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MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



NEWARK DAY 2012

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Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides protection for disabled individuals with respect to employment, public accommodations, public service, and telecommunication. The City of Newark, Delaware is committed in both policy and practice to comply with all provisions of the Act. Through the provision of reasonable accommodations, accessible facilities, auxiliary aids, and telecommunications devices (TDD's), the City desires to make its facilities, programs and services accessible to individuals with disabilities. The City has established procedures to investigate any allegations of non-compliance by the City with the ADA.

Questions, comments and suggestions regarding the implementation of this Act by the City of Newark may be directed to the City Manager's Office, ADA Coordinator, Mr. Charles Zusag, Assistant to the City Manager, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE 19711, or by calling (302) 366-7026.

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The City of Newark Newsletter is e-mailed tri-annually (January, May and August) to Newark residents to provide information on city services, activities and programs. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please call (302) 366-7020. For additional information on recreation programs or registration, please call (302) 366-7060.

Municipal Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 1 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 3 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 8 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 10 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 14 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 15 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 5 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 17 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 20 77th Memorial Day Parade — 1 p.m. — UD Green — Parade at 2 p.m.
- 21 “UDon’t Need It?” Student Move-Out Program through June 2 — Former Curtis Paper Mill
- 24 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 28 CITY HOLIDAY — Memorial Day — Offices Closed
- 28 Monday’s refuse will be collected on Tuesday, May 29**
- 29 Tuesday’s refuse will be collected on Wednesday, May 30 *** NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION**
- 29 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. TUESDAY— Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 31 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn

June

- 2 Newark Day — 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Main Street (Rain date — June 3, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.)
- 5 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 7 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 11 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 12 Dickey and George Wilson Parks’ Swimming Pools Open
- 12 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 13 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting — 6 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 14 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 19 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 5 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 21 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 25 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber

July

- 3 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 4 Liberty Day Event — 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. — Fireworks display at dusk — UD Athletic Complex (Rain date fireworks only — July 5)
- 4 CITY HOLIDAY — Independence Day — Offices Closed
- 4 NO GREEN WEDNESDAY YARD WASTE COLLECTION**
- 9 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 10 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 17 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 5 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 23 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 28 Downtown Newark’s Food & Brew Fest — 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

August

- 7 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 8 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting — 6 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 13 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 14 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 18 Dickey and George Wilson Pools Close
- 21 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 5 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 27 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber

The 2012 Fall Municipal Newsletter and Parks and Recreation Activity Guide will be e-mailed on Monday, August 20. Limited printed copies will be available at the Municipal Building, Newark Senior Center and the Newark Free Library on that date as well.

To be sure you receive the City of Newark’s Municipal E-newsletter and are added to the e-mail list, please visit www.cityofnewarkde.us

City Manager's Message

When sitting down to write my Manager's Message, I had to give pause to the fact that ***"My there's a lot going on in Newark!"*** This explains why our employees, committees and the community in general are so busy and engaged in taking care of business and ensuring the continued success of our community.

Many of you may know that I am currently your Interim City Manager and that prior to this great opportunity I served as assistant to three previous Managers for the better part of 15 years although my time with Newark's operations has recently reached 22 years. Of that time, I have been a resident of our fine City for 14 years. But enough about me.... more important are the things that are happening or being accomplished on behalf of our community.

While the many projects, events and efforts that are all playing a part in Newark's thriving atmosphere deserve their own explanation and time to shine, doing so in this message would be difficult. For that reason I have decided to share tidbits that may spark your interest or simply raise your level of awareness of what I mean when I say ***"My there's a lot going on in Newark!"***

Here goes:

- Our Downtown Business District is thriving and can proudly boast about its selection late last year as a Great American Main Street! One recent Downtown Newark event – the Wine and Dine Downtown was extremely successful even with a sudden burst of chilly and damp weather.
- Speaking of weather, Mother Nature spared our fine City with both a mild winter and a reduced need to fund snow removal and plowing activities.
- Development has been consistent for retail, commercial, industrial and rentals. The success of Main Street's development has made its natural progression to Delaware Avenue and it appears more improvements are likely to follow – hopefully involving increased parking.
- The much traveled and bumpy Elkton Road continues to be repaired and is showing signs now that the final outcome will be worth the inconvenience. The project is expected to be complete by the end of this year.
- Online billing for utility bills is coming to a computer near you soon. In case you missed it, you can already pay your utility bills online – just visit www.cityofnewarkde.us.
- Planning is in full swing for the annual "UDon't Need It? program where we have successfully kept hundreds of tons of reusable items from the landfill. More information on the program is available on our website and the final sales of remaining items will start May 29.
- An update of our website is underway which will improve its function.
- Newark recently added its first three Hybrid vehicles to its fleet.
- Late last year we launched a new and improved Citizen Information System (allows for message type and delivery customization) called InformMe! Not enrolled yet? Visit our website and click on the InformMe link.
- We have begun an Energy Performance Project in some of our facilities where the equipment and building envelop improvements will be funded by the savings they generate.
- Staff is working with DelDOT and CSX to address concerns related to the railroad crossing at Elkton Road and Main Street as a result of a high number of vehicles turning onto the tracks.
- The Pomeroy Rail to Trail project should be completed by this summer providing increased cross city non-vehicular transit options and linking to the award-winning James Hall Trail.
- Registration for our very popular summer camp programs has been underway since January!
- Outreach to our neighbor DuPont, known as a global leader in safety initiatives and awareness, has resulted in the firm agreeing to come and share information with our directors as a first step of our municipality embracing their safety principles.
- The former site of the Curtis Paper Mill will enter its final design stage this summer with a percentage of the cost expected to be reimbursed through Brownfield remediation funds.
- The Greater Newark Economic Development Partnership (UD, Newark, and NCC Chamber of Commerce) recently launched with a goal to establish our area as a regional hub of science, technology and higher education.

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- Skate Spot planning meetings and outreach efforts are underway with the intent to provide those that participate in the sport with a safe and appropriate option for its enjoyment.
- Ball fields are being prepared and the Newark American Little League opened its season on April 14!

With so many events and efforts underway in Newark, too many to mention here, I apologize if I missed something of great interest to you, but know that the engagement and involvement of our citizens is what will continue to set Newark apart from other localities. Thank you on behalf of this community and, for now, your Interim City Manager for any small part you are playing to improve the quality of life in Newark. As we move toward longer days and warmer weather, I ask you to please make a point to visit your downtown and support our local businesses, watch a baseball game at the local high school, catch a performance by one of the local ballet organizations or the Chapel Street Players, take a hike through one of our parks or volunteer for an upcoming community event. You will not be disappointed!

Carol J. Houck

Newark Introduces Hybrid Vehicles to Fleet

City of Newark officials were joined by U.S. Senator Tom Carper and DNREC Secretary Collin O'Mara to laud a series of environmental improvements including the addition of three hybrid vehicles to the municipal fleet, purchased as part of the city's efforts to reduce air pollution and combat rising fuel costs.

"These hybrid vehicles are a smart addition to the City of Newark's fleet," said Senator Carper. "Hybrids not only make good environmental sense by contributing to cleaner air and reduced dependence on fossil fuels, they also make good fiscal sense for the city's budget by reducing the amount of money needed to cover fuel costs."

Secretary O'Mara noted that by adopting hybrid vehicles, Newark is demonstrating that environmental sustainability and operational efficiency go hand-in-hand."



The purchase was made possible in part by a Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program grant, administered by the DNREC Division of Energy and Climate. The grant was used to cover the additional cost of each hybrid vehicle compared to the cost of a new standard gasoline-powered model, with Newark funding the balance. The three Toyota Camry sedans were ordered following the approval of their purchase by the Mayor and City Council at the February 27 City Council meeting.

"I am thrilled to finally be adding hybrid cars to the City's fleet. It is something we have wanted to do for quite a while. Thankfully, this grant provided the necessary financial assistance to put us on the path towards a greener fleet," said

Mayor Vance Funk. The new hybrid sedans will replace gasoline-powered vehicles used by staff in the City's Parks and Recreation and Electric Departments and that were scheduled for replacement this year.

The new hybrids are expected to provide 41 mpg in combined city/highway usage, replacing vehicles that have been getting 15 mpg. City officials hope to add more hybrids when budget permits.



Council Members Stu Markham, Luke R. Chapman, CFP®, and Doug Tuttle

April Election and District Five's New Council Member

Congratulations to incumbents Doug Tuttle and Stu Markham! Because only one candidate filed for District Three and for District Six, the Newark Municipal Code states that the candidates shall assume the office and no formal election is required. These Council Members will serve another two-year term.

Mr. Tuttle represents District Three, which encompasses the southwestern segment of the City. He was first elected in 2008. Mr. Markham represents District Six which encompasses the northern central segment of the City. He was first elected in 2006.

This year, an election was held for the office of District Five Council Member, which represents the northwestern segment of the City. Three residents filed for candidacy by the March 19 deadline. However, on April 2 William "Ed" Smith, 1 Heather Court, withdrew his petition for personal reasons.

The election was held on April 10. Luke R. Chapman, CFP®, 28 Wakefield Drive, won the election with 266 votes. The other candidate, Richard Celeste, 815 Hilltop Road, received 96 votes.

Born in Vermont, Mr. Chapman moved to Newark when he was a child. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in economics and history. He is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional currently practicing at a local independent financial planning firm, where he advises individuals, families and small businesses in the Newark area. He bought his first home three years ago in Fairfield Crest with his wife, Meredith, and their dog, Indy.

On Tuesday, April 17, an organizational meeting was held and Council Members Tuttle, Chapman and Markham were administered the oath of office. Council also elected Jerry Clifton as Deputy Mayor. Clifton, who has represented District Two since 1997, has served as Deputy Mayor since 2005.



Saturday, June 2
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The rain date for this event
is Sunday, June 3.

The annual community event, formerly known as “Newark Nite,” hosts 30,000 people enjoying several stages of live music and entertainment. The springtime celebration began in 1986 to bring the community together, including the University of Delaware, to welcome summer. It helps reacquaint people with businesses and restaurants in Newark as well as offering the opportunity to walk down the center of Main Street.

Beginning this year, the event’s hours have changed and it has been renamed “Newark Day.” As is tradition, Main Street is closed to traffic and pedestrians take over. The street is filled with live music and performances, arts and crafts, great food, shopping, games, and children’s activities. Restaurants and stores on Main Street are open during the event and many have booths on Main Street just for the event. Tune in to Newark TV 22 and the City’s website for a schedule of performers and activities as the event nears.

Main Street will be closed to traffic beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. the day of the event to allow enough time for vendor set up and tear down. Pets are not comfortable in the heat and crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home.

For cancellation information, please call (302) 366-7147.

New Downtown Parking Lot

Downtown parking has increased with the addition of a new parking lot! Through the development review process to build the new Barnes and Noble Bookstore and office building at 83 E. Main Street, the University of Delaware agreed to donate the land at the rear of the development fronting on Delaware Avenue to the City for municipal parking. Not only did the University donate the land, but they also paved and landscaped it; and installed lighting and parking equipment to create a new 34 space parking lot in the heart of downtown. The new lot is conveniently located just 100 yards east along Delaware Avenue from the City’s busiest municipal lot (Lot #1 – Galleria), so it provides relief when Lot #1 is full.

The lot is controlled by parking meters, but to make it more convenient for Newarkers shopping and dining downtown, the time limit is extended to four hours (rather than the two hour time limit on Main Street meters). There is a change machine right in the lot, so not having quarters is never a problem. “We tried to make the lot as convenient as possible for downtown customers to use,” said Downtown Parking Administrator Marvin Howard. “The change machine installation and time limit changes have done that, and you can’t beat the location! We are excited about offering this option for parking.”



Improving the Streets of Newark

In 2012, \$1,750,000 has been appropriated to restore City maintained roads under Newark's Street Improvement Program. Your Public Works Department conducts a visual inspection and assessment each year to determine street improvement priorities. Based on the department's recommendation, allocations from the City's budget, State Community Transportation Funds (S.C.T.F.), and Municipal Street Aid are used to repair our roadways and replace curbs.

Special thanks go out to Senators Sorenson and Peterson and Representatives Schooley, Hall-Long, and Kowalko for recommending a total of \$277,627 from the State Community Transportation Fund to assist Newark. The remaining \$1,472,373 is allocated in the City's Capital Program.

A combination of S.C.T.F. and City funds will provide for curb replacement, milling and resurfacing of roadways on Old Oak Road from Sypherd Drive to Briar Lane, Fremont Road from New London Road to Wakefield Drive, Elm Avenue from Stafford Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue, E. Cobblefield Court from Cobblefield Drive to cul-de-sac, Ash Avenue from Woodlawn Avenue to cul-de-sac, Beagle Club Way, Wilshire Lane from Cambridge Drive to Meriden Drive, Wrangler Road, Art Lane from W. Chestnut Hill Road to cul-de-sac, W. Cobblefield Court from Cobblefield Drive to cul-de-sac.

Roads in which City funds will be used for curb replacement, milling and resurfacing of the roadways include:

Elm Avenue – Stafford Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue
Fremont Road – New London Road to Wakefield Drive
E. Cobblefield Court – Cobblefield Drive to cul-de-sac
W. Cobblefield Court – Cobblefield Drive to cul-de-sac
Old Oak Road – Sypherd Drive to Briar Lane
Wilshire Lane – Cambridge Drive to N. Country Club Drive
Wrangler Road
Apple Road – Dallas Avenue to cul-de-sac
Bassett Place – Delaware Avenue to end
"B" Street – Phillips Avenue to end
Beverly Road – Dallas Avenue to Ritter Lane
Briar Lane – Bent Lane to Dallam Road
Cambridge Drive – Hempsted Drive to Stamford Drive
Cobblefield Drive – Cobblefield Court to W. Chestnut Hill Road
Dallam Road – Bent Lane to Old Oak Road
Headwater Lane – Farmhouse Exit Road to cul-de-sac
Indian Road – W. Park Place to Sunset Road
Pagoda Lane – S. Wynwyd Drive to cul-de-sac
Ranch Court – Wrangler Road to cul-de-sac
Rose Street – Cleveland Avenue to Ray Street
Tanglewood Lane – Nottingham Road to Dallam Road
Thompson Circle – Washington Street to Haslet Place
Thompson Circle – Haslet Place to Thompson Circle
Townsend Road – W. Park Place to Sunset Road
Tyre Avenue – Main Street to Delaware Avenue
Winslow Road – Orchard Road to Beverly Road
Woodlawn Avenue – Hawthorne Avenue to Elm Avenue
N. Wynwyd Drive – Timberline Drive to #26
S. Wynwyd Drive – Timberline Drive to #25



Visit the Public Works Department link on the City's website at www.cityofnewarkde.us/publicworks for more information regarding Newark's streets and sidewalks!

Code Ordinance Allows for Refuse Violations to be Addressed Proactively

In accordance with an ordinance passed by City Council on December 11, 2006, the Public Works Department may resolve refuse violations without prior notification to the resident. The property owner may be charged a fee for this service or may be cited with an "instant ticket". The ordinance applies to all refuse violations including but not limited to:

- Using unapproved containers for automated refuse collection. Automated collection must use City-purchased wheeled carts with attached lids.
- Materials not properly bagged or not properly placed in the cart with the lid tightly closed.
- Refuse cart not placed close enough to the curb and/or not placed within a two-foot minimum clearance between cart and obstructions.
- Carts not placed with wheel-side of cart facing the dwelling.
- Refuse placed outside of the cart.
- Trash containers on the street too early for or too late after scheduled pick-up.
- Recyclables placed out for collection on a day other than Thursday or Friday (unless a holiday week).
- Regular trash mixed with recyclables.
- Yardwaste placed out for collection on a day other than Wednesday.

Violations to the above and any other refuse violation may result in an instant ticket with a fine of at least \$100.00. The Newark Municipal Code is available on the City's website at www.cityofnewarkde.us. Please call the Public Works Department at (302) 366-7040 between 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with any questions.

Newark's Recycling Program Update

The Residential Curbside Recycling Program just completed its second full year. Nearly 100% of city residents have been participating in the program; 31% of single family residential refuse has been recycled and diverted from the landfill. The goal is to have a 40% diversion rate. We encourage all residents to participate. Pay close attention to the materials you throw away. Many of them may be recycled. For a list of common materials that can be recycled, please visit our website. **THE LIST HAS RECENTLY BEEN EXPANDED.**

The Universal Recycling Law passed by the State in 2010 requires that we start a multi-family residential recycling program by January 2013. The City of Newark will start its program on July 23 this year.

Some things to know about the program:

The program is single stream, so ALL recyclables go into the same cart making it easier and more convenient for all users.

Your recycling cart is distinguished by a recycling logo sticker, so you may choose to use either your current refuse cart or your new recycling cart for your recyclables. Recycling dumpsters will be royal blue with white "Recycling Only" lettering on three sides.

Where the use of carts is not feasible, the Public Works Department may allow you to place recyclables out in a clear plastic bag.

Mondays and Tuesdays are for trash collection only. Thursdays and Fridays are for recycling collection only.



If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the Public Works Department at (302) 366-7040 Monday through Friday during normal business hours or visit: www.cityofnewarkde.us/publicworks.



77th

Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, May 20, 2012
Annual Ceremony & Parade

The Memorial Day Ceremony on the University of Delaware Green begins at 1:00 p.m. The events include drills, the presentation of flags and patriotic music as we honor those that have lost their lives in service to our country.

The 77th Annual Memorial Day Parade will follow at 2:00 p.m. with marching units representing all branches of the service, veteran's organizations, schools and community organizations parading down Main Street displaying the pride of our nation.

Bring your family for a special day in May!

6th Annual



STUDENT MOVE-OUT PROGRAM

The "UDon't Need It?" Student Move Out Program will take place from **May 21 through June 2, 2012** at the former Curtis Paper Mill site on Paper Mill Road. *Sales to the public will begin on Tuesday, May 29.*

The program's success is a direct result of the cooperation and enthusiasm of the UD students, whose strong participation has led to increased diversion of materials from the landfill.



When Does the City Collect Yard Waste?

Yard waste collections take place on Green Wednesdays. Mid-March through December the program does not require residents to call Public Works to schedule a pick-up. Simply place your yard waste at your curb in a trash can (NO BAGS) weighing less than forty (40) lbs. **(you may purchase an additional "Yard Waste Only" cart from the City (preferred) or use your regular refuse cart without trash and tape a "Yard Waste Only" sign on the side)**, or bundles less than forty (40) lbs. and less than four (4) feet long prior to 7:00 a.m. There is no charge for any combination of six (6) cans or bundles at one pick-up time. A fee will be assessed for more than six (6) items without prior notification. *January through mid-March the program is on winter schedule and residents must schedule a pick-up by calling the Public Works Department.*

Yard waste includes: branches, brush, garden debris (dirt-free), landscape trimmings and grass.

****Residents are encouraged to grass cycle by leaving the clippings on your lawn. This environmentally sound practice feeds nutrients back to your lawn.****

Special Notes

Yard waste should not be put out for collection on normal household trash collection days. If you do this, it will not be taken away by the trash collector. Similarly, trash should not be put out with the yard waste on Wednesdays. All yard waste must be separated from trash as per City Code. **There will not be any yard waste pick-up on weeks containing a City holiday because these Wednesdays are used for regular trash collection.**

Newark Seeks Public Input to Update the City's Comprehensive Development Plan

The City of Newark's Department of Planning and Development will begin the City's 5-year update of the Comprehensive Development Plan by having a public exhibit during Newark Day to get residents involved with the planning process to guide future development in the City.

The exhibit will host interactive displays and provide information about the Comprehensive Development Plan review process, as well as provide a forum for Planning and Development staff, Commissioners, and other City officials to hear from, and interact with, the public during Newark Day. The Planning and Development Department will also be coordinating exhibits with the Downtown Newark Partnership, the Newark Bicycle Committee, and the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), to create a "planning cluster" of groups involved in the land-use development process. The intent is to offer opportunities for Newark residents to engage in a range of planning activities covering land use, urban design, transportation, economic development, housing, and environmental quality.

This event will be modified and repeated at Newark's Community Day on September 16, 2012, and again during Newark Day 2013, with each event building upon feedback from previous events.

The Planning Commission will hold its first workshop on the update of the Comprehensive Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting July 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber; Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elton Road. As with the previous update, it is anticipated that the Planning Commission will hold several more public workshops before submitting a recommendation to Council.

In addition to the Planning Commission workshops, the Planning and Development Department will hold a series of public workshops specifically for residents and property owners of each planning section, designated in the map shown.

Workshop 1: Planning Sections A & B

Workshop 2: Planning Sections C & D

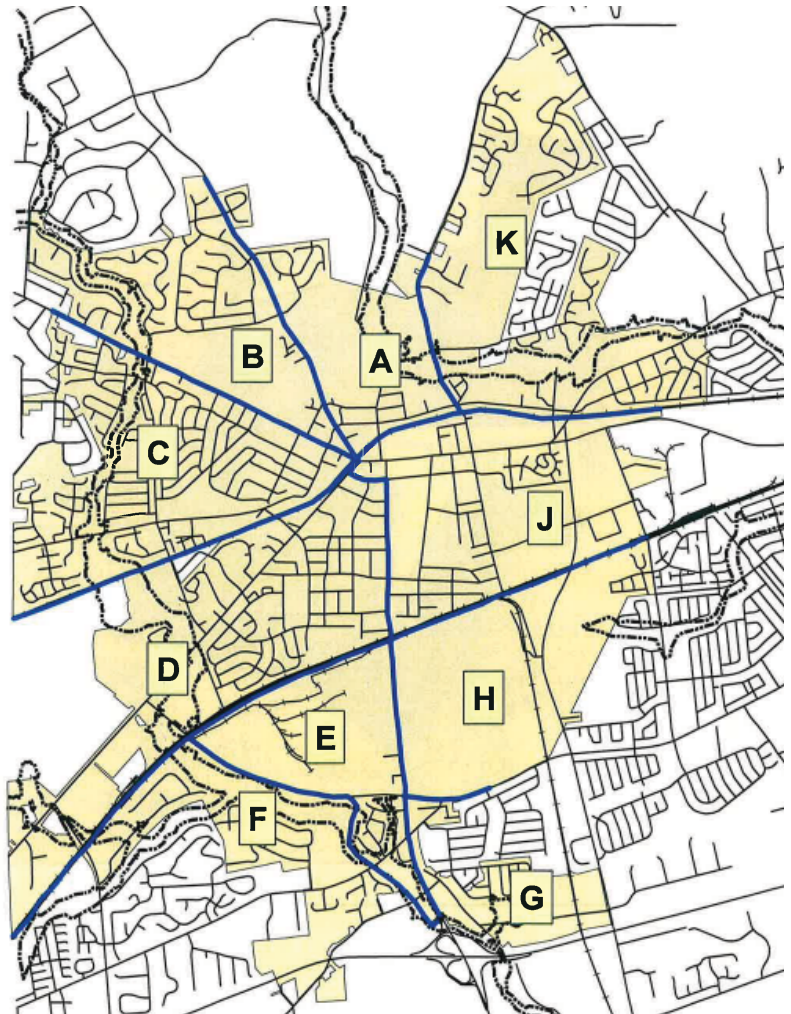
Workshop 3: Planning Sections E, F, G & H

Workshop 4: Planning Sections J & K

Times and locations will be announced and advertised. Other public meetings and workshops will be scheduled as needed to ensure that residents have ample opportunities to participate.

A final draft of the Plan is anticipated to be ready for Council's approval by August 26, 2013.

If you would like additional information, please contact Michael Fortner, Development Supervisor, Department of Planning and Development, at (302) 366-7030 or at mfortner@newark.de.us.



Community Wildlife Habitat™ Certification in Newark

The City of Newark is working with residents and partner organizations to certify the entire city as a Community Wildlife Habitat™ through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). This initiative aims to inspire residents to make a difference in their community by certifying over 100 properties as Backyard Wildlife Habitats™. In addition, the certification process will involve the creation of Schoolyard Habitats™, outreach and public education, increased partnerships between environmental organizations, and large-scale restoration projects.

The City of Newark is on target to be the largest NWF's Community Wildlife Habitat in the state of Delaware. We need YOU to help make this possible!



The Community Wildlife Habitat partnership is comprised of multiple groups, including: City of Newark, Newark Conservation Advisory Council, Delaware Nature Society, University of Delaware Water Resources Agency, DNREC, White Clay Wild and Scenic, NWF, Clear Into the Future, and residents like you. To date the partnership has registered the City of Newark with NWF, held two public workshops on Backyard Habitats and rain gardens, and is working toward completing the goals to gain the NWF's certification. We already have 50 certified Backyard Habitats, but we still need many more. Someday soon the City of Newark will officially become a NWF Certified Community Wildlife Habitat™ site.

Newark residents in the White Clay Creek watershed may be eligible to receive funding assistance for rain gardens. Attendance at a minimum of two workshops is required.

Take Action:

If you are considering a backyard habitat or rain garden in your yard or business, please contact Greg Gagliano at (302) 239-2334 ext: 142, or greg@delawarenaturesociety.org for more information.

Reservoir Evening Tours

The Water and Wastewater Department Director is offering tours of the reservoir to explain operations and answer questions. The tours are being offered on the following Mondays: June 4, July 9, August 6 and September 24 at 5:30 p.m. Tours will last approximately one hour, until the questions run out, or the park closes, whichever ever happens first.

Interested individuals should contact the Water and Wastewater Department at (302) 366-7055 to make reservations. Please do not count on someone else to call as the Director will not show up if no one has called to express interest in a specific date.

Individuals requiring assistance to the top of the hill must call so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

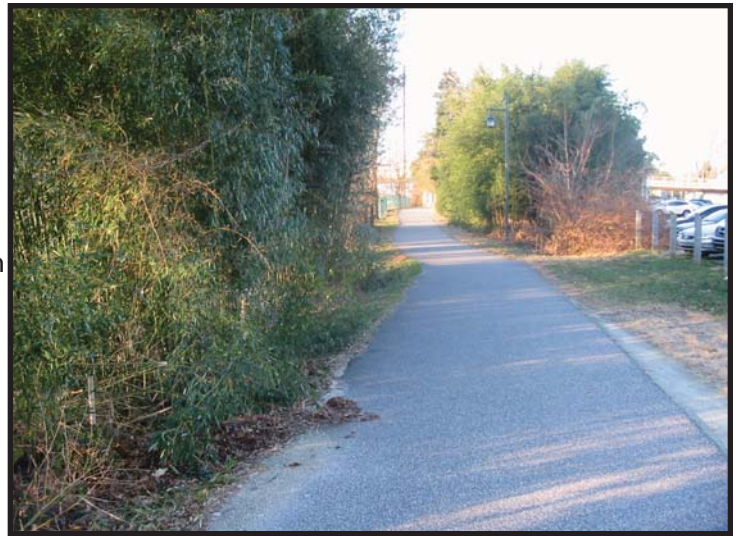
Large groups of individuals from clubs or other civic groups interested in tours on other dates should call to discuss alternative arrangements.



Bamboo Removed along James Hall Trail near Lewis Park

Newark's Parks and Recreation Department and Water and Wastewater Department entered into a joint venture to contract out the removal of Bamboo from an area behind Lewis Park, the Ivy Hall Apartments and around the Academy Street water treatment building. Residents enjoying the James Hall Trail in that area will notice there is no longer any Bamboo, which was causing damage to the asphalt surface of the Hall Trail and the tennis courts in Lewis Park. The City was awarded two grants to complete the project; one from the Delaware Forest Service for invasive species control and the other from New Castle County Conservation District. The project was funded in full with the grants.

Bamboo is a very invasive and aggressive plant. Once the roots are established it readily spreads underground and can cause extensive damage to any surface it uproots.



James Hall Trail near Ivy Apartments before Bamboo was removed.



Bamboo beginning to shoot up through tennis court at Lewis Park causing damage

It was also raising concerns about possible damage to the Academy Street water treatment building that would cause safety and building security issues.

The process of total removal and control of the Bamboo will take several years. After the initial cutting, two herbicide applications are needed in the first year to control any re-growth. One application will be made in mid to late May and the other in mid to late September. Thereafter, spot sprays will be needed for one to three additional years to eliminate the Bamboo. During this time the native grasses and wildflowers will be encouraged to reclaim the area.

After the Bamboo has been totally removed, the Parks and Recreation Department will reforest both areas adjacent to the Hall Trail. Along with the native grasses and wildflowers that reestablish, we will add evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs to the area.

Concerned residents may contact the Parks and Recreation Department with any questions at (302) 366-7060 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Bike-to-Work Day Event in Newark

May 18, 2012 • 7:30–8:30 a.m.
Trabant University Center Patio
(corner of South College and Delaware Ave.)

photo by Andre Alexander



Stop by to enjoy light refreshments, meet other bicycle commuters, pick up a T-shirt, and show your support for bicycling in Newark.



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ALUMNI WEEKEND

JUNE 1–3, 2012

Alumni Weekend is the University's premiere alumni event traditionally held on the first weekend of June every year. The weekend is our way of encouraging alumni, friends and families to return to campus and celebrate the qualities that make UD unique. It also provides an opportunity to reconnect with friends and professors and to witness the remarkable changes at the University over the past few years. Dr. Harker's goals, laid out in his Path to Prominence plan, are met here by incorporating fun activities with academic initiatives that engage Blue Hens, friends and families.

The weekend's signature programs include college receptions and Mug Night Dela-bration on The Green on Friday and Saturday features the Blue Hen 5K, Blue Hen Brunch on The Green, college event showcases (where colleges and departments showcase their new initiatives and work), Dr. Harker's town hall-style meeting called State of the University, the Alumni Wall of Fame ceremony and class reunion celebrations for the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 50th reunion classes. UD's 4th annual Alumni Weekend will be held on June 1-3, 2012. Register now at www.UDconnection.com/AlumniWeekend.