



CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE

Below is the weekly report for the week ending today, February 28, 2025.

Items for Newsletters:

- 1. New Castle County Assessment Update:** New Castle County has completed the reassessment and final assessment figures are available on their parcel search website which can be found here: <https://www3.newcastlede.gov/parcel/search/>
- 2. Over 65 Property Tax Exemption Form:** New Castle County has a new exemption form for residents who are 65 years of age or older and would like to apply for a property tax exemption. Please note that you do not need to reapply if NCC previously approved an “elderly” exemption, as long as you continue to maintain the property identified on your earlier application as your and/or your spouse’s principal residence. The form is attached and can be found here: [Over-65-Exemption-Application-PDF](#)
- 3. Feedback sought on potential dog park:** Following discussions with Mayor Clifton and Councilman Bancroft, the City applied for and were awarded a grant from the Dash-In company that would allow for development of a dog park in District 3 near their newly proposed facility. A portion of the previously developed area within Folk Park was identified in the application as a potential site. Staff are going to be on-site in Folk Park on March 12th, from 11 am to noon to meet with residents and neighbors to get feedback on potential design options. Attached is a flyer that has been distributed to neighbors and posted in the park. Following the field meeting, staff will schedule an item on an upcoming council agenda for discussion and direction.
- 4. City newsletter:** To sign up for the City’s email newsletter, [click here](#).

FILING DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY
OFFICE OF FINANCE, ASSESSMENT DIVISION
QUALIFICATIONS FOR “ELDERLY” EXEMPTIONS FOR
RESIDENTS AGE 65 YEARS OR OLDER**

Summary

Persons who meet the following requirements should file an application for the New Castle County “elderly” exemptions with the Office of Finance, Assessment Division on or before **June 1, 2025**.

You do not need to reapply if New Castle County previously approved an “elderly” exemption and you continue to maintain the property identified on your earlier application as your and/or your spouse’s principal residence.

Criteria for “Elderly” Exemption from County Property Tax under County Code¹

- The applicant is sixty-five (65) years of age or older before **July 1, 2025**.
 - The house or dwelling on the real property is the principal residence of the applicant or the applicant’s spouse.
 - The July 1, 2024 assessed value of the applicant’s real property does not exceed \$676,000. (The property’s assessed value is the value placed on the property for County taxation purposes, and not the property’s actual or estimated current fair market value.)
 - The applicant’s income does not exceed \$65,000 per year or, if the applicant is married, the spouses’ combined income does not exceed \$65,000 per year. “Income” is calculated as adjusted gross income reported to the Internal Revenue Service on the applicant’s previous calendar year’s Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040), and does not include Social Security or Tier 1 Railroad Retirement Benefits.
 - The applicant is a resident of the State of Delaware and has been legally domiciled within the State for a period of ten (10) consecutive years before **July 1, 2025**.
 - The applicant either (1) does not owe any taxes or sewer service charges collectible by New Castle County or (2) is enrolled in an approved payment plan for such taxes or sewer service charges, and has timely made all payments and continues to do so until the payment plan is complete.
 - **If the application is approved, the maximum amount of the exemption for County tax purposes is \$173,000 subtracted from the total assessed value of the applicant’s property.**
- For residents whose property’s assessed value exceeds \$676,000 and whose income does not exceed \$3,000 per year, the State senior property tax exemption (\$5,000) shall apply. (See 9 Del. C. § 8132.)

¹ There is also a smaller “elderly” exemption available under 9 Del. C. §§ 8131-8140 for Delaware residents whose income does not exceed \$3,000.

Summary (cont'd)Criteria for “Elderly” Exemption from School Property Tax under County Code²

- The applicant is sixty-five (65) years of age or older before **July 1, 2025**.
- The applicant is a resident of the State of Delaware as of **July 1, 2025**.
- The applicant, or the applicant’s spouse, resides in the house or dwelling on the real property (or, the applicant resides in a health care facility due to a mental or physical infirmity).
- The applicant’s income (calculated as indicated above at Page 1) does not exceed \$15,000 per year or, if the applicant is married, the spouses’ combined income does not exceed \$19,000 per year.
- The applicant holds record title to the property, or has conveyed it to the trustee of a revocable trust (of which the applicant is the trust’s beneficiary).
- **If the application is approved, the maximum amount of exemption for school district tax purposes is \$32,000 subtracted from the total assessed value of the applicant’s property.**

Additional Information

- If **all** requirements are met, you may receive both the County (up to \$173,000) and school district (up to \$32,000) “elderly” tax exemptions.
- No application will be approved unless (1) all taxes and sewer service charges then due to or collectible by New Castle County have been paid in full, or (2) you are actively enrolled and timely making monthly payments of any tax or sewer charges due to or collectible by New Castle County, as determined by the Office of Finance at the time of application.
- If you fail to remain current on payment of any taxes or sewer service charges in accordance with and for the duration of any agreement between you and New Castle County (as determined by the Office of Finance), **your County tax exemption shall be treated as having been forfeited** and your property will be billed for taxes on the full assessment beginning in the next quarter. Once you regain “current” status on your payment plan (as determined by the Office of Finance), you may submit a new exemption application as to future taxes.
- Upon death, your County tax exemption may remain in effect for the entire fiscal year ending June 30, provided that your spouse remains in the house or dwelling on the property as their principal residence.

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- The County tax exemption, if granted, applies only to the property referenced in this application. If you transfer that property and move to a new principal residence, you must submit a **new application** for the exemption as soon as possible for your new principal residence.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1, 2025

- If your application is approved, the maximum amount of the exemption is \$173,000 of assessed value (as to County taxes) or \$32,000 of assessed value (as to school district taxes).
- If you own your property with anyone other than your spouse, you will be exempt on your percentage of the property's total assessment up to \$173,000 (as to County taxes) or \$32,000 (as to school district taxes).
- If you receive your sewer service from New Castle County, and your exemption was granted on or before July 1, 2007, your sewer service charge will be \$36.00. For those approved for the exemption in tax year 2008 and thereafter, the sewer service charge will be billed at fifty percent of the total charges, or the minimum bill as set by County Council, whichever is greater.
- Once approved, it is your responsibility to notify New Castle County if, in the future, you no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the "elderly" exemption(s).
- If your application is approved, and you receive your sewer service from New Castle County, you may be eligible for Sewer Lateral Clean-Out Reimbursement. Further information may be obtained by calling the Assessment Division at (302) 395-5520.

To submit completed application and supporting documentation electronically, please email:

assessment@newcastlede.gov, or fax to (302) 395-5544.

2025**FILING DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025****NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF FINANCE, ASSESSMENT DIVISION**

87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720-1648

assessment@newcastlede.gov / 302-395-5544 (Fax)

**APPLICATION FOR REAL ESTATE OR MOBILE HOME EXEMPTION
RESIDENTS AGE 65 YEARS OR OLDER**

Parcel/Account Number: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

DE Driver's License
or State ID Number: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check/Answer all that apply:

I am a Delaware resident and have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of 10 consecutive years.

☐ Yes ☐ No Date on which Delaware became my primary residence: _____

The July 1, 2024 assessed value of my property (i.e., not the property's current market value) exceeds \$676,000.

☐ Yes ☐ No (If "Yes," see summary page for available State senior tax exemption.)Is any portion of this property used for any purpose other than your own residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," explain: _____

I own the above property: ☐ Solely ☐ Jointly (with)

Name	Relationship	Address	Birthdate	% Share

I filed the following 2024 Income Tax Returns: ☐ Federal ☐ State **Attach copy of your 2024 Federal Form 1040.**

If you no longer file income tax returns, indicate date last filed: _____

and include a copy of your 2024 Social Security Statement, Form SSA-1099 (along with any other 1099 forms).My "Adjusted Gross Income" (self and spouse) for the preceding year (**January 1 through December 31, 2024**):

Enter Line 11 from IRS Form 1040: (a) \$ _____

Enter Line 6b from IRS Form 1040: (b) \$ _____

TOTAL NET INCOME: [subtract (b) from (a)] \$ _____

I hereby affirm that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I attached a copy of all IRS forms filed for the previous calendar year to assist in determining my eligibility for exemption under New Castle County Code. I authorize New Castle County to verify any information relating to my eligibility with the IRS, the State Division of Revenue, or any other governmental agency.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

CO-OWNER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY☐ APPROVED FOR: _____ %

\$ _____

Prop Tax Acct.: ☐ Current / ☐ Balance DueSewer Service Acct. ☐ Current / ☐ Balance Due

APPROVED OR DENIED BY: _____

DATE: _____

Approval Code: A (County & School) _____ B (County Only) _____ C (School Only) _____

REASON FOR DENIAL: _____



PARKS & RECREATION CITY OF NEWARK

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Folk Park has been selected as the Reimagining Outdoor Spaces 2025 Signature Project Grant from the Wills Group (Dash In) for a potential dog park. The grant will fully fund the design, development, and construction of the approved plan for a dog park.

- **Nothing has been finalized** - Council approval is still required for accepting the grant and proceeding with design, development, and construction
- If Council chooses to proceed with the project, next steps will include:
 - Finalization of location and refining the design
 - Community input on key design elements such as color schemes, preferred dog obstacles, and decorative fence art themes
 - Organized volunteer days for installation, landscaping, and artwork

Possible Location Includes:

Ground Cover:

Woodchips, existing grass & potentially artificial turf

Tree Canopy Cover:

Existing Trees Remain, additional trees planted for shade and screening

Accessibility:

Park is parallel to an ADA accessible paved trail.
Plan could potentially include improved access to Villa Belmont

Water:

Possible Dog Fountain Included

City staff will be on site at Folk Park on Wednesday, March 12 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. to answer any questions you may have regarding the potential project.

Please provide feedback by 3/14 to Councilman Bancroft at bancroftnewark3rd@gmail.com or to asknewark@newark.de.us

FOLK MEMORIAL PARK

DASH-IN DOG PARK POTENTIAL PROJECT



Total area: 130' x 120'

