

Tax Preparation Assistance

The IRS tax deadline is April 15, 2014. In order for preparers to better serve you in preparing your 2013 tax returns, it is important that you bring the following with you when you come for assistance:

- All 2013 tax documents • Your 2012 tax return
- Your Social Security card and a current photo ID • Your spouse (if you are filing jointly)
- A check (if you want direct deposit of your refund) • All W-2's, 1099's & 1098's, & dependent documentation
- A list of other expenses, deductions, and childcare information

The following County facilities will be hosting tax preparation assistance.

ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER

AARP Volunteers: Tuesdays, February 5-April 9 (closed March 29), 9-11:15am. Reservations required. Call 302-995-7636.

APPOQUINIMINK LIBRARY

DACA-TCE & DACA-VITA: Tuesdays & Fridays, January 31-April 15, 1-4pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.
DACA-VITA: Wednesdays, February 5-April 9, 2-6pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.

BEAR LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Mondays, February 10-April 14, 10am-2pm. Special Thursday sessions February 6 and February 20. Make appointments in advance at the Information Desk or by calling 302-838-3300.

NGCDC-VITA: Mondays, January 27-April 14, 2-6pm; Wednesdays, January 22-April 9, 2-8pm; Fridays, January 17-April 11, 11am-4pm. No advance appointments; first come, first served.

BRANDYWINE HUNDRED LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Fridays, February 7-April 11, 10am-2pm. No advance appointments; first come, first served.

CLAYMONT LIBRARY

DACA-VITA: Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 16-April 15, 12-4pm; Saturdays, January 18-April 12, 11am-4pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.

ELSMERE LIBRARY

DACA-VITA: Mondays, January 27-April 14, 3-6pm; Tuesdays, January 21-April 15, 12-3pm; Saturdays, January 18-April 12, 1-4pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.
DACA-TCE: Fridays, January 17-April 11, 10am-2pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.

GARFIELD PARK LENDING LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Mondays, February 24 & March 24, 9am-12pm. Reservations required by calling 302-571-7312.
DACA-VITA: Thursdays, January 16-April 10, 3-7pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.

HOCKESSIN LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Tuesdays, February 4-April 8, 10am-1pm. Reservations required. Call 302-239-5160.

KIRKWOOD LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, February 4-April 9, 5-7:30pm. Reservations required. Call 302-995-7663.
DACA-TCE: Mondays, January 27-April 14, 10am-12pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.

NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Fridays, February 14, 28 & March 14, 28, 10am-1pm. Reservations required. Call 302-328-1995.

NEWARK FREE LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Wednesdays, February 5-April 9, 5-8pm. Reservations required. Call 302-731-7550.
NGCDC-VITA: Thursdays & Saturdays, January 23-April 12, 10am-3pm. No advance appointments; first come, first served.

WOODLAWN LIBRARY

AARP Volunteers: Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 4-April 15, 10am-1pm. No advance appointments; first come, first served.
DACA-VITA: Mondays, January 27-April 14, 10am-3pm. Reservations required. Call 302-656-8200.
NGCDC-VITA: Tuesdays, January 21-April 15, 5-8pm; Wednesdays & Saturdays, January 23-April 12 (except March 22), 10am-3pm; Fridays, January 24-April 11, 10am-2pm. No advance appointments; first come, first served.

NGCDC (Nehemiah Gateway Community Development

Corporation): Tax help for taxpayers with dependents having income of \$52,000/year or less and for individuals grossing \$35,000/year or less.
DACA-TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly): Tax help for seniors aged 60 and above with income of \$60,000/year or less.
DACA-VITA: Tax help for taxpayers with dependents having income of \$51,000/year or less and for individuals grossing \$31,000/year or less and for families with a student applying for FAFSA and income of \$60,000/year or less. Self-employed are welcome as long as business expenses do not exceed \$10,000/year.

David L. Tackett

February Newsletter 2014

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. The weather has been one to remember. Although we were spared the brunt of some major snow; the subzero temperatures have wreaked havoc with our heating bills.

I wanted to first welcome all the new residents to our wonderful community and also take a minute to update you on Glasgow Park, The County Resources, and our new Community Policing Officer.

If you have not yet visited Glasgow Park, you may want to take some time and visit your amazing park. Glasgow Park is home to the largest Skate Park in the area. We have plans to add a new pavilion this spring, which should help provide some shade on those hot summer days. To offer the best amenities to our residents, we have made and continue to make renovations to the park. Last year the path up the sledding hill was paved to provide a more even surface, consequently it has emerged as the new "place to be" for walkers and runners who want the additional exercise challenge. Furthermore, renovations are scheduled this spring for the playground and some problem areas along the walking path. The foam tiles under the playground equipment started to buckle and come up. To remedy the issue, they will be removed and replaced and the areas of the walking path that have issues with drainage and standing water will be addressed.

This spring we will open the Farmers Market again for the 2nd season. Last year the Farmers Market was a big hit; providing a place to stop and pick up farm fresh veggies, baked goods, candles, various homemade items from local small businesses, and even honey from a local bee keeper! We are always looking to expand so if you or anyone you know has something they would like to bring to the Market to sell, please let us know and we can get you the permit information.

The County's Community Resources home page has a wealth of information available on the resources this County has to offer. Please take a minute to visit and review all the information at:

<http://www2.nccde.org/communityservices/default.aspx>

Here you will find information on volunteering, County parks, libraries, camps and housing, just to name a few.

Lastly, as many of you may be aware, our community policing officer, Jim Gladney, has retired. Our new community police officer is Corporal Chris Gigliotti (pronounced: jel-AH-tee). He comes to us with over 15 years of policing experience and special training in community issues. I am sure he will be up to speed quickly on the specific issues and concerns in your community and will be available to handle any requests that come in. You can reach him directly at CGigliotti@nccde.org or by phone at 302-395-8056. Also, you can contact the Community Service Unit at 302-395-8050.

Just a reminder, as the weather will hopefully be turning warmer, to watch your speed and PLEASE, always keep an eye out for the children in our community.

Best wishes,



Tax Credits & Exemptions for Seniors in New Castle County.

If you are...

- 65 years old or will be before July 1st
 - A legal resident of Delaware since 10/1/2010 (3 years)
 - Own and live in the property as your principle residence
- ...then you may qualify for tax credits and/or tax exemptions from the State of Delaware and New Castle County.

Contact my office for an application (395-8371) or you can go to the website for applications and instructions www.nccde.org/finance and, of course, you can always contact the helpful and knowledgeable staff in our Assessment department at 302-395-5520.

New App for NCCPD

New Castle County Police have released a new app designed to help residents interact with the department.



[New Castle County Police](#) free Android app

In an effort to build partnerships in the community and open lines of communication between residents and the police department, the

free app allows residents to get updates on police events and activities. It will also allow residents to get in touch with the police department for non-emergency matters. Of course, emergency calls should still go to 911.

“Our app is a great addition to our social media tools that allow us to communicate and engage the public” said Colonel Elmer Setting. “We can push out notifications to the public and citizens have a variety of ways to contact us easily from their smartphone or tablet.” The smart phone application adds to the department's outreach efforts on other social media outlets including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Citizen Observer](#).

“PARK SMART”



New Castle County Police is introducing a new initiative in the fight against the continual rise of vehicle break-ins as a result of automobiles being left unsecured. You can look forward to seeing signs, like the one below, to remind you to “Park Smart”. Colonel E.M. Setting understands that property crime is as much of a problem for law enforcement agencies as it is for the public. With the implementation of the Chief's T.A.P.S. (Targeted Analytic Policing System) program, we have seen

an overwhelming reduction in crime throughout the County as we have been focusing on “Quality of Life” crimes. The introduction of the “PARK SMART” campaign is now the first step in Colonel Setting's focus on attacking the property crime epidemic.

The Park Smart campaign is simple:

- ◆ Lock your vehicle
- ◆ Secure your valuables
- ◆ Take keys with you



NEW SIGNS

The New Castle County Police Department will be posting our “PARK SMART” signs in various locations throughout New Castle County, to include our County parklands and libraries. We will also be posting our “Smart Tips” on our website and our other social media sites.

Check out these Delaware Apps for your mobile device at the App Store or at

<http://www.delaware.gov/apps/>

Mobile Apps



State of Delaware
The Official State of Delaware App includes the latest state news, public meetings, social media updates, photos, and videos from the First State.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware State Parks
Locate a park by name or by activities like camping and fishing. Find a perfect spot with maps. Capture photos and share them—and more!

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware Fresh
Find the closest farm-fresh produce in Delaware with Delaware Fresh, which provides an interactive map showing 80+ farm stands and markets in Delaware.

[App Store](#) [Windows 8](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware Polling Places
Ready to vote? Find your Delaware polling place with this app, which provides you with an interactive map that shows 270+ polling places in Delaware.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



DelDOT
Find the latest news, events, traffic and travel information from the Delaware Department of Transportation. Connect to traffic cameras, listen to traffic advisories.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



University of Delaware Police Department (UDPD) Crime Tips
This mobile application enables citizens to document crime tips and submit them to the University of Delaware Police Department instantly.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



RoadReady
RoadReady is a free app that allows parents and teens to track their driving experience together and to keep safety top of mind.

[App Store](#)



Delaware Recycling
Looking for recycling locations close to you? Use Delaware Recycling, which lets you use an interactive map to find 150+ recycling locations.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware Force 1-2
You can help protect the people of Delaware by reporting suspicious activity directly to the Delaware Information Analysis Center (DIAC).

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware Crime Tips
Have a crime-stopper tip? Use this app to assist state law enforcement by providing anonymous tips about criminal activity.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#)



Delaware Drivers License Practice Test
Preparing for your Delaware drivers license or permit? Just want to stay sharp? This app can be used as a study guide or to stay up-to-date. En Español for Android & Windows 7.

[App Store](#) [Google Play](#) [Windows Phone](#)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Customer Information	395-5555 - General Information, Complaints, Code Enforcement
Land Use	395-5400 - Building Permits, Assessment, Zoning
DE Animal Care & Control	698-3006 - Dog Control (or 888-352-7722)
Community Services	395-5600 - Community Resources
Park Permits	571-4006 - Reserve a pavilion or athletic court
Treasury	323-2600 - School and Property Tax Bills
Special Services	395-5700 - Sewer, Park maintenance
Poison Control	800-722-7112 - Information 24 hours a day
Human Resources	395-5180 - Job Hotline: 395-JOBS(5627)
DelDOT Hotline	323-1111(7:30am-4pm) 695-2400(after 4pm) Road Maintenance
Recorder of Deeds	395-7700 - General Information
Register of Wills	395-7800 - General Information
Sports and Athletics	395-5890 - General Information
Police /Public Safety	395-8171 - General Information
Delmarva	800-375-7117 - Street Lights
DE Humane:	302-571-0111
Kent County SPCA	302-698-3006
Police Non-Emergency	302-573-2800
Emergencies:	911

Report crime, suspicious vehicles or persons by calling **911** or the police non-emergency number **302-573-2800**.

Delaware Solid Waste Authority Collection Event

Shredding*, Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Goods.

*[DSWA](#) limits shredding to (3) boxes per household

Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRAWLEY STADIUM PARKING LOT, 801 S. Madison Street, Wilmington, DE

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