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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. Andrew Haines, Deputy City Manager, 220 South Main Street, Newark, DE 19711, or by calling (302) 366-7026.

CABLE TELEVISION ISSUES

The City of Newark has franchise agreements with cable television providers within City limits. The City Secretary serves as the complaint officer charged with resolving cable television issues covered by these franchise agreements. Service problems covered under the franchise agreement include outages and network failures. However, items such as bill disputes, program offerings, and pricing do not fall under the franchise agreements and are not covered. If you have a service problem and are unable to resolve the problem with the cable company directly, you may contact City Secretary Renee Bensley at (302) 366-7070 or rbensley@newark.de.us weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 2 CITY HOLIDAY – Labor Day – Offices Closed
2 Monday's refuse will be collected on Tuesday
3 Tuesday's refuse will be collected on Wednesday
(NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION)
3 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
7 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle
9 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
10 Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – 2nd Floor
11 Downtown Newark Partnership Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – City Manager's Conference Room
15 NEWARK COMMUNITY DAY – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – UD Green and Main Street (Rain date - September 22)
17 Newark Traffic Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m. - Municipal Bldg. – Police Department Conference Room
19 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
23 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
29 TASTE OF NEWARK – 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Old College Lawn
30 Tax Bills Due

October

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
5 Main Street Mile – 8:00 a.m. – Main Street
5 Fall Flea Market – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – George Wilson Center (Rain date – October 13)
5 Fall Community Clean-Up – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Municipal Bldg.
8 Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – 2nd Floor
10 Downtown Newark Partnership Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – City Manager's Conference Room
14 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
14 Fall Leaf Collection Program Begins
15 Newark Traffic Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Police Department Conference Room
17 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
24 Halloween Party – 4:00 p.m. – George Wilson Center
27 Annual Halloween Parade – 3:00 p.m. – Main Street
27 Trick-or-Treat Main Street – For one hour immediately following the end of the parade
28 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber

November

- 5 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber

- 9 Harvest Arts Festival – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Academy Lawn
11 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
12 Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – 2nd Floor
14 Downtown Newark Partnership Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – University of Delaware Courtyard Marriott
19 Newark Traffic Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m. - Municipal Bldg. – Police Department Conference Room
21 Board of Adjustment Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
23 Newark's 39th Annual Turkey Trot – Check-in 8:00 a.m. – 10K; 8:45 a.m. – 5K – Handloff Park
25 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
27 Thursday's RECYCLING will be collected on Wednesday
(NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION)
28 CITY HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving Day – Offices Closed
28 Thanksgiving Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – George Wilson Center
29 CITY HOLIDAY – Day After Thanksgiving – Offices Closed
29 Friday's RECYCLING will be collected as scheduled
29 Downtown Newark Holiday Promotions Begin

December

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
6 WINTERFEST – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Main Street (Rain date – December 7)
7 Morning Snack with Santa – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – George Wilson Center
7 Santa's Secret Shoppe – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – George Wilson Center
9 City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Bldg. – Council Chamber
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23 Monday's trash will be collected as scheduled
24 Tuesday's trash will be collected as scheduled
24 CITY HOLIDAY – Christmas Eve – Offices Closed
25 CITY HOLIDAY – Christmas Day – Offices Closed
25 NO GREEN WEDNESDAY YARD WASTE COLLECTION
31 Tuesday's trash will be collected as scheduled

January

- 1 CITY HOLIDAY – New Year's Day – Offices Closed
1 Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday
(NO GREEN WEDNESDAY COLLECTION)

Manager's Message

Many Sunday mornings you can spot him walking along Main Street picking up stray pieces of trash or with a bag full of spray paint in every hue ready to cover graffiti vandalism before most people were even out of bed. As Mayor Funk is set to end his 9+ year term as Mayor of Newark, perhaps he will be most remembered for helping to invigorate downtown Newark through his support and hands on involvement.

Mayor Funk's love of all things Newark is apparent through all of his contributions, but never was it as evident as in his efforts benefiting downtown. From the moment he took office, he was thinking of ways to promote downtown as a regional destination and bring more people downtown to see the specialness of it. He began with creating the Taste of Newark, which became an annual event to showcase Newark's outstanding restaurants and to prove that we were so much more than a pizza and beer college town. The event benefits not only the restaurant community, but is a way to raise much needed funding assistance for the Downtown Newark Partnership and the University of Delaware's Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management program. The event has become a shining jewel of our calendar of events and encouraged other retail special events such as Wine & Dine Downtown and Restaurant Week.



He took on the leadership role for Newark's 250th anniversary organizing events and a parade. He even donned a period costume during the parade and at events and meetings leading up to the parade. His spirit for the 250th anniversary could not be matched. To this day, you may be lucky enough to be on the receiving end of the commemorative posters he had made in honor of the anniversary.

Beyond events and marketing, Mayor Funk has been integral to our efforts to creating a vibrant, aesthetically pleasing downtown that all Newarkers can be proud of. Early in his first term as Mayor, he championed the CSX mural project at Cleveland Avenue and Kirkwood Highway. The project was floundering due to lack of funding and he used his name and considerable friendships to stimulate donations and complete the project, which has become the gateway to downtown. He personally assisted in the labor of cleaning up under the CSX Railroad Bridge on N. Chapel Street.

He was a leader in the movement to rename a portion of Elkton Road to South Main Street adding to the success of downtown by associating the road more closely with the Newark's national award-winning Main Street. It continues to foster growth and excitement in the business community.

Make no doubt about it. Mayor Funk has made an impression on Newark. I think it is fitting that his last act as Mayor will be to host

the 10th Annual Taste of Newark on September 29 as it was one of his first contributions to Newark. I believe we will continue to see Mayor Funk as an active member of our community.

Carol J. Houck



City Manager Carol Houck with Mayor Funk at the South Main Street ribbon cutting in January.

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The 10th Annual Taste of Newark is **Sunday, September 29, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on the picturesque Old College Lawn, UD Main Campus (rain location is at Clayton Hall). Tickets are \$45 each if purchased before the event and \$60 at the door. They are limited and sell out quickly.

fascination with cooking after his first job as a busboy in his native California. He has cooked and traveled widely and spent four years in the Coast Guard aboard an ice breaker before earning enough tuition to fund his studies at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

He has worked as a chef in Switzerland since 1989 and has served for more than a decade as the executive chef of the Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality. In a typical week, Puser teaches three cooking classes in German and two in English. He lives in a village in the eastern Swiss Alps with his wife and two children.

Featuring over 50 restaurants, 30 wineries, celebrity cooking demonstrations and more, this event will tempt your palate and is sure to please! The spirit of competition generated among our excellent restaurants will bring our chefs to their highest levels!

Fueling the competition is the annual "Iron Chef" style Battle of the Chefs! Now in its fifth year, Newark's best chefs battle for the title of Newark's Top Chef with one hour to concoct delectable masterpieces from a secret list of ingredients. Competing this year are Anthony Carnevale II from 16 Mile Taphouse, Jeovany Valle from Caffè Gelato, Mark Chopko from Courtyard Newark, Donny Merrill Jr. from Skipjack, and Jaff Matyger from Taverna Rustic Italian.



Joe and Carolyn Dombrowski enjoying Taste of Newark 2012

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 302-368-2561 ext 112 or visit **www.tasteofnewarkevent2013.eventbrite.com**.

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Presentation Displays Question & Answer Session

Community Information Session

The DATA CENTERS (TDC) Proposed Project for the UD STAR CAMPUS (formerly the Chrysler Plant)

Tuesday, September 3, 2013
7 p.m.

George Wilson Center
303 New London Road—across from
UD Marriott

Please join us to become fully informed
about the proposed Data Centers project.

Curtis Mill Park

COMING SOON!

Newark will soon complete the design, engineering and permitting phase of the Curtis Mill Park development project. The park, located just north of the White Clay Creek on Paper Mill Road, is the site of the former Curtis Paper Mill. City staff has been working with the project consultant, Pennoni Associates, for several months to finish the design and obtain the necessary permits and will soon be ready to advertise the construction contract.

The site is being designed as a passive park with landscaping and a small parking lot which will also likely serve as a trailhead for the nearby Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail. The project will feature a plaza area where the smoke stack once stood. Within the plaza there will be picnic tables, benches and kiosks which will contain photos and historic and educational information about the Paper Mill and the White Clay Creek. A portion of the site will be converted to a meadow which will serve to improve surface rain water runoff and become habitat for birds and other wildlife. When completed, the site will transition to an attractive gateway into Newark from Paper Mill Road.

The Handloff Park Skate Spot is now open and ready to skate!

The Handloff Park Skate Spot is now open and ready to skate! The 3800 square foot facility was completed in August and features a quarter pipe, bank ramp and a grind ledge. The skate spot was designed and constructed by Grindline Skateparks from Seattle, Washington. Several local skate boarders provided input into the design. Grindline started construction on the second facility at Phillips Park that will feature a hubba ledge, stairs, hand rail and a curved quarter pipe. Weather permitting, construction should be completed by the end of October.



Handloff Park Skate Spot while still under construction.

TREES – PART TWO OF THREE ON THEIR BEAUTY, USE, & MAINTENANCE

By Tom Zaleski, City of Newark Park Superintendent

Trees like any other living thing require more care as they age. Pruning is the most common tree maintenance task. Pruning trees helps to increase tree safety, aesthetics, and longevity.

Trees need to be pruned for several reasons; to remove diseased, dead, or rubbing branches and limbs, to increase light and air circulation inside the trees crown, or to remove hazards. Most routine pruning can be done anytime during the year without effecting a tree's health. Some trees such as Maple and Birch emit sap or "bleed" if pruning is done early in the spring when the sap is starting to move within the tree. This is not detrimental to a tree's health. It is, however, recommended by the International Society of Arboriculture not to do "heavy" pruning after the spring growth as the tree has spent a large amount of energy to produce foliage and shoot growth. Removal of vast amounts of foliage can stress the tree at this time.

Younger trees recover more quickly from pruning than older trees do since the older the tree, the less energy reserves it has to close up pruning cuts. With this in mind, it is better for a tree's health over time to prune out two or three smaller branches or limbs when the tree is younger than to remove one or two large limbs when the tree is older.

Do not paint or cover over any pruning cuts just let them air dry. This will allow the tree to callus or heal over more quickly. MOST importantly NEVER EVER top a tree as this will result in increased suckering and weak branch attachment causing a dangerous situation in the future. Instead of topping a tree, do what is called a "drop crotch" operation. This is done to reduce a tree's height, spread, or both by cutting back to a limb or lead that is 1/3 the size in width as the pruning cut you are making. By doing this type of pruning operation you will avoid sucker development and weak branch attachment as well as making the tree more vulnerable to insect and disease issue as the tree will not be stressed as much.

City of Newark



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:00 a.m.**

On Saturday, October 5 runners from all over the Delaware Valley will meet in downtown Newark for what has become an autumn tradition: a one-mile run down Main Street to benefit the Newark Police Department's K-9 Unit (one of their main sources of funding) and the Downtown Newark Partnership. The race starts at 8:00 a.m. Awards ceremony and refreshments will be provided immediately after the race at the Deer Park Tavern.

Register at www.active.com or www.mainstmile.com. Pre-registration is \$18 until September 29. The first 250 pre-registers are guaranteed a race t-shirt. Day of event registration is \$22 at Fusion Fitness in Market East Plaza, starting at 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. For more information, contact Nic DeCaire at (302) 738-4580.

Harvest Arts Festival

sponsored by
The Newark Arts Alliance

**Saturday, November 9
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Academy Building Lawn,
Main Street

A celebration of the arts including fine art and craft exhibitors presented by the Newark Arts Alliance. Now in its fifth year, the Harvest Arts Festival is a celebration of the arts, with local artists displaying their fine art and crafts for sale, live music, and children's art activities in the center of downtown Newark.

The Festival is held during the University of Delaware's "Parents & Family Weekend," which is one of the busiest weekends of the fall. For more information, please contact the Newark Arts Alliance at 302-266-7266 or visit www.newarkartsalliance.org.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK-OR-TREAT MAIN STREET

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Main Street, Newark**

Newark's 66th annual Halloween Parade is drawing near. Plan now to be a part of this special Halloween event, complete with marching bands, floats, antique automobiles, costumed characters and much more. The parade begins at Tyre Avenue and Main Street and marches west on Main Street, to College Avenue. Local clubs, civic groups, school bands, PTA's and scout troops are encouraged to participate. Please contact Newark Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7060 or visit us online at www.cityofnewarkde.us/parksrecreation for more information.

There is NO RAIN DATE for this event. For cancellation information, please call (302) 366-7147.

WINTERFEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

ACADEMY LAWN

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

RAIN DATE DECEMBER 7

Winterfest 2013 promises to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season. Holiday entertainment, roasting chestnuts, caroling, tree lighting, ice carving demonstrations, and much more will fill this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family.

Winterfest is a joint effort by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, the University of Delaware, and the Downtown Newark Partnership.

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in the crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home.



Become a fan of the Downtown Newark Partnership or follow them on Twitter @DwntwnNewarkDE and keep up-to-date on happenings in the downtown area - everything from meetings to events! Even see photos from past events!



City of Newark 2013 Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

The regular refuse/recycling collection schedule must be adjusted during the year for City holidays. The City has two residential collection schedules - one on Monday and Thursday and the other on Tuesday and Friday. Yard waste collections are normally made on Wednesdays.

Wednesdays are also reserved for refuse/recycling collections when there is a holiday during that week. If there is a holiday on Monday, Monday's route is covered on Tuesday and Tuesday's route is rescheduled for Wednesday. Similarly, if the holiday falls on Friday, Thursday's collection is made on Wednesday, and Friday's route is rescheduled for Thursday. The holiday refuse/recycling collection schedule allows for the collection of refuse and recycling once each per week. **Green Wednesday Yard Waste collection is canceled during weeks containing a holiday.**

Holiday	Refuse/Recycling Normally Collected	Will Be Collected
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2	Monday, Sept. 2 Tuesday, Sept. 3 Wednesday, Sept. 4 – No yard waste collection	Tuesday, Sept. 3 Wednesday, Sept. 4
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 28	Thursday, Nov. 28 No changes to Friday's recycling collection schedule Wednesday, Nov. 27 - No yard waste collection	Wednesday, Nov. 27
Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25	Wednesday, Dec. 25	No yard waste collection this week
New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1	Wednesday, Jan. 1	No yard waste collection this week

NEW LOCATION!!

Delaware Solid Waste Authority Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

Saturday, September 7, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine)
Delaware Recycling Center
1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle

Items Accepted:

- Household items (full aerosol cans, oven cleaner, disinfectants, etc.)

- Home Health Care items (used syringes, prescription drugs, etc.)
- Explosives (fireworks, gunpowder, ammunition, etc.)
- Workshop items (oil based paints, stains, solvents, corrosives, etc.)
- Garden and Yard items (fungicides, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals)
- Automotive items (antifreeze, auto batteries, waste fuels-gasoline)

Items Not accepted:

- Latex paint
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Unknown substances of more than 1 gallon or 8 lbs.

ADOPT-A-STREET & HELP TO KEEP NEWARK FREE OF LITTER

Our Adopt-A-Street Program allows volunteers or organizations to adopt a section or entire street within the City. By doing so you are required to commit to performing litter patrol a minimum of four times per year. Please consider adopting a street in your neighborhood and assist with improving the cleanliness and aesthetic value of the area. For additional information, visit or call the Public Works & Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7040 and ask for an information packet! Together we can ensure Newark is a nice place to live for years to come.



Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The city provides leaf collection as a seasonal service to its residents. Leaf collection begins on Monday, October 14 and continues through Friday, December 13, 2013. All leaves must be raked to the curb by December 6. Residents can reasonably expect four leaf pickups per season. As the volume of leaves falling from trees increases, crews may not be able to finish an entire route on the assigned day. Collection will begin each week where the crews left off the previous week.

Monday	Center city from Elkton Road to Marrows Road from Main Street to the northern boundary of Thursday's route and White Chapel.
Tuesday	Northern portion of the city, north of Main Street and east of West Main Street/Nottingham Road (excluding West Branch and Christianstead). Includes 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, Laura's Glenn and Wynclyff.
Wednesday	Area west of Bent Lane and Radcliffe Drive, including Nottingham Green, Pheasant Run, Cherry Hill, Elan, Cherry Hill Manor, Barksdale Estates, Country Hills, Country Place, Abbotsford and Briarcreek.
Thursday	Oaklands, Nottingham Manor, College Park, Westfield, West Branch, Christianstead, Timber Creek, Woodmere, Valley Stream, and Stone Spring.
Friday	Southern area of the city including Devon, Binns, Arbour Park, Silverbrook, Yorkshire, Yorkshire Woods, Cobblefield, and Cannons Gate.

If you have any questions regarding the Fall Leaf Collection Program, please call the Public Works & Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7045.



To Prepare For Leaf Collection

- ❑ **Rake and pile leaves in the grassplot area between the curb and sidewalk. DO NOT RAKE LEAVES ON TO THE STREET OR CURBS.**
- ❑ **To help minimize storm drainage system clogging, please clear or remove any leaves that may have accumulated on the top of the storm drain or catch basins in front of your home.**
- ❑ **Avoid mixing rocks and sticks with leaves. They may damage collection machinery.**
- ❑ **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 leaf-loading truck.**
- ❑ **Warn children not to play in leaf piles on streets or near curbs to protect them from injury by unsuspecting motorists.**

Grass cycle by leaving mowed grass clippings/leaves on the yard to nourish the soil without fertilizers. To successfully grass cycle, mow frequently using a mulching mower or by purchasing a mulching adapter for older model lawnmowers. Compost to recycle kitchen and yard wastes into nutrient-rich organic matter for gardening and to help reduce the volume of curbside waste collection.

City Completes Stormwater Retrofits in the Hunt at Louviers



Newark received a Community Water Quality Improvement grant from DNREC to retrofit all three stormwater management areas in the Hunt at Louviers. These basins were originally designed for stormwater quantity management, not water quality, and the intent was to improve upon the existing design by providing a water quality benefit. The improvements include re-grading, removal of invasive plant species, and native habitat restoration. Project partners included the White Clay Wild and Scenic program, North Creek Nurseries, Duffield Associates, and CGC Geoservices.

Earth moving operations started in early April and culminated with two volunteer planting events on April 26 and 27, 2013. Approximately 100 volunteers helped plant deep rooted native plugs, which help water better infiltrate into the ground and take in common stormwater pollutants such as excess nutrients. This will help improve water quality in Jenney's Run, a tributary of the Wild and Scenic White Clay Creek.



Claudia West from North Creek Nurseries

The community volunteers included Bank of America, Dupont's Clear into the Future program, several University of Delaware student groups, the Master Gardeners, Pennoni Associates, the Trail Spinners, the PA Master Naturalist program, and The Nature Conservancy to name a few. As of this writing, the plants are filling in nicely and recent rains are doing a good job of keeping them watered.

For more information about Newark's NPDES Stormwater program, visit www.cityofnewarkde.us/NPDESstormwaterprogram.

Flood Insurance — Do you need it?

You may want to consider obtaining flood insurance if you live in the 100-year floodplain along the main channels of the Christina and White Clay Creeks. Homes built before the adoption of City floodplain regulations may likely be at greater risk of flooding during a severe storm.

Be advised that most homeowners' policies specifically exclude damage caused by floodwaters from rising water, inadequate drainage and wind driven rain. Fortunately, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will provide this important insurance to Newark property owners that reside in a floodplain.

This protection has been made available to Newark and other communities that have taken steps to manage and reduce the chances for local residential flooding. Our rigorous floodplain regulations, rated a "Class 7" designation by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, allows Newark residents to take advantage of flood insurance premiums that are 15% lower than the national average. We are proud to acknowledge that our "Class 7" rating is the highest rating of any city in the State of Delaware.

The NFIP coverage is available to any Newark owner or renter of insurable property. To purchase NFIP flood insurance, contact any licensed property insurance agency or broker. If you are not sure if your property is located within the 100-year floodplain of the Christina or White Clay Creeks, please call the Planning and Development Department at (302) 366-7030. Floodplain maps and NFIP brochures are available at both the Planning and Development Department and the Newark Free Library.



City of Newark Curbside Recycling RECYCLING IN DELAWARE: Recycle these



Glass BOTTLES JARS	Metals ALUMINUM CANS ALUMINUM FOIL	Paper NEWSPAPER CEREAL BOXES MAGAZINES PAPERBACK BOOKS OFFICE PAPER PHONE BOOKS CARDBOARD JUNK MAIL	Plastic BOTTLES AND JUGS YOGURT & BUTTER CONTAINERS RIGID PLASTIC
Items <u>NOT</u> accepted: - Styrofoam - Motor oil containers - Chemical containers - Ceramics or dishes - Light bulbs - Window glass & mirrors - Yard waste - Food waste - Television & computers - Monitors		Please collapse all boxes	*It is recommended that you return plastic grocery bags to the store they are from for recycling* Any container with any of the following numbers on the bottom of it:

Call the City of Newark Public Works Department with any questions at (302) 366-7040, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Protect Yourself From Sewage Back Ups

The City of Newark maintains more than 100 miles of sanitary sewer mains located along road rights-of-way and utility easements. In spite of our best efforts blockages of the mains occur which can cause sewage to back up into homes and businesses.

The City is generally not responsible or liable for costs associated with the clean up and repair of the damage caused by such an event.

Residents and business owners can take steps to protect themselves from these situations:

1. Standard property insurance typically excludes coverage for damage caused by water backing up into the structure. However, riders can be purchased that will cover some or all of the damages caused by sewage backing up into the home.
2. There are also circumstances where it may be prudent to install a back flow device to prevent water from backing up into the home or business. A plumber can help you determine if this would be a good choice.
3. Do not put fats, oils, grease, rags, cloth or disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, or paper products, other than toilet paper, down the drain. These items frequently cause problems in the mains and laterals that cause sewage to back up.

In the event that you experience a back up, please call the Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7055 (24 hours a day) and we will send a crew out as quickly as possible to determine where the blockage is located and clear the blockage if it is found to be in the sewer main. If the blockage is in the lateral, it is the responsibility of the property owner to make the necessary arrangements to have the line cleaned.

If you have questions regarding this information, please call the Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7055 during normal business hours and we will do what we can to assist you.

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Newark Senior Center
200 White Chapel Drive

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UD Public Safety Building
413 Academy Street

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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On October 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Newark Police Department, University of Delaware Office of Public Safety, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. ***Only solid medicines may be turned in. No liquids, injectables or needles will be accepted.***

Bring your medications for disposal to the Newark Senior Center at 200 White Chapel Drive or the UD Office of Public Safety at 413 Academy Street. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at over 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its five previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2 million pounds—over a thousand tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.