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News

Parker's Dairy Palace listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Vintage 1950s-era New Castle ice cream stand still dishing up soft serve.

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Parker's Dairy Palace. Photo courtesy of the University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Division to sponsor 10 special events during November 2019

Bayberry candle-making, grave sites of notable New Castle veterans and early recordings of classical music among topics to be explored.

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"Seams From the Past" series at the Zwaanendael Museum in November 2019

Four-part series explores historical clothing and textiles.

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"Delaware Day Competition Display" at Legislative Hall from Nov. 13–Dec. 12, 2019

Works by Delaware fourth-grade students illustrating the U.S. Constitution and Delaware's role in its writing and ratification.

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What a year that was—division reviews successes; looks to the future

Agency holds all-staff meeting on Sept. 30, 2019.

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Help Save Delaware History

Dairy Palace now on Register of Historic Places

Delaware Business Now, Newark, Del.—Oct. 21, 2019

New Castle ice cream stand was originally built in 1954 as a Dairy Queen franchise.

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Improvements completed at Delaware's historic Octagonal Schoolhouse

Dover Post, Del.—Sept. 25, 2019

Built and opened in 1836, the Octagonal Schoolhouse is one of the earliest examples of a one-room school in Delaware.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing the Delaware Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

The deadline for submission of comments is **Oct. 31, 2019**.

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"Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware's Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022"

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware's heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

["Seams From the Past" to Showcase at Museum in Lewes](#)

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Oct. 22, 2019

Four-part series on historical clothing and textiles at the Zwaanendael Museum in November.

[First State Heritage Park to host 18th Century Market Fair on Dover Green](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Oct. 17, 2019

The Old State House will celebrate the Nov. 2 event with special tours and 18th-century-style demonstrations.

[New Castle Court House Museum to celebrate 'William Penn Day' Oct. 26](#)

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—Oct. 15, 2019

Daylong series of activities commemorating the 337th anniversary of Penn's Oct. 27, 1682 disembarkment at New Castle, his first landing in the New World.

Events

Saturday, Oct. 26

[William Penn Day](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Mysteries of History](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Governor's Halloween Family Fun Fest](#) – Woodburn: The Governor's Residence

Thursday, Oct. 31

[Trick-or-Treat at Woodburn](#) – Woodburn: The Governor's Residence

Saturday, Nov. 2

[Some Like Classical](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[18th Century Market Fair](#) – Dover Green

[Pocket to Petticoats](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Nov. 6

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, Nov. 8

[Concert by Lori Citro](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Nov. 9

[Veterans Walking Tours](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Nov. 9

[A Stitch in History: Cross Stitch for Beginners](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Monday, Nov. 11

[Veterans Day](#) – John Dickinson Plantation, Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House open. New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Saturday, Nov. 16

[Bayberry candle workshops](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Dutch-American Heritage Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[How the Revolutionary War Changed American Opinions of the French](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Nov. 17

[White Clay Creek Landing](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Nov. 23

[History A-Dressed](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Thursday, Nov. 28

[Thanksgiving Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Friday, Nov. 29

[Day After Thanksgiving](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Nov. 13–Dec. 12, 2019

[Delaware Day Competition Display](#) – Legislative Hall

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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