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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.

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 1 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 6 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 8 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 12 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 13 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 14 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting — 6 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 15 Board of Adjustment meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 15 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 16 Bike To Work Day
- 18 79th Memorial Day Parade — 1 p.m. — UD Green — Parade at 2 p.m.
- 20 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 3:30 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 21 “UDon’t Need It?” Student Move-Out Program through June 7 — STAR Campus
- 22 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 26 CITY HOLIDAY — Memorial Day — Offices Closed
- 26 Monday’s refuse will be collected on Tuesday, May 27**
- 27 Tuesday’s refuse will be collected on Wednesday, May 28 *** NO GREEN WEDNESDAY YARD WASTE COLLECTION*****
- 27 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. TUESDAY— Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 29 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn

June

- 3 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 5 UDon’t Need It? Public Sale through June 7 — STAR Campus
- 5 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 9 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 10 Dickey and George Wilson Parks’ Swimming Pools Open
- 10 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 11 Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting — 6 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 12 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 17 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 3:30 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 19 Board of Adjustment meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 19 Spring Concert — 7 p.m. — Academy Lawn
- 21 A New Night Downtown Newark — 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. — Main Street

- 23 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber

July

- 1 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 2 Thursday’s recycling will be collected on Wednesday, July 2 ***NO GREEN WEDNESDAY YARD WASTE COLLECTION*****
- 3 Friday’s recycling will be collected on Thursday, July 3**
- 4 CITY HOLIDAY — Independence Day — Offices Closed
- 4 Liberty Day Event — 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. — Fireworks display at dusk — UD Athletic Complex (Rain date fireworks only — July 5)
- 8 Conservation Advisory Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Second Floor
- 9 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 — 3:30 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 17 Board of Adjustment meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 26 Downtown Newark’s Food & Brew Fest — 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 28 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber

August

- 5 Planning Commission meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 11 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber
- 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
- 16 Dickey and George Wilson Pools Close
- 17 Top of Newark Triathlon — Newark Reservoir
- 19 Newark Traffic Committee meeting — 3:30 p.m. — Police Department Conference Room
- 25 City Council meeting — 7 p.m. — Municipal Bldg. — Council Chamber

The 2014 Fall Municipal Newsletter and Parks and Recreation Activity Guide will be e-mailed on Monday, August 25.
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

What have we been up to lately to keep our costs down, and be more efficient...

Just like many of us have taken steps to tighten our own belts or make new decisions on how our family spends its money, I wanted to share with you some of the efforts your municipal government has been making over the past two years to be more efficient or change the way we provide services, as we too realize our new economic reality. A prime goal has been to embrace working smarter and more efficient in an attempt to make our future more economically sustainable.

Significant operational changes have been implemented and have resulted in improved oversight and efficiency gains:

- The former Public Works and Water & Wastewater Departments were merged into one department (now Public Works and Water Resources) resulting in a savings of nearly \$400,000 annually. This move also allowed for better coordination of resources among the two formerly independent departments;
- Elimination of the Transfer Station from our refuse operations, which allowed Newark to avoid more than \$285,000 in near term rehabilitation costs and realize additional operational savings related to staff deployment and overtime;
- The creation and implementation of a simple weekly cleaning and preventative maintenance checklist for the refuse truck operators has helped eliminate costly repairs to the packing cylinders;
- Significant savings (overtime pay and otherwise) were realized by evaluating and modifying our Main Street sweeping schedule and our leaf and Christmas tree collection procedures. Most notably, over 600 hours of overtime was cut this past leaf season when compared to previous years through improved oversight and scheduling;
- Better coordination of water main rehabilitation projects with our street resurfacing program so that water mains are replaced prior to resurfacing the road. This small effort allows us to stretch funds to more streets and just plain makes sense!



We have increased efficiencies through technology:

- Investment in and implementation of the electric and water smart meter project with a conservation component;
- Vehicle GPS tracking and deployment improvements for the city's fleet;
- Increased focus on Information Technology infrastructure, including staffing, to ensure we are operating as efficiently as possible and embracing smart technology.

Employee pension and healthcare modifications:

- Changes that were first implemented for new management staff pension and healthcare plans have in the first two years already saved \$130,000 as our work force changes and will continue to grow annually when compared to our legacy plans.
- Additionally, recently concluded negotiations with our three employee unions have resulted in like modifications for new hires that also translate to reduced pension and healthcare expenses in years ahead as well as provide more long range predictability to these important employer costs.

Soon we will be testing solar compacting refuse and recycling containers on Main Street. If this pilot program is successful, it will promote a cleaner downtown while reducing collection visits and staff costs.

With all that we have already accomplished, please know that our departments continue to review operational procedures and have been asked to research innovative solutions to make, and keep, Newark economically healthy and efficient. We know how much your city services mean to you. Incremental changes like those noted above are necessary to ensure we can continue to provide them at the same levels in the years ahead.

All my best for a wonderful summer in Newark,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Houck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

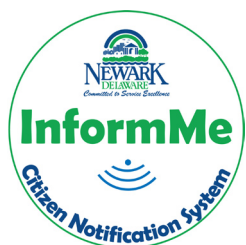


April Election and New Council Members

This year, an election was held on April 8 for the offices of District Two, District Five, and District Six Council Member. Three residents filed for candidacy in District 2. Todd Ruckle won the election with 134 votes. The other candidates for District Two included Sharon Hughes with 84 votes and C. Haig Stubblebine with 17 votes. Ruckle will serve out the remainder of former City Councilman Jerry Clifton's term ending in 2015.

Two candidates filed for District 5 including incumbent Luke Chapman who won with 346 votes and Shirley Wilson with 117 votes. Two candidates filed for District Six including incumbent Stu Markham who won with 250 votes and Howland Redding, IV with 155 votes. One candidate filed for District Three, Rob Gifford. Because only one candidate filed for District Three, the Newark Municipal Code states that the candidate shall assume the office and no formal election is required.

On Tuesday, April 15, an organizational meeting was held and Council Members Ruckle, Gifford, Chapman and Markham took the oath of office. Council also elected Stu Markham as Deputy Mayor. This will be Markham's first time serving as Deputy Mayor since first being elected to City Council in 2006.



City of Newark Citizen Notification System

The new notification system provides you with the opportunity to select the city information you want to receive and the delivery method(s) through which you want to receive it. You will automatically receive emergency alerts and may also choose to receive community alerts, which include service reminders, utility alerts such as water main breaks and water main flushing, crime alerts, traffic alerts, etc. To sign up, go to

www.cityofnewarkde.us/InformMe

Comprehensive Development Plan Update: NEWARK'S COMMUNITY VISION

Healthy, Sustainable, and Inclusive Community

A community's *vision* is a set of shared aspirations of how the community wants to preserve, develop and change for its future in order to begin to make it a reality. Such a vision illustrates the values of its residents, sets the purpose of the town, and provides an overlay for other community plans, policies, and decisions. It guides public investment and private development decisions, and describes the community's aspirations for its natural areas, recreation, industry, and neighborhoods.

The City of Newark Comprehensive Development Plan V is a vision-based, community driven plan. Its vision, goals, and strategies are based on an extensive public participation process including a diverse variety of stakeholders and residents. Over 400 individuals, including residents, business owners, landlords, developers, representatives from collaborating public agencies and the University of Delaware, and other local interests participated in over 24 community workshops and public hearings.

Newark's future growth and development proposes to advance the following vision:

- **Healthy & Active Community:** A community that provides safe infrastructure and amenities to allow opportunities for a healthy and active lifestyle, to include aspirations such as:
 - Bicycle and pedestrian accessibility to encourage exercise.
 - Complete streets to support all transportation options such as walking or bicycling.
 - Ample parks and open space to provide opportunities for active and passive recreation.
 - Compact & mixed use development for a pedestrian friendly environment.
 - Access to healthy foods.
- **Sustainable Community:** A community that will be sustainable, both economically & environmentally, for generations to come, to include aspirations such as:
 - Promote transit and other alternative transportation modes for reduced dependence on fossil fuels.
 - Stream valley/watershed protection.
 - Energy conservation and recycling.
 - Air and water quality.
 - Diverse economic base.
 - Preserving historical resources.
- **Inclusive Community:** A community that embraces cultural diversity and lifestyles for all age groups, to include aspirations such as:
 - Access to transit and other alternative transportation modes for increased choice.
 - Range of housing choices and affordability levels.
 - Fair Housing.
 - Access to a variety of dining, shopping, entertainment, and employment options.
 - Access to good schools.
 - Parks and open space offering a range of passive and active recreational activities.
 - Support services such as day care, health care, and retro-fitting houses.

To read more about Newark's community vision and how it carries through each element (Housing, Transportation, Environmental Quality, etc.) in the proposed City of Newark Comprehensive Development Plan V, visit www.cityofnewarkde.us/compplanupdate, click on "Comprehensive Development Plan V Draft" and review "Chapter 3: Vision".



Saturday, June 21
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Come join your friends, neighbors, and family for a celebration of everything Downtown Newark has to offer on Saturday, June 21, from 3 to 9 p.m. Main Street will be closed from Chapel Street to South College Avenue for our new signature street festival – come out and EAT from our delicious restaurants, SHOP our retailers, gift shops and boutiques, and ENJOY our artist community, children's games, and, of course, great company! Mark your calendars!

**Promote your City of Newark
based event on the City's Website
Calendar:
Get the attention your events
deserve**

It's free and easy!

Charitable, educational, cultural, or recreation groups may now post events to the City of Newark Online Calendar. Submit your event at least 15 days in advance by going to www.cityofnewarkde.us. Click on the "Submit Event" button. The site will guide you through the rest of the process. Notices and announcements must contain (1) the name of the group, organization or person sponsoring the event, (2) a concise description of the event, (3) date of the event, and (4) contact information. The events listed in the calendar are for informational purposes only and in no way constitute official approval or endorsement from the City of Newark. All events in the calendar are subject to change.

[Calendar](#)



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SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, July 26



DOWNTOWN PARKING

Lot 3 Improvements

Long-awaited improvements to Lot 3 are complete and operating this spring! A new entrance and exit lane onto Center Street provides customers with a second option to enter and exit the lot during high-volume times of the day, as well as ready access between lots 3 and 4. Reconfiguration of the interior of the lot, along with careful design of the new entrance, yielded a net increase of 18 parking spaces.

Smart Meters

Very soon, customers parking downtown will be able to pay by credit card, as well as cash, at our parking meters. The Parking Division is in the process of assessing meters provided by two different vendors to determine the meter that best meets our needs, without creating undue maintenance needs.

Improving Newark's Infrastructure

In 2014, \$1,000,000 has been appropriated to restore City maintained roads under Newark's Street Improvement Program. Your Public Works and Water Resources 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.

This year, the Water Division will be replacing approximately 4,600 feet of 6 inch water mains on Old Oak, Dallam, Corbit and Ray Streets. This location was selected due to a combination of break history, water quality, and needed fire protection improvements. The work has been coordinated with the annual road paving program to reduce the need to cut into newly paved streets.

Special thanks go out to City of Newark's state senators and representatives for recommending a total of \$78,000 from the State Community Transportation Fund to assist Newark. The remaining \$922,000 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 Thorn Lane from Elkton Road to City limits, Ash Avenue from Woodlawn Avenue to cul-de-sac.

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

- Hawthorne Ave. from Woodlawn Ave. to Adelene Ave.
- Long Meadow Ct. from Country Hills Dr. to cul-de-sac
- Magnolia Cir. from Hawthorne Ave. to cul-de-sac
- W. Mill Station from Delrem Dr. to #74
- Timberline Dr. from S. Wynwyd Dr. to Church Rd.
- E. Park Pl. from Haines St. to Academy St. - patching
- Falling Tree Ct. from Farmhouse Rd. to cul-de-sac

Optional Streets (if funding is available):

Townsend Road from Manns Avenue to Ritter Lane
Grantham Place from Apple Road to Beverly Road



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 for purchase to Newark property owners that reside in a floodplain.

This protection has been made available for purchase 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 for purchase 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.

White Clay Creek Water Levels and Our Water Supply

The White Clay Creek provides about 50% of our potable water. Our use of the Creek as a water supply is permitted as long as we allow 14 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) to flow by for downstream users, fish and wildlife. The Newark Reservoir allows us to store water when the creek flows are high and use that water when the creek flow falls below 14 MGD.

In a normal year we find that creek levels are able to recharge during the fall, winter and spring so that we have just a short period during the summer when we need to use the reservoir. In that "normal year" we would expect to see water levels at or around the average as we leave spring and enter the summer.

Due to extreme levels of snowfall this past winter, our creek levels are running above average, though this is contrary to recent trends. It is always important to be aware of how much water we are using and conserve whenever possible.

Water Conservation Devices

The City has available water conservation devices including low-flow shower heads and water saving devices to retrofit older plumbing fixtures. We also notify our customers when we believe that there may be a leak on their property. If requested, we will do what we can to identify the source of the leak.

Water conservation is an important part of our program and everyone's involvement is important. Here are ways that you can help:

Checking for Leaks

If you think that you have a leak, you can perform the following check.

- Turn off all water in the house and make sure that it remains off while you perform the following check.
- With the water off locate the water meter and observe the face of the meter. On the face there will be one or more of the following: An analog counter that looks like the odometer on a car, a dial that rotates when water is being used and a small star, triangle, or other similar shape which is a leak detector. If there is a leak, the leak detector will be moving at a rate consistent with the size of the leak.
- Check faucets for drips including outdoor fixtures.

Another likely source is the toilet tank. Using food coloring, or tablets that we have available at the Public Works and Water Resources Department office, color the water in the toilet tank on the back of the toilet. After about 30 minutes, and without using the toilet, check the bowl to see if the water has changed color or remains clear. If the water has changed color, the flap valve is bad and needs to be replaced or repaired. A plumber can do this for you or you can get the needed parts at your local hardware store.

If you would like information about how you can save water, please refer to our website or give us a call at (302) 366-7055 and we would be happy to talk with you.



79th

Memorial Day Parade

**Sunday, May 18, 2014
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 79th 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!

8th Annual



✿✿ **New Location:**
UD Star Campus ✿✿

STUDENT MOVE-OUT PROGRAM

The "UDon't Need It?" Student Move Out Program will take place from **May 21 through June 7, 2014** at University of Delaware's STAR Campus. *Sales to the public will begin on Thursday, June 5.*

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 year round on Green Wednesdays. 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.

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 or recycling collection.**



Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Emerson, City Manager Carol Houck, Mayor Polly Sierer, and District 6 City Councilman Stu Markham

Curtis Mill Park Under Construction

In February, Reybold Construction was finally able to get equipment on site to begin building Curtis Mill Park. Weather permitting, we hope to finish the construction phase of the project in late summer. Much of the landscaping will be installed in the fall.

The 7.8 acre parcel is being transformed from an industrial site to a passive park that will include a new entrance at the Paper Mill Road and Old Paper Mill Road intersection, a small parking lot, new north and south pathway/sidewalk, meadow areas, a plaza that will include benches, picnic tables, and signage with information and photos of the former paper mill and of the White Clay Creek. The plaza will feature, at its entrance, two pillars constructed with bricks that were salvaged from the smoke stack that once stood on the site. The park is located just north of the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail and the parking lot will serve as a trailhead for hikers, bicyclists, runners, and casual walkers.

When completed, Newark's newest park will provide a picturesque entrance to the city from Paper Mill Road.

Please Carry Out What You Carry In *Newark Parks Trash Policy*

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department asks that all park users adhere to their trash procedures citing more efficient use of parks staff and equipment. Much like the Delaware State Parks "carry-in, carry-out" policy regarding trash, Newark Parks and Recreation requires that users carry their trash to a container located near the park's parking lot or adjacent street, so that it can easily be collected by City crews.



Home Repair Help for Seniors

Need help with home repairs or weatherization? If you are an owner-occupant resident within the City of Newark, we'd like you to be aware of some programs made possible by Community Development Block Grant funds. The Newark Senior Center operates a Senior Home Repair Program for those 60+ years of age who meet income eligibility requirements for minor home repairs, weatherization, and accessibility improvements to be made at no cost to the homeowner. Additionally, the Newark Planning and Development Department operates a Home Improvement Loan Program to make more significant repairs to homes whose owners meet income eligibility requirements.

Repairs are made with a zero-interest, deferred payment loan to the homeowner. For more information about the Newark Senior Center's program, please call Anika Turner, Social Services Director, at (302) 737-2336, extension 12, or email her at aturner@newarkseniorcenter.com.

For more information about the City of Newark's Home Improvement Program, please call Ricky Nietubicz at (302) 366-7030 or email him at rnietubicz@newark.de.us.

Newark Bike Project Bicycle Collection Drive

Newark Bike Project (NBP) is in need of bicycles! NBP is a non-profit community teaching workshop that recycles donated bicycles and parts back into the Newark community, keeping them out of landfills. They also teach bike owners how to repair their own bikes. Their goal is to enable short-trip commuters such as UD students and downtown dwellers with bicycles and knowledge to help them use a bike where it makes sense instead of a car. This eases traffic and parking in the City, helping all modes of transportation. Fixed up bicycles are sold at low cost to the public, while others are donated to those in need at local elementary schools, local shelters, and anyone who cannot afford a bike but who would use one for commuting, errands, or exercise.

NBP depends on donations of bicycles and parts, in any condition. Their volunteer mechanics will get them back onto the streets of Newark. The City of Newark is hosting a bicycle collection drive and serving as a drop off location for residents to donate bicycles. Please drop off your bicycle donation at the City of Newark Municipal Building at 220 South Main Street beginning Thursday, May 1, to Friday, May 16, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For a donation receipt, tape or staple your name and email address to the bike.



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 the Blue Hen Bash, in place of individual reunions. UD's 6th annual Alumni Weekend will be held on June 6 through June 8. Register now at www.UDconnection.com/AlumniWeekend.

WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY...

When you wash your car, all the soap, scum and oily grit runs along the curb and into storm drains, which lead ultimately to either the Christina or White Clay Creek. This causes pollution, which is unhealthy for people and fish. Please wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street or your driveway. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water can get treated and/or recycled.

**BE A PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION!
HELP CLEAN UP STORMWATER IN NEWARK.**

WHY?

Clean water is of vital importance for our health, economy, and environment. It exists in very limited supply. All of us benefit from clean water – and all of us have a role in protecting our creeks and tributaries in Newark. By protecting water quality here in Newark, we are not only helping to improve our quality of life, but also the quality of life for the rest of our neighbors and animals who call the Delaware Estuary their home. The Delaware Estuary is where the river meets the sea, and it is a vital ecosystem.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The largest contributor of stormwater pollution is diffuse, or “non-point” sources like cars leaking oil, fertilizers washing off of fields, lawns, and gardens, and failing septic systems. Even ordinary activities around the home, like properly washing your car, can make a difference.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Wash your car on a grassy area if possible, so the ground can filter the water naturally. Use soap sparingly. Try to use phosphate-free or biodegradable detergents.
- Use a hose that has a pistol grip or trigger nozzle to save water. Wash one section of the car at a time and rinse it quickly.
- When you're done, empty your bucket of soapy water down the sink, in the grass, gravel, or into another area able to absorb it, not in the street or driveway.
- Vacuum car interiors, don't shake the dirt from floor mats onto the ground. This helps prevent this dirt from reaching storm drains in the next rain. Make sure all trash is thrown away or recycled.
- Best of all, take your car to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of the car. Sometimes car washes reuse water several times before sending it for treatment at a sewage treatment plant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on stormwater runoff pollution prevention, call the City of Newark at (302) 366-7040, or visit our website at: <http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/NPDESstormwaterprogram>.



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MAY 16, 2014

Celebrate Transportation Alternatives

Ride your bike to work and join us at the **Trabant University Center** patio (corner of Delaware & South College Avenue) to enjoy light refreshments, meet other bicycle commuters, pick up T-shirt, and show your support for bicycling in Newark.



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7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

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