

Events & Announcements

New Castle County has a newly created **Police Accountability Board (PAB)**.

Attendance at meetings is open to the public.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Location subject to change

Call **(302) 395-5053** for information or attend virtually by registering at

<https://www.newcastlede.gov/2658/Police-Accountability-Board>

Join us to discuss the community's issues!

Find out more at the **913 Community Meeting**

February 5th @ 6pm

Rosehill Community Center in the Senior Center

Happy Holidays from Route 9 CDC!

We hope you had a joyous holiday season filled with warmth and happiness. As we welcome the new year, let's continue to support and uplift each other.

**Happy
New Year**



Important Information About Water Service Lines in Wilmington

The City of Wilmington has recently informed residents about water service lines made from unknown materials. Some areas along the Route 9 Corridor may be affected. The goal is to find and fix any potential lead contamination in the water. Here are the important details:

- 1. Unknown Materials:** Some water service lines that connect buildings to the main water supply are made of unknown materials. These lines might be made of lead or galvanized pipes that were once connected to lead.
- 2. Health Risks:** Lead can be harmful, especially for babies, young children, and pregnant women. It can cause learning problems, lower IQ, and affect attention span in children. In adults, lead exposure can increase the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, and problems with kidneys or the nervous system.
- 3. Who is Responsible:** The water service line is shared between the city and the property owner. The city owns the section from the street to the curb, while the property owner is responsible for the part from the curb to the building.
- 4. Reducing Lead Exposure:** The city has given tips to help reduce lead exposure. You can use water filters that remove lead, run the water for a few moments before using it, and always use cold water for cooking and drinking.

For more detailed information, scan the below QR code to view the sample letter that was mailed to residents.



Our Community Health Workers are here to support you in various ways:

- 1. Engage with At-Risk Individuals:** We connect with individuals in their community and home settings.
- 2. Assess Health Risks:** We take the time to learn about you to identify potential health risks.
- 3. Coordinate Care:** We use effective procedures to help you achieve positive health outcomes.

Connect with a Community Health Worker Today!

Rosehill Community Center, 19 Lambson Ln
Ste. A-002 New Castle, DE 19720

Contact us:

Ms. Emma: 302-276-9920

Ms. JoAnne: 302-357-2157

Ms. Dora: 302-613-8051



Our universe of stars has been visible in the darkness of the night sky. But increasing urbanization, combined with the excessive and inefficient use of artificial light, has created a kind of pollution that obscures the stars from view and leads to numerous other disturbances. Known collectively as "light pollution" a human-made alteration of natural outdoor light levels.



Why We Need to Think About Outdoor Lights:

1. Hurts Animals: Bright lights can confuse animals and mess up their homes.
2. Affects Our Health: Too much light at night can make it hard to sleep and can make us feel tired or stressed.
3. Wastes Money and Energy: Lights that aren't needed waste money and power.
4. Hurts Our Planet: More lights mean more energy is used, which makes pollution and harms the environment.
5. Hides the Stars: Bright lights make it hard to see the stars and enjoy the night sky.

Outdoor Light Rules in New Castle County:

New Castle County has made rules to help save energy and reduce light pollution:

1. Energy Saving: All outdoor lights must be energy-efficient, like LED lights. This includes lights on streets, parking lots, and parks.
2. Less Light Pollution: New rules say lights should shine down, not up, and should not cause glare. This helps protect animals, improve our health, and let us see the stars.
3. Protecting Health and Nature: The rules also help reduce the bad effects of bright lights, like causing sleep problems and stress.

Examples of Good Lighting:

1. Cutoff Fixtures: These lights point down and don't cause glare.
2. Efficient Lighting: After September 1, 2021, all new outdoor lights must use LED or other energy-saving lights.
3. Maximum Light: Lights near homes can't be too bright. The light at the edge of a property can't be more than a tiny amount (0.1 foot-candle, which measures how much light is hitting a specific area).

Why These Rules Help:

1. Safer: Better lighting helps people see better and reduces accidents or crime.
2. Save Money: Using energy-efficient lights costs less.
3. Protect Nature: Less light pollution helps animals and keeps the night sky natural.
4. Feel Better: Proper lighting helps us sleep better and feel less stressed.

For community lighting upgrades, please contact Mr. Bullock, Chair of 913 Alliance/All Civics at 302-465-5938. Scan for more details on the process and parameters for upgrading existing streetlights.



Toxic PFAS Detected in Household Dust in New Castle

A recent investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found toxic PFAS chemicals in household dust samples from homes in New Castle, Delaware. PFAS chemicals are known as “forever chemicals,” a family of potentially thousands of synthetic chemicals that are extremely persistent in the environment and in our bodies. These “forever chemicals” have been linked to various health issues, including cancer, thyroid disease, and developmental delays in children.

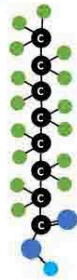
Key Findings:

- **PFAS Sources:** The contamination is primarily linked to the historical use of firefighting foam at the Wilmington Airport by the National Guard.
- **Exposure Pathways:** While PFAS has been removed from public drinking water, residents are still exposed through household dust.
- **Health Impact:** In Some cases, high levels of PFAS have been detected in residents' blood, correlating with the dust samples.

PFAS Explained:



Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment is linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.



What are PFAS?

PFAS are manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world. There are thousands of different PFAS, some of which have been more widely used and studied than others.



Are PFAS safe?

Research is ongoing to determine how exposure to different PFAS can lead to a variety of health effects. Studies have shown that exposure to certain levels of PFAS may lead to:



Cancer Effects

Increased risk of some cancers, including prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers.



Weight Effects

Increased cholesterol levels and/or risk of obesity.



Immune Effects

Reduced ability of the body's immune system to fight infections.



Developmental Effects

Low birth weight, accelerated puberty, bone variations, or behavioral changes.



Reproductive Effects

Decreased fertility or increased high blood pressure in pregnant women.

The more we learn about PFAS chemicals, the more we learn that certain PFAS can cause health risks even at very low levels. This is why anything we can do to reduce PFAS in water, soil, and air, can have a meaningful impact on health. EPA is taking action to reduce PFAS in water and in the environment. You can also take action if you remain concerned about your own risk.

In 1991 the First People of Color Summit defined **Environment Justice** as an important part of the struggle to improve and maintain a clean and healthy environment, especially for communities of color who have been forced to live, work, and play closest to sources of pollution



Please take our survey and share what matters most to you.



This year, we encourage everyone to get involved and make a difference in our community. Whether it's participating in local events, joining community meetings, or volunteering for initiatives, your involvement is crucial.

Get Involved in Our Community!

- Share Your Thoughts: Participate in our surveys.
- Join the Conversation: Attend a 913 Alliance meeting.
- Make a Difference: Get involved with the Police Accountability Board.
- Support Change: Help pass the People's Anti-pollution legislation.
- Promote Environmental Justice: Attend a Delaware Concerned for Environmental Justice meeting.





**Route 9 Library & Innovation Ctr
What's New!**

Teleservices Specialist: Employment, Health, and Social Support

- Employment guidance and training
- Resume support
- Assistance with Delaware ASSIST applications (Medicaid, and SNAP benefits)
- Housing and food resources
- Computer assistance
- Financial coaching with StandByMe

When: Every Tuesday
Location: Study Room 122
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm



Food Distribution

EVERYDAY!!! at Rose Hill Community Center
11am-12pm 1st come 1st serve.
Also visit our **food closet** Mon. & Tues. from
8am-11am Wed. 5pm-7pm

Social Workers at the Library

**The Delaware Health and Social Services
Community Partner Support Unit helps with:**

- ASSIST application process
- Applying for food benefits
- Medicaid
- Long-Term nursing care
- Childcare
- Home energy assistance
- Referrals to partner organizations
- Employment & training

Date: Every Wednesday
Location: Study Room 125
Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm



Bacon's Boutique

Come Shop with no money!
The clothes closet at the Rosehill
Community Center open
Monday 8am - 11am/Tuesday 8am - 11am



913 Alliance
Community meeting
1st Wednesday of the month
6pm in person meeting
Location: Rosehill Community Ctr



CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Mayview Manor/Holloway Terrace-Meetings are held the 1st Monday of every month at 7pm.

Holloway Terrace Fire House - 700 West Ave. 2nd Floor, New Castle, Delaware.

For more information contact Robin Bullock @ 302-465-5938

Rosegate-Meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month. Boardroom at Rosehill Community Center. 19 Lambson Lane. New Castle, Delaware. For more information, contact Carmen Kelley @ (302)652-8826.

Garfield Park/Overview Gardens-Meeting November 16 at 6:30pm. For the meeting place or more information, please contact Mr. Lee Jarmon @ (302)654-4782.

Hamilton Park/Eden - Please contact Elder McDuffy @ (302)658-0724

Mansion Park and Arbor Place -Regrettably, we have no additional information. However, N.C.P.C welcomes all to our 9/13 Alliance meeting. Time and location can be found in this newsletter.

Dunleith-Meetings are held every other month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. For more information, please contact Sandra Smithers @ (302)275-0829 or Rev. Cecil Simmons @ (302)275-3873.

Simonds Garden-Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month @Rose Hill Community Center Boardroom at 7pm.

Oakmont- For more information please call Patrick Holland @ (302)561-2155

Rose Hill Gardens-Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month @Rose Hill Community Center Boardroom at 7pm. For more information, please call Brenda Timmon-Guntar, President, at (302)588-8826.

New Castle County Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Tuesday of each month in County Council Chambers. 800 N French Street Wilmington, Delaware

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