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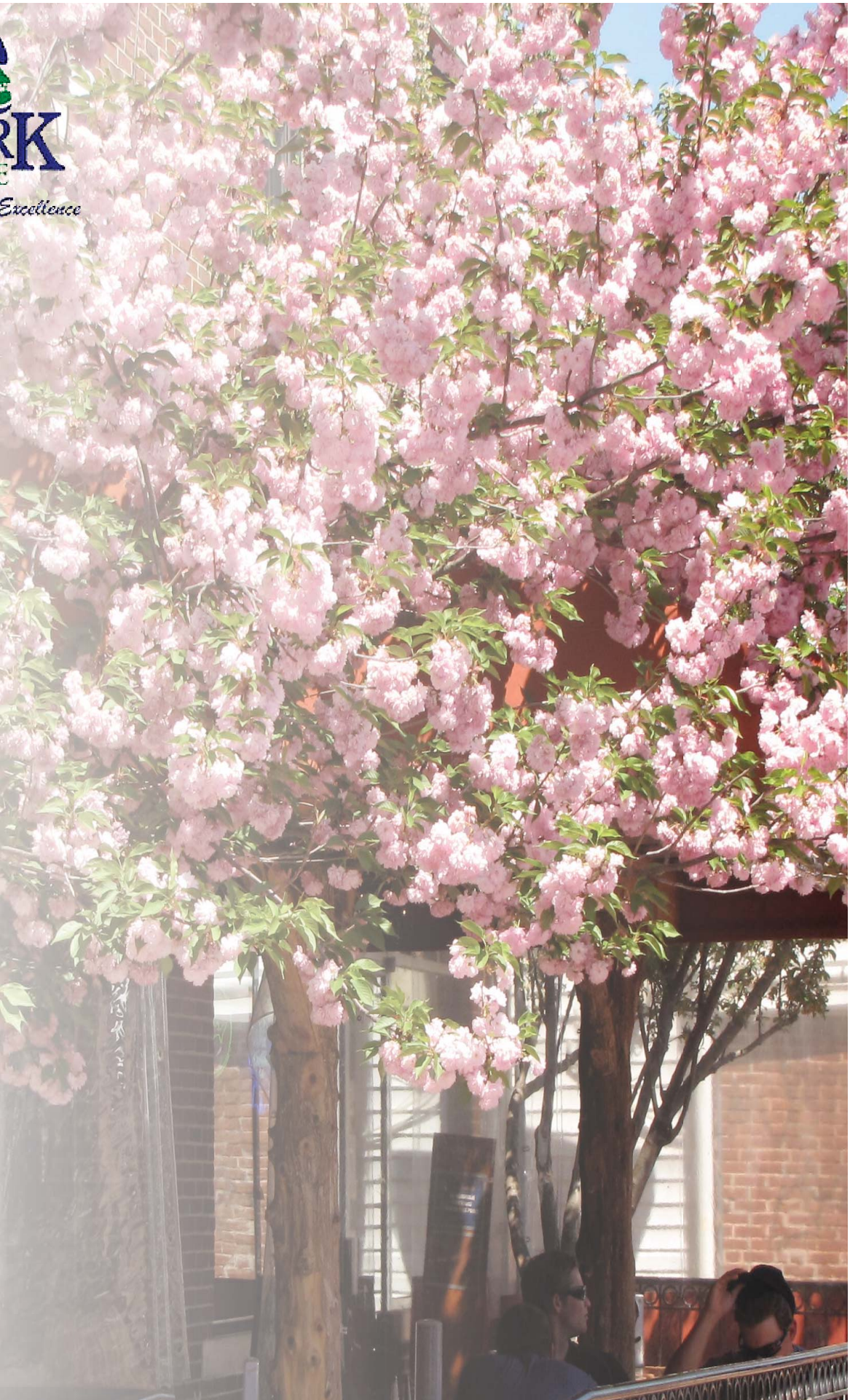


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Americans with Disabilities Act

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 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

January

- 2 Christmas Tree collection or disposal at Philips Avenue Maintenance Complex through January 13
- 3 Planning Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 9 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 10 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 12 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting – 6 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 16 CITY HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King Day – Offices Closed
- 16 Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday**
- 17 Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday**
NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
- 17 Newark Traffic Committee meeting – 5 p.m. – Police Department Conference Room
- 23 DOWNTOWN NEWARK RESTAURANT WEEK through January 29
- 23 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber

February

- 7 Planning Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 13 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 14 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 20 CITY HOLIDAY – Presidents' Day – Offices Closed
- 20 Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday**
- 21 Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday**
NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
- 21 Newark Traffic Committee meeting – 5 p.m. – Police Department Conference Room
- 27 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber

March

- 6 Planning Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 8 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting – 6 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 12 FILING DEADLINE FOR COUNCIL SEAT CANDIDATES – 5 p.m.
- 12 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 12 City tennis/multipurpose courts lights activated
- 13 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 16 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR CITY ELECTION
- 20 Newark Traffic Committee meeting – 5 p.m. – Police Department Conference Room
- 19 Spring leaf collection begins and continues through April 6

- 26 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 26 Water main flushing through March 30
- 31 Egg Hunt – 10 a.m. – White Clay Creek State Park
- 31 Newark's 8th Annual Wine and Dine Downtown – 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April

- 3 Planning Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 5 Thursday's recycling will be collected on Wednesday**
NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
- 6 Friday's recycling will be collected on Thursday**
- 6 CITY HOLIDAY – Good Friday – Offices Closed
- 9 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber (**cancelled if election is held**)
- 10 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Second Floor
- 10 CITY ELECTION DAY – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.**
- 13 Nefosky Memorial Walk & Run – 6:30 p.m. – Newark Reservoir
- 14 Community Clean Up – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Municipal Bldg.
- 17 Newark Traffic Committee meeting – 5 p.m. – Police Department Conference Room
- 17 Council Organizational meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
- 23 City Council meeting – 7 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber

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
- 10 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting - 6 p.m. - Municipal Bldg. - Second Floor
- 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 Newark Armed Forces Day Parade - 1 p.m. - University of Delaware Green - Parade at 2 p.m.
- 24 Spring Concert - 7 p.m. - Academy Lawn
- 28 CITY HOLIDAY - Memorial Day - Offices Closed
- 28 Monday's refuse will be collected on Tuesday**
- 29 Tuesday's refuse will be collected on Wednesday,**
NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
- 29 City Council meeting - 7 p.m. - Municipal Bldg. - Council Chamber (**TUESDAY**)
- 31 Spring Concert - 7 p.m. - Academy Lawn

SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. The offices for which an election will be held are the office of Council Member for Districts 3, 5 and 6. Council Members serve two-year terms.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years next preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year next preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of Council Member and/or Mayor. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Council Member, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the district he/she seeks to represent. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Mayor, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the City of Newark.

All nominations for City Council shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each nominating petition shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in the district from which the candidate seeks election. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by **5:00 p.m., EDT, on Monday, March 12, 2012** in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 10, 2012 election.

QUESTIONS should be directed to the City Secretary's Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (302) 366-7070.

Newark Recognizes Participants for Completion of Second Citizens Academy

Participants of the City of Newark's second Citizens Academy were recognized at the November 14 City Council meeting. Ten Newark residents participated in the City's Citizens Academy. They ranged in ages from 22 to 70 years old, brand new residents to residents who have lived in Newark for 40+ years. They all had one thing in common and that was to learn more about their city government and infrastructure.

Citizens Academy is an educational experience that gives participants insight into Newark's history and its governmental process. The goal of the program is to increase civic participation and leadership within the City of Newark among its residents and businesses. Participants were given an inside look at city facilities and programs through a series of sessions designed to give participants an understanding of the City's day-to-day operations as well as how it plans for the future. Upon completion of the Citizens Academy program, Newark resident Lester Stein said, "I really learned a lot in a very comfortable setting. I called to volunteer at the Turkey Trot and the Thanksgiving Breakfast, so there are some positive outcomes and I am sure there will be others."

Many participants expressed an interest in becoming more involved in City activities and government and thought the Citizens Academy was a good place to begin learning. The City looks forward to seeing its graduates becoming more involved in the community and maybe even leaders.



Participants in Citizen Academy listen to Police Chief Paul Tiernan speak about how the Police Department operates prior to being given a tour of the Police Department's facilities.

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For one week only, Downtown Newark hosts a culinary celebration highlighting our fabulous restaurants and their offerings -- diverse enough to please any palate, and at prices to suit any purse! Say hello to a new restaurant, or come back to an old favorite. Everyone can eat downtown!

From Monday, January 23 through Sunday, January 29, nineteen outstanding downtown Newark restaurants will offer special menus highlighting the best they have to offer at the right price. So well-priced, in fact, you will be tempted to sample all of them -- and you can because they are all located within a few steps of each other in downtown Newark!

The tiers:

Friends & Family Fun Meals –

feeds a group of four people for \$19.00

Lunches –

features 2-course lunches for \$10.00

Dinners –

features 2-course dinners for \$19.00

3-course dinners for \$25.00

Three tiers of fabulous prix fixe meals are offered, with some restaurants offering more than one tier during the week! Each restaurant develops specific menus for the week according to their clientele and tier(s). Participating restaurants include:

Ali Baba

Claymont Steak Shop

Home Grown Cafe

Mojo Main

Buffalo Wild Wings

Cosi

Iron Hill Brewery

Pat's Pizzeria/MVP

Caffe Gelato

Cucina di Napoli

Kildare's Irish Pub

Saigon Restaurant

California Tortilla

Deer Park Tavern

Klondike Kate's

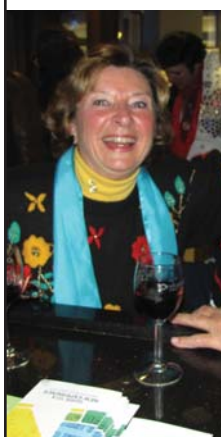
Stone Balloon Winehouse

Catherine Rooney's

Grotto Pizza

Mizu Sushi

Get ready for a culinary experience you will not soon forget as we show, once again, why downtown Newark is a great place to eat! For menus and more information, visit www.enjoydowntownnewark.com/restaurantweek.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 31
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Newark's Restaurants Excite Your Senses!

www.enjoydowntownnewark.com



Christmas Tree Disposal

If you would like to discard your Christmas tree, a special collection period will take place beginning Monday, December 26 - Friday, January 13.



Please place the tree curbside during that period and the Public Works Department will collect them when they are on your route. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at the Newark Maintenance Complex on Phillips Avenue. Trees will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on weekdays only during the same period. As you enter the complex yard, turn left and follow the signs for the Christmas tree drop off location.

The Christmas trees are "recycled" into mulch for use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Snow Related Reminders

Removing Snow on Sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks of snow or ice within 24 hours after snow fall. Pathways must be at least 3 feet wide in residential areas and 4 feet wide in commercial districts. If the resident fails to clear snow within 24 hours, the City may clear sidewalks and charge the resident for the removal cost and cite the resident for a violation of city code. A minimum \$100 fee will be charged for City snow removal.

When shoveling the snow, please pile snow on the front lawn rather than the grassplot area between the curb and sidewalk. This allows extra storage space for snow pushed to the side by snowplows. Please keep catch basins and gutters clear of snow to help promote adequate drainage when snow or ice begins to melt. To help locate hydrants in the event of a fire emergency, please keep fire hydrants visible and clear of snow.

When shoveling your driveway, please pile snow on the side of the driveway in the direction that will be cleared by snowplows. This will minimize the possibility that snowplows will redeposit snow back on your driveway.

Removing Snow on Streets

The Street Division of the City's Public Works Department performs snow removal on residential streets. The State Highway Department is responsible for plowing major routes such as portions of Routes 273, 896, and 4.

To assist crews in effectively removing snow from streets, residents should park their cars in their driveway. If a snow emergency is declared by the City Manager, please observe parking bans on designated snow emergency routes. (Snow emergencies are broadcast on WJBR, WDEL, WILM, WSTW, Channel 22 and on the website.)

2012 HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES

This list provides you with dates that your regular trash and recycling collection schedule must be adjusted for City holidays. Our Green Wednesday program is performed on Wednesdays; however, they are also reserved for refuse or recycling collection when there is a holiday during the week. These schedule modifications are necessary to maintain collection of refuse twice every week. **There is no Green Wednesday collection during weeks that contain a holiday.**

Holiday	Refuse Normally Collected On	Will Be Collected On
New Year's Day (Observed) Monday, Jan. 2	Mon., Jan. 2 Tues., Jan 3	Tues., Jan 3 Wed., Jan 4
Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 16	Mon., Jan. 16 Tues., Jan. 17	Tues., Jan. 17 Wed., Jan. 18
Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 20	Mon., Feb. 20 Tues., Feb. 21	Tues., Feb. 21 Wed., Feb. 22
Good Friday Friday, April 6	Thurs., April 5 Fri., April 6	Wed., April 4 Thurs., April 5
Memorial Day Monday, May 28	Mon., May 28 Tues., May 29	Tues., May 29 Wed., May 30
Independence Day Wednesday, July 4	No Change	
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3	Mon., Sept. 3 Tues., Sept. 4	Tues., Sept. 4 Wed., Sept. 5
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 22	Thurs., Nov. 22 No Changes to Fri. Schedule	Wed., Nov. 21
Christmas Day Tuesday, Dec. 25	Tues., Dec. 25	Wed., Dec. 26

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Spring Leaf Collection

We recycle your leaves each fall and spring and provide the mulch created from them to you for use in your yards and gardens. The mulch pile is located at the City water tower on Rte. 896.

The 2012 Spring Leaf Collection begins on Monday, March 19 and will continue through Friday, April 6, 2012. Spring Leaf Collection will occur in your neighborhood as follows:

Monday	Northern portion of the City, north of Main Street, and east of West Main Street/Nottingham Road (excluding West Branch and Christianstead), Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Cleveland Avenue, Lumbrook, Creek Bend, Ridgewood Glen, Paper Mill Farms, Evergreen, Northgate Commons, Stafford, Parkview, The Hunt at Louviers, The Woods at Louviers, Middle Run Meadow, Jenney's Run, and Wyncliff.
Tuesday	Area west of Bent Lane and Radcliffe Drive, Nottingham Green, Pheasant Run, Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill Manor, Elan, Barksdale Estates, Country Hills, Country Place, Abbotsford, and Briar Creek.
Wednesday	Oaklands, Nottingham Manor, College Park, Westfield, West Branch, Christianstead, Timber Creek, Woodmere, Valley Stream and Stone Spring.
Thursday	Southern area of the City including Devon, Binns, Arbour Park, Silverbrook, Yorkshire, Yorkshire Woods, Cobblefield and Cannon's Gate.
Friday	Center City from Elkton Road to Marrows Road and from Main Street to northern boundary of Tuesday's route. (Including White Chapel)

How to Prepare for Leaf Collection

- Rake and pile leaves in the grassplot area between the curb and sidewalk. Do not rake leaves onto the street or curbs.
- To help minimize storm drainage system clogging, please clear or remove any leaves that have accumulated on the top of the storm drain or catch basins near your home.
- Avoid mixing rocks and sticks with leaves. They may damage our collection equipment.
- Do not place brush in leaf piles, as it may clog machinery.
- Please park cars in your driveway on collection day to help increase the efficiency of the program.
- Warn children not to play in leaf piles on streets or near curbs to protect them from vehicular injury by unsuspecting motorists.

Call the Public Works Department at (302) 366-7040/7045 if you have any questions.

Did you know...

The following is a **sample list** of violations of the Newark Municipal Code as they pertain to refuse collection:

- 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, but not more than \$250.00. The Newark Municipal Code is available on the City's web site 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.



REDD PARK TRAILS UPDATE

Phases III and IV of the Redd Park trails relocation and building project are moving along very well. These phases of the project focus on the north end of the park creating a unique all-weather trail designed for hikers, joggers, recreational walkers and mountain bike enthusiasts. The project includes the installation of five (5) bridges that will cross small tributaries of Jenney's Run.

More than 2,000 volunteer labor hours have been committed to Phases III and IV to date. The Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the Delaware Trail Spinners and the Delaware State Parks Trail Crew along with many individuals, businesses and organization to construct the trail.

Much of the new trail network is usable now; however, the colder and typically wet conditions in the winter months will limit construction progress. We hope to complete Phases III and IV by summer of 2012.

The majority of funding for the project was secured in a grant from the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund Greenways and Trails program.

Winter "Green Wednesday" Yard Waste Collection Schedule

The winter schedule for "Green Wednesday" goes in to effect on January 1. The City will pick up your yard waste on Wednesdays only if you call to schedule a pick up. The winter yard waste collection schedule helps to eliminate unnecessary mileage and fuel use when yard waste is usually at a minimum. The regular, unscheduled "Green Wednesday" collection will resume on Wednesday, March 21.

Please use your regular refuse carts for yard waste collection by identifying it with a label reading "Yard Waste Only." Should you feel the need, you may also purchase an additional cart for \$50 from the Public Works Department to be used for your yard waste. You may contact the Public Works Department during normal business hours at (302) 366-7040.

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City of Newark Utility Project Status

During the last year the City of Newark has made a significant investment in the water and sewer infrastructure that serves our community. The projects we have completed have made a significant improvement in the reliability and function of our utilities.

Along the Christina Creek in the vicinity of the Persimmon Creek Swim Club we previously had two sewer lines that crossed the creek above grade. The original location of the pipes caused trees and floating debris to catch on the pipes during flooding events creating the possibility that the sewer lines could be damaged or broken.

This project replaced the two above ground sewer crossings with two inverted siphons. The inverted siphons are placed below the creek and move the sewage from the entry vault down below the creek and back up to the exit vault where the flow continues towards the treatment plant by gravity.

Other completed projects include the rebuilding of the Bellevue Sanitary Sewage Lift Station. This project dealt primarily with the installation of pumps and equipment that is more efficient, capable, and safer to maintain.

Projects that are in progress include the redrilling of Well 14, the relining of water lines on Kells and Wollaston Avenues, the rebuilding and replacement of pumps and equipment at the Cooches Bridge Sewage Lift Station, various repairs to well houses, installation of new Powdered Lime handling equipment at the Newark Water Treatment Plant (NWTP), and numerous road repairs where we have previously fixed broken water and sewer lines.

Projects that we are working on for next year include the replacement of the Northwest Booster Station which moves water to the New London Road water tank, several water main relining and replacement projects, renovation of treatment units at the NWTP, rebuilding of the Arbour Park Booster Station, construction of a new water line crossing of the White Clay Creek, and cleaning of settling ponds at the NWTP.

This work is supported by the revenue generated by the water and sewer bills. We will notify residents should any of this work affect service in your area. Please contact the Water and Wastewater Department at (302) 366-7055 with any questions.



POMEROY AND NEWARK RAIL TRAIL

Newark's City Council recently awarded the construction contract for the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail to Merit Construction Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$2.15 million. Construction will begin later this summer and will be completed in 2012. Funding for the project came to Newark through the Federal Highway Administration's SAFETEA-LU Program. Merit also constructed the James F. Hall Trail, which opened in 2003.

The two (2) mile long Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail will connect to the James F. Hall Trail (a National Recreation Trail) just south of Wyoming Road and continue north, following the old rail line into the White Clay Creek State Park. The trail will feature an 8' wide hard surface, lights for 24-hour use, emergency call boxes, bike racks, benches, information kiosks and maps, direct access to the DART Transit Hub, Main Street, Newark Shopping Center, the vast network of trails at the White Clay Creek State Park, the University of Delaware's Laird Campus and other points of interest and destinations.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7060.

Dumping Anything Down A Storm Drain, Gutter, Or Into The Street Is Illegal.

Remember: What Goes Into a Storm Drain Goes Directly Into a Creek or Tributary.

TO REPORT A SPILL

During regular business hours (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday) call the City of Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan at (302) 366-7100.

After business hours call Newark Police at (302) 366-7111, 911, or the DNREC Emergency Response Hotline at 800-662-8802.

For information on Newark's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program, visit www.cityofnewarkde.us/NPDESstormwaterprogram or call (302) 366-7040.

Water Main Flushing Schedule

The planned water main flushing schedule is listed below. For more information, call the Water and Wastewater Department at (302) 366-7055. Please check the notice in your water bills, on Newark TV 22, and read local papers for possible schedule changes.

Monday: March 26, 2012

Area around Chestnut Hill Road. Includes Arbour Park, Bellevue Road, Cannon's Gate, Cobblefield, Silverbrook, South Chapel Street, South College Avenue, Welsh Tract Road, Yorkshire and Yorkshire Woods II.

Tuesday: March 27, 2012

Area bounded by Main Street, South Chapel Street, CSX tracks, Apple Road, Beverly Road and Elkton Road. Includes Academy Street, Amstel Avenue, Dallas Avenue, South College Avenue, Grantham Place, Indian Road, Kells Avenue, Kent Way, Manns Avenue, Manuel Street, Lovett Avenue, Orchard Road, Park Place, Phillips Avenue, Ritter Lane, Sunset Road, Townsend Road, Winslow Road, Wollaston Avenue and Wyoming Road.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

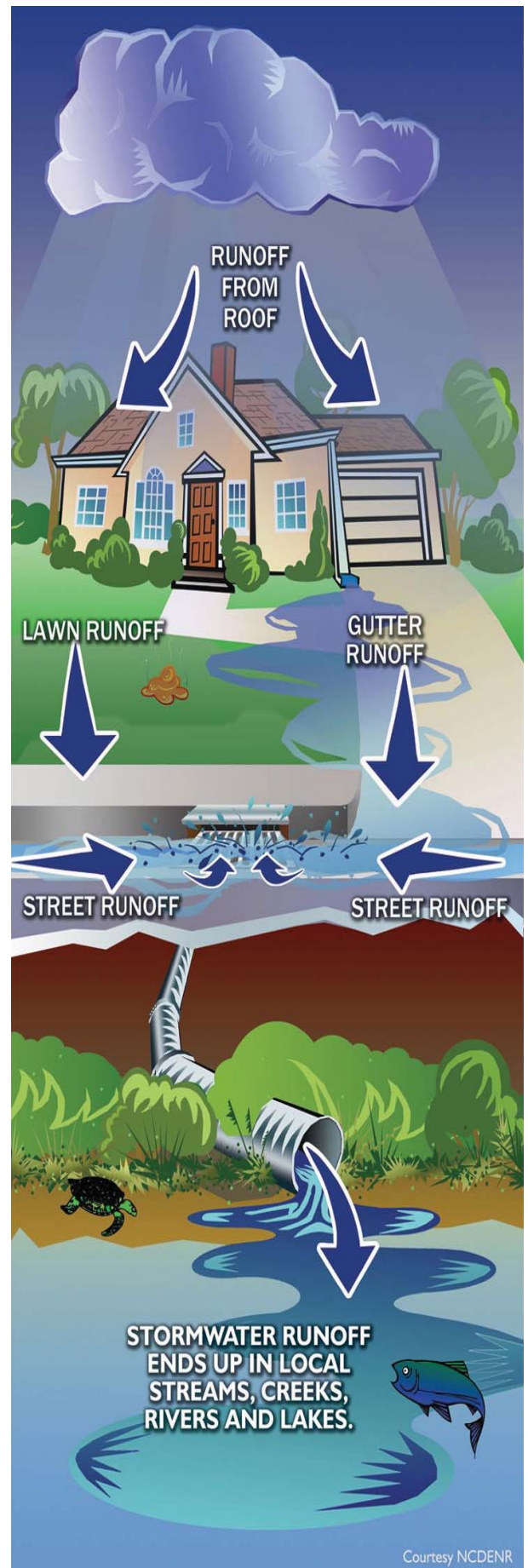
Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green, and west of Casho Mill Road. Includes Abbotsford, Binns, Briar Creek, Cherry Hill, Country Hills, Country Place, Devon, Elan, Madison Drive, Timbercreek, and Williamsburg Village.

Thursday: March 29, 2012

Area of Paper Mill Road, Corbit Street, and North Street. Includes Chapel Hill, Cleveland Avenue, Creek Bend, Fountainview, George Read Village, Jenney's Run, Lumbrook, Main Street, Middle Run Meadow, Nonantum Mills, Ridgewood Glen, The Hunt at Louviers, Woods at Louviers and White Chapel.

Friday: March 30, 2012

Area of Christianstead, Evergreen, Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Nottingham Green, Oakland's, Philips Mill, Woodmere, West Branch and Stone Spring.



SKATE SPOTS

On any given day you can observe skateboarders on the streets and sidewalks of Newark. This likely includes students going to and from school, kids heading to the park or someone on the James F. Hall Trail just for the exercise and enjoyment of the experience.

Throughout the process to create a Master Plan for the Curtis Mill Site and Old Paper Mill Road Park, there was one of several reoccurring interests – skateboarding. At present there are no skateboard facilities in Newark. It is estimated that 16% of youth ages 5-24 years engage in skateboarding to some degree. According to a formula developed by Skaters for Public Skate Parks, a nonprofit skate park advocacy group, there are more than 1,300 skateboarders in Newark.



Over the past several months Parks and Recreation personnel have visited several communities in Delaware and Maryland that constructed and operate very successful facilities. Our objective is not to build a large skate park, but to construct what are known as Skate Spots. These are small skateboard facilities that would include several skate components. Our thought is to design and build three or four Skate Spots at neighborhood park locations throughout the City so that they are easily accessible to those who wish to skate.

Newark's City Council approved funding for the project in the 2012 Capital Budget. In addition, we received a private donation of \$40,000 and have been awarded a matching grant that will help fund this project.

IMPROVING NEWARK'S URBAN TREE CANOPY

In 2009 the Parks and Recreation Department implemented a reduced mow/enhanced meadow program throughout the park system. The effort was made to help control maintenance costs and to improve wildlife habitats, better control stormwater runoff and to diversify the appearance of the areas for the enjoyment of our park users.

As an extension of this program, in 2010 we created a reforestation plan that will include some of the reduced mow/meadow sites. The plan identifies fourteen (14) park locations that could receive up to 350 trees. The first phase of the program occurred in 2011 with more than 130 trees being planted at nine (9) park or public open space sites. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Delaware Forest Service and a donation from the Rotary Club of Newark-Mornings to complete Phase I. Boy Scout Troops 56 and 2 and Cub Scout Packs 56 and 2 assisted with the tree plantings at the Newark Reservoir.



The Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service recently completed a study of the Urban Tree Canopy for most cities and towns in the State. The study found that Newark's Urban Tree Canopy totals about 24% of the City's total area.

Our goal is to increase that number to 30% over the next ten (10) years. We're confident that we can meet or perhaps surpass this goal as we move forward with our reforestation program and continue to work with developers to meet the requirements of Newark's Landscaping code for new construction projects.

City of Newark

CURTIS MILL PARK

The Master Plan has been completed and Newark's City Council has given the go ahead to develop the Curtis Mill site. The 7-acre parcel was once home to the Curtis Paper Mill which, when its operations closed in 1997, was one of the oldest paper mills in the U.S.

In early 2012 we plan to secure the services of an engineering firm to do the design and engineering and to prepare a construction contract. After conducting three (3) public meetings and going through an extensive master plan process, the focus of development will be as a passive park that will likely include these features:

- * +/- 15 Car parking lot
- * Walking Paths
- * Plaza area and Interpretive Signage
- * White Clay Creek access
- * Enhance Riparian Buffer
- * Improve access from Paper Mill Road
- * Landscaping and Meadow establishment

In that a portion of the site is a brownfield we have been working very closely with the State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DNREC) Brownfield Remediation Section to evaluate the site and develop a remediation plan. Additionally, the project qualifies for DNREC's Brownfield Remediation funding program. We have also secured grant funding through the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund to assist in paying for the development of the site.



CURTIS MILL PARK SITE ELEMENTS:

- NEW SITE ACCESS AT EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL ALONG PAPER MILL ROAD
- 15 CAR PARKING AREA - TRAILHEAD
- WALKING/JOGGING/BIKING TRAILS
- PLAZA AREA AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
- WHITE CLAY CREEK ACCESS
- DESIGNATED FISHING AREAS IN EXISTING PONDS
- ENHANCE RIPARIAN BUFFER
- IMPROVED WATER TREATMENT PLANT ACCESS AND SECURITY (FENCING AND GATE)



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