works began their collection routes at 6:00 a.m. Please plan accordingly to get your trash, yard waste and recycling out for pick-up.

The City of New Castle is excited and honored to kick off the amazing America 250 and Delaware 250 celebrations and continue to celebrate our independence and the birth of our wonderful city, state and nation. We can't wait to celebrate with all those who attend.

Separation Day Kickoff Party

Friday, June 12, 2026 6-9p.m.

Enjoy live music, beer, wine, seltzers and non-alcoholic drinks along with food trucks in a block-party setting. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Proceeds from sale of alcohol benefit the Good Will Fire Company.

- Featured Performer: Special Delivery (8-piece band playing Rock, Soul, Motown)

Separation Day Parade & Festival

Saturday, June 13, 2026

12:00p.m.: Parade

Progresses along Delaware Street and culminates at the review stand in front of the Courthouse. This Colonial-inspired parade features re-enactors, bands, dance teams, classic cars, local sports teams and non-profits.

- As part of the annual Separation Day Parade at 12:00 p.m., The 250 Ride will reenact Caesar Rodney's historical ride and will make a ceremonial stop in Historic New Castle during his historic ride to Philadelphia to deliver the news of independence. Riding in an authentic horse-drawn carriage, Caesar Rodney will travel through the parade route accompanied by reenactors portraying the often-unheard voices of the American Revolution.

1:00p.m.: Separation Day Festival

Join us in Battery Park featuring live music, games, kid's rides, exhibitors, food & drink, beer garden featuring craft beer, wine & seltzers. Admission free. Food, drink & ride tickets available for purchase

Festival and Artisan & Vintage Market – featuring our Distinctly Delaware Pavilion (Battery Park)

Live Music performed on Separation Day's Main Stage:

- 1:30-4p.m.: Lyric Drive (Classic Rock, Folk, R&B)
- 4:30-7p.m.: Brandi Sanders Experience (R&B, Funk, Soul)
- 7:30-9:30p.m.: Club Phred (Seven-piece band playing Classics from '60s to today)

9:30p.m.: Fireworks (Battery Park)

Events

Historic New Castle Farmers Market on the Green 211 Delaware St. – Saturdays, May 2th – Oct. 31st 9a.m-1p.m.

Visit the popular weekly Farmers Market offering local produce, meat, eggs and other artisan culinary items to residents and visitors!

St. Anthony's Procession June 14th 12p.m.-3:30p.m.

Procession will start at St. Peters Church

Open Mic Night: Sunday, June 21st-Held the 3rd Sunday every month. 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. NC Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 25 E 2nd St. Come out for a night of entertainment performed by comics, musicians, and poets.

Admission \$5.00 per All proceeds benefit the Friendship House in Wilmington, DE.

ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERTS IN BATTERY PARK June 17th – August 5th 6:30p.m.-8:00 p.m.

6-17-26-Olivia Reynolds Band (Classic Country)

6-24-26-Exit 93 (Classic Rock)

7-8-26-Del Soul (Classic Soul, Motown, and R & B)

7-15-26-Seven Rings (Irish music and Classic Rock)

7-22-26-Cherry Crush (Dance and Classic Party)

7-29-26-Wendy Logan (Blues, Soul, and Rock)

8-5-26-The Kennett Squares (Blues and Classic Rock)

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

Trustees Scholarship Fund Applications for Fall 2026
Available April 1, 2026

The "Trustees of the 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. They are for undergraduate study and Tuition only. Applicants 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 copy of an MSC bill is required as proof of residency.

A new applicant must be a high school graduate who is entering or is already enrolled in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a full-time student in the coming Fall 2026 semester. Funded applicants from the previous semester must complete another application at this time and provide an official transcript from the previous semester. The application deadline is July 1, 2026.

Please refer to the Trustees website listed below for additional information and instructions.

Beginning on April 1, 2026, applications are available on the Trustees of the New Castle Common website: www.trusteesncc.org/grants. Completed packets can then be submitted to our office through the website.

If you have any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle, please contact the Trustees office at 302-322-2809 or by email: office@trusteesncc.org

Please note that the application and/or all necessary information must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than July 1, 2026.

Efficiency Smart

Shop locally at the New Castle Visitor Center at The Arsenal for energy-saving products starting at \$0.99, while supplies last. Special pricing courtesy of DEMEC, the MSC of the City of New Castle, and Efficiency Smart.

Visit www.energysmart.org/new-castle-delaware or call 877-889-3777 to learn more.

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SCOOP UP 3X SAVINGS

Window Air Conditioner Rebate

~~\$50~~ Now \$150 Through September 30!

ENERGY STAR®-certified window air conditioning units can use 20% less energy than standard models. Some units feature variable speed technology, which operates more quietly than conventional models.

Efficiency Smart offers a \$50 rebate (**now tripled to \$150 through September 30!**) on qualifying window air conditioners to help you save even more.

Limit four window air conditioner rebates per utility account, per calendar year. If you require additional rebates beyond the product limit, please contact customer support at (877) 889-3777 before purchasing. <https://www.energysmart.org/rebates/window-air-conditioner>

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 codes. Complaint forms are available in the City office, on the City website newcastlecity.delaware.gov or by calling 302.322.9801.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis.

POOLS: All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) **require a building permit**. Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: The City of New Castle will be cooperating with the State of Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife to maximize mosquito control in the area in an effort to combat mosquito borne diseases. The City will aggressively enforce City health codes that require the elimination of standing water, such as in tires or buckets.

GRASS MAINTENANCE: No person being the owner or possessor of a developed or undeveloped parcel one acre in size or less shall permit grasses or weeds to grow more than six inches high. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways. Keep sidewalks clear of grass and weeds.

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.

