# City Manager's Weekly Report

	Friday, September 18, 2015			
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Notable Notes:				
Mayor and Council -				
Manager status from the	od news! Deputy City Manager Andrew Haines has achieved his Credentialed City International City Managers Association (ICMA). This accreditation has been 3 other local government City Managers in Delaware including Gene Dvornick of ig of Dover and myself.			
Please find for your infor Delaware Valley Health 1	mation detail related to an employee health and wellness fair being offered by our rust.			
Please find attached the	Fitch Rating press release related to its reaffirmation of our AA+ status.			
Please find the approval	for the UDance canister solicitation attached.			
	Sunday is Newark Community Day on the UD Green! And we look forward to our refuse recommendation this coming Monday evening.			
	City Manager Andrew Haines will be sitting in for me at the Council meeting of be at the ICMA Conference.			
Activity or Project:				
Energy Efficiency Supp	ly Council			
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Please find attached re	ecent DEMEC reports from their participation in recent meetings.			
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<b>Department:</b> Alderman's Court		
Notable Notes: We held 3 Court sessions	s and a Case Review session this p	past week
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Court Sessions		
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We completed 54 arra prisons from Howard F	_	ews and 6 capias returns. We videoed 2
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Expected Completion:	9/16/2015	
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T2 Parking Project		
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<b>Department:</b> Community Relations			
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Notable Notes:	to the COth applicance and grand to enoning of the Newark Channing Center		
·	te the 60th anniversary and grand re-opening of the Newark Shopping Center rday the 12th. Although intermittent rain kept away some of the larger crowds		
	ne event, everyone in attendance seemed to be very pleased with the overall		
	Shopping Center has made over the past several months, and excitement runs		
high as we look forward to	the finishing touches being completed in the near future.		
Considerable time was spe	nt assisting with disseminating information about the refuse, recycling and yard		
waste RFP, as well as sharing the word on the date, time and location of the upcoming meeting to discuss			
the proposal. Up to date in	formation can be found at cityofnewarkde.us/refuse.		
We are working with CSX T	ransportation on a safety initiative aimed at informing the student population		
	ing railroad tracks without paying close attention, as well as the hazards posed		
	cation about why they should not walk over or through them. We, along with		
the Police, are working to r weekend of October 2-4.	refine initiatives and collateral to be conducted and distributed over the		
weekend of October 2-4.			
	new gift card program up and running; final artwork was approved last week		
	and the cards are currently being printed, so we expect that they will be in stock soon, although we don't		
have an exact date.			
Considerable time has been	n spent working through the final stages of Taste of Newark, scheduled		
·	ales are strong, and are rapidly picking up as the event nears. We anticipate that		
	t and that it will be a very strong fundraiser for the DNP and the University of and Institutional Management program. Tickets are available at		
tasteofnewark2015.eventb			
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Newark Education Suppo	ort initiative Launch		
Description:			

We are working to support the launch of the Newark Education Support Initiative (NESI), a program to collect and distribute to local schools "Box Tops for Education" by providing

staff. We will hold a pr Municipal Building, to	ress event at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, in the atrium of the launch the initiative.
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Electric Department	
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Electric Department was engineering personnel w	surprise man-down drill at their substation next to ours on Paper Mill Road. The sonotified in advance and was invited to observe. A couple of foremen and were performing legitimate switching operations when the event occurred and see as Aetna fire crews responded. City personnel participated in the follow up
	on rewinding the 5MVA substation transformer that failed about a month ago. The g the unit is acceptable. Now it depends on the insurance evaluation before any
The electricians installed	two shortwave antennas on top of the Municipal Building and will route cables

convenient drop off locations throughout the community that will be regularly collected by City

into the police's Emergency Operating Center to be there as backup communications. In the event of a catastrophe, nearby ham radio operators would bring in equipment and could establish communications. The project is being facilitated by a City of Newark retiree and ham radio enthusiast. The electricians also worked on Community Day preparations coming up this weekend.

The line crews installed two 34kV sets of switches for easier circuit reconfigurations. The crews also installed transformers and underground primary at Alder Creek.

Activity or Project:		
SevOne at STAR Camp	us	
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Install 2 padmount tra	nsformers and metering for d	ata center which tie into Bloom Boxes.
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Finance Department		
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I am thrilled to report that Fitch Ratings, Inc. affirmed the City's AA+ rating and upheld its "stable" outlook for the City of Newark's general obligation creditworthiness. The AA+ rating represents a very high investment grade rating, only one step below the highest achievable rating of AAA. We don't anticipate any material change to the City's rating or outlook, even if additional general obligation debt is incurred in the short term. The press release is attached to this report and linked here: https://www.fitchratings.com/site/fitch-home/pressrelease?id=990843

I attended a Customer Sited Generation Training Session presented by Steve Steffel, P.E., Manager, Distributed Energy Resources Planning and Analytics at Pepco Holdings and hosted by DEMEC. The session was timely, as technological advancements and cost reductions in green energy systems are increasing the penetration of distributed generation in utility systems throughout the country. In Pepco's system alone, over 5,300 systems totaling 121.3MW are pending. Locally, Newark United Methodist Church (PV System with partial grant funding) and SevOne (Bloom Fuel Cells) are the latest commercial customers to install or consider installing self-generation capacity.

City Solicitor Bruce Herron, Electric Director Rick Vitelli, Sam Sneeringer and I met with representatives of Bloom Energy this week to follow up the meeting held two weeks ago in an effort to understand the electric requirements and on-site self-generation plans of SevOne. Bloom's representatives have indicated that SevOne plans to employ 500kW in fuel cell capacity to serve some of the electric load requirements at the site, which is permitted by state laws regulating self-generation and net metering.

## Payments and Utility Billing

The group handled 453 phone calls the week of 9/7/15 (four business days) with an average call length of 4:18 and an average hold & queue time (average speed of answer) of 10:22. The group also processed 3,406 utility payments and CityView transactions while the Welcome Center staff greeted 298 visitors. Service calls initiated by Payments and Utility Billing in response to the calls and visitors totaled 135 last week. The group's call duration improved for the third consecutive week, although average speed of answer rose this week. Interviews with part-time administrative assistant candidates were completed last week, and we look forward to bringing a strong candidate on board in an effort to improve the call coverage and walk-in coverage.

#### Accounting

The open Controller/Deputy Finance Director position closed at the end of August. Seven of the highest qualified candidates among of 21 applicants were interviewed last week. This week, a second round of candidate review was undertaken to assess the candidates writing and presentation abilities. I look forward to finding a strong replacement to fill Wilma's position. We have engaged temporary accounting assistance in the department because our volunteer accounting intern was hired by a local investment bank. Robert Wilson of Randstad Accounting Professionals started on 9/8/15 in that capacity.

Administrative level Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget hearings continued into this week, and our goal is to present the CIP to the Planning Commission at its October 2015 meeting.

# **Activity or Project:**

Purchasing Card Upgrade

# Description:

We are working with Fulton Bank to upgrade the City's existing purchasing cards, or "P-Cards." The upgrade will reduce workload and improve efficiency by automatically posting transactions to the City's financial accounting system and reduce costs through a rebate program. There is no cost to the program upgrade. All replacement cards were properly enrolled and the physical cards

	hey will be deployed once we integrate the vendor's reporting system (Elan) al accounting system (Munis). There is no update to the status of the project
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Parks and Recreation I	Department
Notable Notes:	
We recently met with re at the City Yard, space up	presentatives of the PW&WR Department and Pennoni to discuss our operations sage and space needs.
	artment Director for a preliminary discussion of the plan for training and Munis based Maintenance Work Order system.
Recreation Superintende	ent participated in interviews to fill a vacant clerk typist position.
	ted a grant application to the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund ned Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge over the White Clay Creek, City Council approved a

resolution supporting the grant submission.

Park Superintendent Zaleski conducted park and horticulture site inspections and prepared related maintenance work orders. He also met with the Curtis Mill Park contractor pertaining to replacing certain trees which have declined.

We have completed a RFQ for the installation of hard surface pathways to park facilities from nearby parking lots and sidewalks. This relates to CIP Project No. K1303.

The maintenance crew worked on or completed these asks: weekly mowing, moved a storage unit into the old train Station for the Historic Society, litter/trash removal operations, mower equipment maintenance, lined soccer fields for league play, set up and removed stage used at the opening for the Newark Shopping Center, applied mulch to landscaped beds and watered landscaping as needed.

Recreation staff continue to interview and secure staff for fall activities.

Recreation Supervisor Ennis conducted an orientation session for new Before and After School program staff and attended a training session with the Food Bank. The Food Bank will once again be providing snacks for the children at these programs.

Recreation Supervisor Bruen committed most of her time this week with final planning details for this year's Community Day event. The event is scheduled for this coming Sunday at the U of D Green from 11 am to 4 pm. Rain date, Sunday, September 27.

Recreation Specialist Palmer met with the U of D's Assistant Director of the Office of Service Learning to discuss volunteer opportunities for students. A number of students will be helping with Community Day.

We offered a Volunteer Open House on Wednesday of this week to promote volunteer opportunities for fall programs and events.

Recreation Superintendent Spadafino committed time working on our annual Recreation Program Statistical Report.

# Activity or Project: Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over the White Clay Creek Description: Design and installation of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the White Clay Creek at Paper Mill Road in partnership with DelDOT. Status: Started Expected Completion: 12/30/2016 Execution Status: On Track Description:

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Planning and Developm	ent Department	
Notable Notes:		
Building Maintenance		

- Facilities Maintenance performed the following this week:
  - With help from PW&WR 2 display cases were moved from the Wilmington and Western Railroad to the Newark History Museum.
  - o 2 new custodians were oriented.
  - o Installed, trimmed and painted a new desktop in NPD Records Office.
  - Hung a literature display in the Police Department lobby.
  - o Repaired a paper shredder in the Police Department.
  - o Set up and took down tables for a meeting in Council Chamber.
  - o Worked on pricing for adding a vestibule on the second floor of Municipal Building.

# Code Enforcement

- 7 more units were completed at the Main Towers 330 E. Main Street.
- The framing has been completed at Bainbridge 230 E. Main Street.
- Final sprinkler and fire alarm inspections have been approved at SevOne 550 S. College Avenue.
- The fire inspector and a property maintenance inspector, in conjunction with the University of Delaware, continued inspections/fire safety seminars at fraternities and sororities.
- This week Development Manager Michael Fortner and Planning and Development Director Maureen Feeney Roser joined Deputy City Manager Andrew Haines interviewing candidates for the Code Enforcement Manager's position, which has been vacant since May 1<sup>st</sup>. Interviews will be completed by end of the day on Wednesday, and we hope to have a

- successful candidate shortly; however, we have not ruled out a second round of interviews at this point.
- Considerable time was spent on property maintenance complaints and enforcement this week.
- Time was also spent this week researching ADA Code compliance complaints at the Newark Shopping Center. The Center project is not completed, although they did host a grand reopening on Saturday for marketing purposes. The PW&WR Department assisted in the review for complaint and at this point in the process we have not found any major issues, but will be compiling a punch list of items which will need to be addressed <u>prior</u> to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion.

# **Parking**

- Parking Manager Marvin Howard attended a meet and greet for Councilwoman Hadden on Wednesday at Pat's Pizza to answer questions of residents relating to parking issues.
- Marvin also met with the owner of Switch to discuss possible dumpster locations for his store.
- Parking maintenance operations continued this week.

#### **Economic Development**

- This week Maureen attended the Downtown Newark Partnership Board meeting. At the meeting, the Board discussed upcoming events, including the Taste of Newark scheduled for Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 p.m. on the Old College Lawn (tickets are still available) and the DNP Annual Meeting/Mixer which will be held this year on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Deer Tavern. More information to follow. The Board also discussed opportunities to involve more businesses in the effort.
- On Saturday Maureen attended the grand reopening of the Newark Shopping Center.
- On Tuesday afternoon, Maureen met with representative of the Bainbridge Group to talk about marketing materials for the 220 unit apartment building being constructed in the rear of the Newark Shopping Center to be known as One Easton.

# Planning

- This week Mike and Maureen participated in interviews for the Planning and Development Secretary position, vacant since August 26<sup>th</sup>. A successful candidate has been selected, and we await confirmation of acceptance, etc. In the meantime, Gloria Shackleford has been doing a tremendous job filling in.
- This week the deadline sheet for 2016 Planning Commission submittals was prepared.
- The Planning and Development Department processed the following this week:
- 6 Deed Transfer Affidavits
- 42 Building Permit Reviews
- Planner Tom Fruehstorfer represented Newark at the New Castle County Community
  Advisors meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, Tom learned of upcoming
  DART/SEPTA public meetings scheduled to receive public input on conceptual plans for
  route and payment method improvements.

- Tom also attended a DART/SEPTA public meeting at WILMAPCO on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The agencies were looking for public input on potential route upgrades and changes, as well as modernization of fare collection methods. Tom was able to share comments collected from several citizens who observed my social media postings advertising the meeting.
- Tom continued preparing this week for the Community Development/Revenue Sharing Advisory Committee meeting which is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom has also been investigating the City's floodplain regulation history and preparing Planning Commission comments on recommendations for Amendments to Chapter 32 Zoning of the <u>Municipal Code</u> of the City of Newark, Delaware <u>Floodplain Regulations for</u> City Council review.
- At the Council meeting on Monday evening, Council took the following actions on Planning and Development related items:
- Approved <u>Code</u> amendments as they relate to the definitions of Accessory Use and Neighborhood/Surrounding Area and applied same to all zoning districts, as well as amending Special Use permit language.
- Approved the rezoning and major subdivision for the property previously known as Pike Park now the Heights on South Chapel.
- On Tuesday afternoon, Mike, Tom and Maureen met with representatives of Karins and Associates to discuss development plan submittals.
- Also on Tuesday afternoon, Mike, Maureen and Acting Code Enforcement Manager Jim Kiesel met with representatives of DSM Commercial to discuss possible renovations to the Park N Shop Shopping Center.
- Also on Tuesday afternoon, Mike and Maureen met with a landowner on Welsh Tract Road to discuss potential annexation opportunities.
- Considerable time was spent this week working on a list of planning projects either in the works or planned for the next year, and those recently suggested by the public at Council meeting to try to determine priorities for a discussion with the City Manager.
- On Wednesday Maureen participated in Capital Improvements Program Budget hearings.
- Also on Wednesday Maureen and Mike met with the developers of Cleveland Station to discuss SAC Comments and revised plans.
- On Wednesday afternoon Maureen met with City Solicitor Bruce Heron and Special Counsel Max Walton to discuss the Trader's Alley project and The Newark County Club Regency.
- Also on Wednesday afternoon, Maureen, Mike, Jim Kiesel and Bruce Herron met with representatives of the Embassy Suites to discuss a potential administrative subdivision at the South College gate.
- Finally, on Wednesday afternoon, Maureen and Mike met with an engineer and several property owners to discuss a potential annexation of properties in Christina Manor.

# **Activity or Project:**

**Planning Commission October Meeting** 

# Description:

Considerable time was spent preparing comments for the revised submittal for the Cleveland Station Comprehensive Development Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Major Subdivision and Site Plan Approval plan which is tentatively scheduled for review at the October 6, 2015 Planning

Commission meeting. Also on that agenda will be the Newark County Club Rezoning of the 2016-2020 Capital Improvements Plan, Commission elections, appointment of Commissioner Stozek to replace Commissioner Cronin on the Rental Housing Needs Assessment Study Phase II Advisory Committee, and a discussion about the commission's annual report.

Status:	In-Progress
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Expected Completion: 10/6/2015

Execution Status: On Track

# **Activity or Project:**

Board of Adjustment September Meeting

# Description:

The Board of Adjustment will hear three (3) requests for variances at their next meeting on September 17. • For the property at 6 Annabelle - the conversion of a one-family dwelling unit into 4 dwelling units will require the following two variances: Section 32-11 (b)(1) Conversion of a one-family dwelling unit for two or more families. • Section 32-11(b)(1)a: Lot Area: There shall be a lot area of at least 4,000 square feet (sf) for each family to be accommodated thereon. The required lot area for four (4) apartments, 4 x 4,000, is 16,000 sf. The plan shows a lot area of 13,068 square feet, requiring a variance of 2,932 sf. • Section 32-11(b)(1)b: Gross Floor Area: There shall be a gross floor area, computed as the sum of those areas enclosed by the outside faces of all exterior walls surrounding each story used for residence exclusive of any area for an attached private garage, of at least 1,000 square feet (sf) per family to be accommodated therein. The plan shows four (4) dwelling units. Dwelling units # 1 and # 2 meet the gross floor area requirement. Dwelling unit # 3 is 855 sf, requiring a variance of 145 sf. Dwelling unit # 4 is 778 sf, requiring a variance 212 sf. • For the property at 22 Prospect Avenue, the following variance is requested. • Section 32-10(a)(6.1) – Taking of nontransient boarders in a one-family dwelling by a nonowner occupant. A one-family dwelling occupied by a nonowner occupant may not take more than two boarders (maximum 3 unrelated persons). Your application requests to have a 4 person unrelated occupancy at 22 Prospect Avenue. A one-person variance is required. • For the property a 3 Vassar, the following variance is requested. • Section 32-9 (C)(5): Area Regulations – Building Setback Lines: Required setback is 25 feet. The plan shows a setback of 22.15 feet, requiring a variance of 2.85 feet.

Status: In-Progress

Expected Completion: 9/17/2015

Execution Status: On Track

# **Activity or Project:**

Rental Housing Needs Assessment Phase II

# Description:

The Newark Rental Housing Needs Assessment Phase II Advisory Committee initial meeting is set for Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Phase II of the study will look at best practices for property maintenance and code enforcement, review case studies of

comparable cities (specifically college towns), and look at programs to incentivize homeownership as neighborhoods transition from student areas to non-student areas. Ideally, the Committee will complete its work by the end of the year, after which the consultant will provide a report for Council and the community.

Status: Not Started

Expected Completion: 12/31/2015

Execution Status: On Track

# **Department:**

Police Department

## **Notable Notes:**

The busy weekends continue with the return of the students. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a report of a person laying in the bushes of Park Drive. The student was found to be intoxicated and suffering lacerations from falling. He was transported to the emergency room. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a report of an intoxicated person in distress on Main Street. The subject was transported to the emergency room for monitoring. Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a report of an unresponsive person laying in the hallway of an apartment building on Wharton Drive. Officers woke the subject who explained he had been celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday before he passed out in the hallway.

Councilwoman Hadden passed on a request from residents in the area of Beverly and Windsor Roads for additional patrols. Residents reported numerous noise violations, urinating in the street as well subjects vomiting in the street. Officers were assigned to the area with one officer on bicycle patrol. Six criminal charges were made in the area.

During the past weekend officers made 7 Driving Under the Influence arrests. This was one of the subject's third DUI arrest.

The Police Department was notified that our "Fund to Combat Violent Crime" grant was approved for the amount of \$49,721.06.

Our most recent Citizen's Police Academy began this week with an orientation of the Police Department and a tour of the police building.

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# CITY OF NEWARK EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

# Let us help you to take a step toward making health and wellness less puzzling!

The Delaware Valley Health Trust along with Aetna are pleased to bring you the City of Newark Employee Health and Wellness Fair. Representatives from Aetna and DVHT will be on-site to answer questions and provide information regarding the City's health benefit programs. There will be giveaways, valuable health information, and lots of health promotion activities-something for everyone! Spouses are also welcome. See you there!

# WHERE AND WHEN

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

**Council Chambers at City Hall** 





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**Blood Pressure Screening** 

**DVHT Nurse Navigator** 

Dermascan Screening

Chair Massage

Christiana Care Health System

<u>Natural Foods of Newark</u>
<u>Co-Op</u>
Jutrition & healthy shopping

Rite Aid
(Diabetes, allergies, shingles)

<u>AreUFit</u> (Body composition measurements)

Anytime Fitness Center (Fitness and nutrition)



September 15, 2015 03:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Fitch Ratings takes the following rating action on the city of Newark, Delaware (the city):

--\$10.1 million general obligation (GO) refunding bonds, series 2011 affirmed at 'AA+'

The Rating Outlook is Stable.

#### **SECURITY**

The bonds are general obligations of the city, for the payment of which the city has pledged its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power.

#### KEY RATING DRIVERS

STRONG UNDERLYING ECONOMY: The economy is anchored by a significantly sized healthcare and higher education sector, and benefits from a highly educated labor force. Economic strengths contribute to healthy growth in city revenues and overall stable financial performance.

WELL-MANAGED LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Use of pay-as-you-go capital spending has limited the city's reliance on debt. Fitch expects the city to continue to maintain a very manageable debt burden given moderate borrowing plans and rapid pay-down of outstanding bonds.

ENTERPRISE FUND DEPENDENCE: The city general government operations are largely supported by transfers from the utility funds, which have demonstrated fairly stable financial metrics and adequate liquidity.

#### RATING SENSITIVITIES

FINANCIAL PROFILE OF UTILITIES: Given the reliance on transfers for general fund operations, the continued strength of the utility funds is paramount to the maintenance of the current rating.

#### CREDIT PROFILE

The city of Newark is located in the northwestern part of the state of Delaware, approximately 25 miles southwest of Wilmington, DE and 45 miles southwest of Philadelphia, PA. The city's 2013 estimated population of 32,549 reflects a 3.5% increase since 2010.

ECONOMY ANCHORED BY HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Newark's economy is anchored by a significantly sized healthcare and education sector. Christiana Care Health System, one of the largest private employers in Delaware, and the University of Delaware (UD), enrolling approximately 21,000 students at the Newark campus, are key employers.

UD continues to develop the 272-acre former Chrysler plant site into its science, technology and advanced research (STAR) campus which serves as a research, education and business hub. Currently, the STAR campus is home to UD's Health Sciences Complex, Bloom Energy, a fuel cell manufacturer, and UD's eV2g project, a vehicle to grid effort.

Major international firms in and around the city include E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company and Dow Electric Materials. The local workforce is exceptionally well educated, which should serve the city well in its continued efforts to attract high-paying science and technology jobs. Median household income approximates the national median, although the poverty rate is high, which likely reflects the presence of a large student population. The city's unemployment rate is consistently lower than the state and nation. As of March 2015, the city unemployment rate was a low 3.5%.

#### SOLID FINANCIAL OPERATIONS BOLSTERED BY TRANSFERS FROM UTILITIES

City finances are significantly reliant on enterprise fund transfers. Utility transfers to the general fund totaled \$12.7 million in fiscal 2014. This general fund revenue stream has been historically stable and represents a significant 46% of general fund revenue. Though atypical for local governments, the general fund's transfer dependence represents a thoughtful policy designed to keep taxes low and to spread the cost of government among residential and commercial taxpayers and tax-exempt entities, most notably UD, which occupies a significant portion of the city's total land area. UD is the principal electric utility customer, accounting for 39% of electric consumption.

Fiscal 2014 ended with a modest \$159,000 (0.6% of spending) operating deficit, after transfers. The unrestricted balance was \$4.2 million or a healthy 15.2% of spending and within the city's policy target. The city revised its financial policies in September 2014, and sets targets for each fund to meet operating, capital debt service and emergency needs. The city is expecting a small general fund operating surplus for fiscal 2015 and stable utility operations.

The city's enterprise funds include water, wastewater, electric and parking. The aggregate system has consistently generated very strong coverage ratios; overall coverage was 8x in fiscal 2014. Unrestricted cash and investments relative to operating revenue was an adequate 93 days or 19% of combined enterprise fund operating revenue. The city has prudently implemented gradual increases in real property taxes and utility rates to maintain financial stability.

# MODERATE CARRYING COSTS

Total debt level is low (\$1,369 per capita) and direct debt is extremely modest as the city has a history of funding capital needs on a pay-as-you-go basis. All city debt, including self-supporting GO debt, is repaid in a rapid 12 years, offering flexibility to fund future capital needs. Additional borrowing plans are moderate and should be manageable.

The bulk of the debt is serviced from the water enterprise fund, which provided coverage of 2.5x in fiscal 2014, after transfers. Debt service (net of water utility related GO debt service) was less than 1% of general government spending.

The city prudently funds the full actuarial required contribution (ARC) for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), totaling \$1.2 million in fiscal 2014. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability at Jan. 1, 2013 was a moderate \$9.6 million. The OPEB trust fund, valued at \$4.2 million, was 30% funded.

The city's pension plan has a funded ratio of 71% as of Jan. 1, 2015. The unfunded actuarially accrued liability is a moderate \$22.1 million. The city's pension plan is closed to new non-police employees, who participate in a defined contribution plan. Carrying costs (debt service, pension and OPEB) consumed a moderate 14.2% of general government spending in fiscal 2014.

Additional information is available at 'http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A% 2F%2Fwww.fitchratings.com&esheet=51181718&newsitemid=20150915006907&lan=en-US&anchor=www.fitchratings.com&index=1&md5=9a9a9b3de16e9353287ba45ca767f561'.

Fitch recently published an exposure draft of state and local government tax-supported criteria (Exposure Draft: U.S. Tax-Supported Rating Criteria, dated Sept. 10, 2015). The draft includes a number of proposed revisions to existing criteria. If applied in the proposed form, Fitch estimates the revised criteria would result in changes to fewer than 10% of existing tax-supported ratings. Fitch expects that final criteria will be approved and published by Jan. 20, 2016. Once approved, the criteria will be applied immediately to any new issue and surveillance rating review. Fitch anticipates the criteria to be applied to all ratings that fall under the criteria within a 12-month period from the final approval date.

In addition to the sources of information identified in Fitch's Tax-Supported Rating Criteria, this action was additionally informed by information from Creditscope, University Financial Associates, S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, IHS Global Insight, National Association of Realtors.

Applicable Criteria

Exposure Draft: U.S. Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 10 Sep 2015)

https://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report\_frame.cfm?rpt\_id=869942

Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 14 Aug 2012)

https://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report\_frame.cfm?rpt\_id=686015

U.S. Local Government Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 14 Aug 2012)

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# CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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September 15, 2015

TO: Mario Lagana

SENT BY E-MAIL: <a href="mailto:lagana@udel.edu">lagana@udel.edu</a>

RE: Request of UDance for Canister Solicitation

Dear Mr. Lagana:

Your request to solicit donations from September 19 through December 11, 2015 on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. outside of Walgreens, Newark Natural Foods, Dunkin Donuts, Iron Hill Brewery, Jimmy John's, National 5 & 10, Alex and Ani, Grotto's and Cosi on Main Street on behalf of The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation is approved. Solicitation is permitted with the following conditions:

- 1. That the sidewalks not be blocked and the flow of pedestrian traffic not be inhibited;
- 2. That no person or persons interfere with the flow of traffic on the roadways and that your group **not** approach any motor vehicles stopped temporarily in lanes of traffic;
- 3. That any flyers be handed to a person and not left in piles or under windshield wipers of parked cars;
- 4. That you, as coordinator of this group, assume full responsibility for removing any trash, papers, etc., resulting from this activity; and
- That you have obtained permission from the businesses where you will be canning.

Please note that Section 21-90(i) "Prohibited Conduct: Soliciting or conducting business with persons in motor vehicles" strictly prohibits the approach and solicitation of individuals in traffic. Anyone from your organization who is found violating this provision will be subject to arrest or citation by the Newark Police Department and may cause the revocation of your solicitation approval."

We expect and appreciate your complete cooperation in following the stipulations detailed above. By copy of this letter, I am informing the Newark Police Department that this activity will take place, and they will contact you directly with any questions or concerns at (609) 385-5617.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require any further assistance and thank you for your charitable efforts.

Sincerely,

Renee K. Bensley
City Secretary

cc: Paul Tiernan, Chief of Police, NPD Mark Farrall, Deputy Chief, NPD Kevin Feeney, Deputy Chief, NPD Carol Houck, City Manager Bruce Herron, City Solicitor



# DEMEC

# **Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation**

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August 3, 2015

TO: DEMEC Board of Directors

FROM: Scott Lynch, Energy Services Manager

SUBJ: Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("EEAC") Monthly Report

I attended and represented the municipals at two EEAC meetings held on July 8, 2015. The first meeting was with the affected energy providers (DPL, DEMEC, DEC, & Chesapeake Gas), ("Provider"), DNREC, and Optimal Energy ("DNREC's Contractor"). The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss mechanisms for delivering energy efficiency programs. DEMEC brought its contacts from American Municipal Power's ("AMP") Efficiency Smart ("ES") Program to discuss their program efforts. The meeting members were interested in AMP's ES Program.

The second meeting was with the EEAC full council. The EEAC agenda included general meeting administrative tasks and presentations from DNREC's Contractor. The following are summaries of those presentations.

- Optimal Energy "Energy Savings Goals" -This presentation focused on energy savings goal setting for the affected energy providers. The discussion covered the development of preliminary goals, as well as the feasibility and rigor of the goals. The proposed annual incremental goals are Year 1 = 0.4% new load reduction, Year 2= 0.6% new load reduction; Year 3 = 0.9% new load reduction.
- Optimal Energy "EM&V Framework Document" This presentation focused on the current draft of the EM&V Framework document which will serve as the basis for the EM&V regulations that DNREC is developing as per Delaware Code. After review of the frame work DEMEC concluded that it was written in a very regulation heavy manner most suited to the investor owned utility Delmarva Power and it did not take into consideration the flexibility afforded the municipalities under the law. DEMEC will work to preserve this flexibility as we consider energy efficiency programs.

I plan to attend the next scheduled EEAC meeting which is set for August 12, 2015 at the Public Service Commission Office in Dover.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Scott Lynch directly or review DNREC's website dedicated to the EEAC at this link:

http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/information/otherinfo/Pages/EEAC/Council.aspx



# **DEMEC**

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August 17, 2015

TO: DEMEC Board of Directors

FROM: Scott Lynch, Energy Services Manager

SUBJ: Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("EEAC") Monthly Report – August 12, 2015

I attended and represented the municipals at two EEAC meetings held on August 12, 2015. The first meeting was with the affected energy providers (DPL, DEMEC, DEC, & Chesapeake Gas), ("Provider"), DNREC, and Optimal Energy ("DNREC's Contractor"). The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss mechanisms for delivering energy efficiency programs. DNREC's Contractor used a spreadsheet matrix to attempt to categorize which energy efficiency programs each affected energy provider intends to offer. The group only categorized Sustainable Energy Utility ("SEU") programs as state wide efforts in which RGGI funds should be used to provide savings to all affected energy providers. The SEU reiterated that utilities could join its programs by adding rate payer funds to expand SEU program offerings. It is yet to be determined how an equitable split of RGGI dollars would occur for those utilities that joined the SEU and those that did not.

The second meeting was with the EEAC full council, The EEAC agenda included general meeting administrative tasks and continued discussions of last month's presentations from DNREC's Contractor. The most significant discussion involved the energy saving goals. Previously, Optimal Energy has proposed annual incremental targets of Year 1 = 0.4% new load reduction, Year 2= 0.6% new load reduction; Year 3 = 0.9% new load reduction. At the August 12 meeting, Optimal after consulting with others on the council except for DEMEC, proposed to increase the annual incremental targets in Year 2 to 0.7% new load reduction and in Year 3 to 1.0% new load reduction. At this meeting there was no further analysis or discussion given as to why the targets were increased other than some council members thought they were too low. DNREC said to council that they recognize these targets are goals and subject to change based on the costs associated with implementation and the level of participation each affected energy provider's regulatory body deems appropriate. DNREC would like to have a vote taken by the council at an upcoming EEAC meeting to accept the newly proposed targets.

I plan to attend the next scheduled EEAC meeting which is set for August 26, 2015 at the Public Service Commission Office in Dover.

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# **DEMEC**

# **Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation**

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September 11, 2015

TO: DEMEC Board of Directors

FROM: Scott Lynch, Energy Services Manager

SUBJ: Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("EEAC") Monthly Report – August 26, 2015

The EEAC full council met for a second time in August to continue discussions focused on two topics: An Energy Efficiency Program Portfolio and Energy Efficiency Savings Targets. I attended and represented the municipals in the following discussions.

# **Energy Efficiency Program Portfolio:**

The EEAC continued discussions on a portfolio of energy efficiency programs (attached). DEMEC and the Delaware Electric Cooperative ("DEC") offered additional programs (attached). A vote was taken by the council to approve the discussed programs with the requested additions. DEMEC voted for the portfolio programs with additions. While the vote passed unanimously, this vote <u>does not</u> limit DEMEC member ability to add new programs in the future nor does it require that all of these programs be initiated. DEMEC members still retain the right to choose and pay for which programs each deems appropriate.

# **Energy Efficiency Savings Targets:**

The EEAC continued discussions on energy savings targets. The targets are annual incremental targets for Year 1 = 0.4% new load reduction, Year 2= 0.7% new load reduction; Year 3 = 1.0% new load reduction (attached). At the end of three years the goal is for 2.1% energy savings to be achieved. DNREC said to council that they recognize these targets are goals and subject to change based on the costs associated with implementation and the level of participation each affected energy provider's regulatory body deems appropriate. A vote was taken by the council to approve the proposed targets. DEMEC voted for the proposed targets. While the vote passed unanimously, this vote does not limit DEMEC member ability to define its own targets as each member deems appropriate.

I plan to attend the next scheduled EEAC meeting which is set for September 9, 2015 at the Public Service Commission Office in Dover.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Scott Lynch directly or review DNREC's website dedicated to the EEAC at this link:

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# Proposed Programs for Inclusion in Delaware Energy Efficiency Portfolio

# For Council Consideration – 26 August 2015

Sector	EEAC Program portfolio	Program Description
Res	New Construction	A Residential New Construction program works with builders, contractors, architects, developers, code officials, and/or suppliers to optimize the energy efficiency of new homes in Delaware as they are designed and built.
Res	In-Home Energy Services	An In-Home Energy Services program seeks to increase the efficiency of energy use in existing residential units (single and multifamily) by providing motivation, opportunity, and financial support to residential customers. Services could include a whole house audit or basic needs assessment; direct installation of low/no-cost measures at the time of visit for immediate savings; and/or a customer option to receive incentives for additional deeper measures such as insulation, air-sealing, HVAC measures.
Res	Residential Products	A Residential Products program works with manufacturers, retailers, supply houses and/or contractors to promote the stocking, marketing and sale of efficient residential lighting, appliances, consumer electronics, DHW and HVAC equipment. Incentives could be designed to work "upstream" and/or through prescriptive rebate application forms.
Res	Low Income Services	A Low Incomes services program includes In-Home Energy Services features targeted to residents meeting applicable income eligibility standards, with additional design considerations that help identify and recruit participants according to the unique needs of the target population.
Res	Behavioral	A Behavioral Program provides residential customers with information about their home energy usage via methods designed to encourage and support efforts to reduce energy usage via reports that compare their household energy use with other similar households in their area or other mechanisms.
Res and C&I	Multifamily	Multifamily programs seek to address both the needs of building owners and systems that are similar to those found in the commercial section and the needs of the tenants and unit-owners that are similar to those found in the residential sector. Because of the complexity of the relationships, markets, and barriers, specific multifamily approaches are typically needed to reach this market. A multifamily program can have aspects of in-home energy services for individual units, services tailored to large facility owners, and commercial retrofit programs for both small and large customers.
C&I	Small Business Retrofit	A Small Business Retrofit program seeks to boosts participation among small commercial facilities, which are otherwise underserved by traditional program offering, by providing on-site audit services and incentives for certain common, easy-to-install measures such as lighting, faucet aerators, pipe and boiler insulation, and strip curtains for refrigeration.
C&I	Large Business Retrofit	A Large Business Retrofit program focuses on capturing energy savings from existing large commercial and industrial customers by encouraging the early replacement of old inefficient equipment before it stops working; adding controls or sensors to lower the energy usage of existing systems; and helping businesses improve operational practices and optimize systems to lower energy usage. Large Business Retrofit programs include many different delivery models and services such as one-on-one account management; prescriptive, custom, and upstream incentives; and technical assistance.

# Proposed Program Portfolio Additions (as of 08/26/15):

# **DEMEC:**

Res Pre-Pay

A Pre-Pay Program provides residential customers with information about their home energy usage via online daily energy reports and costs that show their daily usage. The daily reports and debits can be a behavior tool to encourage energy efficiency and conservation.

C&I Large and Small Business Construction A Large and Small Business Construction program focuses on capturing energy savings from new large and small commercial and industrial customers by encouraging initial adoption of efficient equipment and building envelope technologies at the time of construction. Large Business Construction programs include many different delivery models and services such as one-on-one account management; prescriptive, custom, and upstream incentives; and technical assistance.

C&I Large and Small Business Process Management A Large and Small Business Process Management program focuses on capturing energy savings from new and existing large and small commercial and industrial customers by adopting alternative product processes that save energy while maintaining high quality product standards.

Small and Large Business Process Management programs include many different delivery models and services such as one-on-one account management; prescriptive, custom, and upstream incentives; and technical assistance.

# **Delaware Electric Cooperative:**

Proposes inclusion of a new Sector called "Utility" where the AEP's can implement programs to reduce "...transmission and distribution losses associated with the design and operation of the electrical system." (part of title 29). EEAC Program Portfolio name might be "Transmission & Distribution" and the Program Description would be something like "Utility programs designed and implemented to reduce system losses that occur in the delivery of energy through the transmission and distribution system of the utility (i.e. utility side of the meter)".

# **Proposed Energy Savings Goals**

# Energy Efficiency Advisory Council August 26, 2015

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Incremental Annual Electric Savings (MWh)	53,270	94,073	135,657
as a % of sales forecast	0.4%	0.7%	1.0%
Incremental Annual Gas Savings (MMBtu)	87,912	133,938	224,481
as a % of sales forecast	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%

# FITCH AFFIRMS NEWARK, DE'S GOS AT 'AA+'; OUTLOOK STABLE

Fitch Ratings-New York-15 September 2015: Fitch Ratings takes the following rating action on the city of Newark, Delaware (the city):

--\$10.1 million general obligation (GO) refunding bonds, series 2011 affirmed at 'AA+'.

The Rating Outlook is Stable.

# **SECURITY**

The bonds are general obligations of the city, for the payment of which the city has pledged its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power.

#### **KEY RATING DRIVERS**

STRONG UNDERLYING ECONOMY: The economy is anchored by a significantly sized healthcare and higher education sector, and benefits from a highly educated labor force. Economic strengths contribute to healthy growth in city revenues and overall stable financial performance.

WELL-MANAGED LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Use of pay-as-you-go capital spending has limited the city's reliance on debt. Fitch expects the city to continue to maintain a very manageable debt burden given moderate borrowing plans and rapid pay-down of outstanding bonds.

ENTERPRISE FUND DEPENDENCE: The city general government operations are largely supported by transfers from the utility funds, which have demonstrated fairly stable financial metrics and adequate liquidity.

# **RATING SENSITIVITIES**

FINANCIAL PROFILE OF UTILITIES: Given the reliance on transfers for general fund operations, the continued strength of the utility funds is paramount to the maintenance of the current rating.

# **CREDIT PROFILE**

The city of Newark is located in the northwestern part of the state of Delaware, approximately 25 miles southwest of Wilmington, DE and 45 miles southwest of Philadelphia, PA. The city's 2013 estimated population of 32,549 reflects a 3.5% increase since 2010.

ECONOMY ANCHORED BY HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS Newark's economy is anchored by a significantly sized healthcare and education sector. Christiana Care Health System, one of the largest private employers in Delaware, and the University of Delaware (UD), enrolling approximately 21,000 students at the Newark campus, are key employers.

UD continues to develop the 272-acre former Chrysler plant site into its science, technology and advanced research (STAR) campus which serves as a research, education and business hub. Currently, the STAR campus is home to UD's Health Sciences Complex, Bloom Energy, a fuel cell manufacturer, and UD's eV2g project, a vehicle to grid effort.

Major international firms in and around the city include E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company and Dow Electric Materials. The local workforce is exceptionally well educated, which should serve the city well in its continued efforts to attract high-paying science and technology jobs. Median household income approximates the national median, although the poverty rate is high, which likely reflects the presence of a large student population. The city's unemployment rate is consistently lower than the state and nation. As of March 2015, the city unemployment rate was a low 3.5%.

# SOLID FINANCIAL OPERATIONS BOLSTERED BY TRANSFERS FROM UTILITIES

City finances are significantly reliant on enterprise fund transfers. Utility transfers to the general fund totaled \$12.7 million in fiscal 2014. This general fund revenue stream has been historically stable and represents a significant 46% of general fund revenue. Though atypical for local governments, the general fund's transfer dependence represents a thoughtful policy designed to keep taxes low and to spread the cost of government among residential and commercial taxpayers and tax-exempt entities, most notably UD, which occupies a significant portion of the city's total land area. UD is the principal electric utility customer, accounting for 39% of electric consumption.

Fiscal 2014 ended with a modest \$159,000 (0.6% of spending) operating deficit, after transfers. The unrestricted balance was \$4.2 million or a healthy 15.2% of spending and within the city's policy target. The city revised its financial policies in September 2014, and sets targets for each fund to meet operating, capital debt service and emergency needs. The city is expecting a small general fund operating surplus for fiscal 2015 and stable utility operations.

The city's enterprise funds include water, wastewater, electric and parking. The aggregate system has consistently generated very strong coverage ratios; overall coverage was 8x in fiscal 2014. Unrestricted cash and investments relative to operating revenue was an adequate 93 days or 19% of combined enterprise fund operating revenue. The city has prudently implemented gradual increases in real property taxes and utility rates to maintain financial stability.

# MODERATE CARRYING COSTS

Total debt level is low (\$1,369 per capita) and direct debt is extremely modest as the city has a history of funding capital needs on a pay-as-you-go basis. All city debt, including self-supporting GO debt, is repaid in a rapid 12 years, offering flexibility to fund future capital needs. Additional borrowing plans are moderate and should be manageable.

The bulk of the debt is serviced from the water enterprise fund, which provided coverage of 2.5x in fiscal 2014, after transfers. Debt service (net of water utility related GO debt service) was less than 1% of general government spending.

The city prudently funds the full actuarial required contribution (ARC) for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), totaling \$1.2 million in fiscal 2014. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability at Jan. 1, 2013 was a moderate \$9.6 million. The OPEB trust fund, valued at \$4.2 million, was 30% funded.

The city's pension plan has a funded ratio of 71% as of Jan. 1, 2015. The unfunded actuarially accrued liability is a moderate \$22.1 million. The city's pension plan is closed to new non-police employees, who participate in a defined contribution plan. Carrying costs (debt service, pension and OPEB) consumed a moderate 14.2% of general government spending in fiscal 2014.

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Fitch recently published an exposure draft of state and local government tax-supported criteria (Exposure Draft: U.S. Tax-Supported Rating Criteria, dated Sept. 10, 2015). The draft includes a number of proposed revisions to existing criteria. If applied in the proposed form, Fitch estimates the revised criteria would result in changes to fewer than 10% of existing tax-supported ratings. Fitch expects that final criteria will be approved and published by Jan. 20, 2016. Once approved, the criteria will be applied immediately to any new issue and surveillance rating review. Fitch anticipates the criteria to be applied to all ratings that fall under the criteria within a 12-month period from the final approval date.

In addition to the sources of information identified in Fitch's Tax-Supported Rating Criteria, this action was additionally informed by information from Creditscope, University Financial Associates, S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, IHS Global Insight, National Association of Realtors.

# Applicable Criteria

Exposure Draft: U.S. Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 10 Sep 2015) https://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report\_frame.cfm?rpt\_id=869942 Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 14 Aug 2012) https://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report\_frame.cfm?rpt\_id=686015 U.S. Local Government Tax-Supported Rating Criteria (pub. 14 Aug 2012) https://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report\_frame.cfm?rpt\_id=685314

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# NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 09/06/15-09/12/15	IN	IVESTIGATIONS		CR	IMINAL CHARGES	
	2014	2015	THIS	2014	2015	THIS
	TO	TO	WEEK	ТО	TO	WEEK
	DATE	DATE	2015	<u>DATE</u>	DATE	<u>2015</u>
PART I OFFENSES						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kidnap	1	5	0	1	1	0
Rape	3	4	0	5	1	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	6	6	0	2	2	0
Robbery	22	22	0	27	27	0
- Commercial Robberies	5	9	0	2	10	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	3	2	0	4	1	0
- Attempted Robberies	3	2	0	0	7	0
- Other Robberies	11	9	0	21	9	0
Assault/Aggravated	6	4	0	7	17	0
Burglary	58	42	1	68	17	0
- Commercial Burglaries	9	5	0	5	2	0
- Residential Burglaries	46	34	1	28	14	0
- Other Burglaries	3	3	0	35	1	0
Theft	409	345	16	199	121	2
Theft/Auto	32	25	0	11	7	0
Arson	2	2	1	0	1	0
All Other	48	53	1	166	40	1
TOTAL PART I	588	508	19	487	234	3
PART II OFFENSES						
Other Assaults	187	213	7	149	128	13
Rec. Stolen Property	2	3	0	34	17	0
Criminal Mischief	184	144	4	54	93	1
Weapons	15	8	0	46	54	0
Other Sex Offenses	0	1	0	0	2	0
Alcohol	272	190	22	466	289	8
Drugs	93	74	3	238	178	6
Noise/Disorderly Premise	467	300	16	216	129	1
Disorderly Conduct	127	121	4	147	66	5
Trespass	121	122	3	77	54	3
All Other	357	330	6	330	208	6
TOTAL PART II	1825	1506	65	1757	1218	43
NAICCELL ANEQUIC.						
MISCELLANEOUS:	711	660	10	0	0	^
Alarm	741	669	16	0	0	0
Animal Control	413	376 184	14	1	2	0
Recovered Property	179	184	3	0	0	0
Service	17888	22591	686	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	365	366	9	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	19586	24186	728	1	2	0
	THIS	2014	THIS	2015		

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	WEEK	TO	WEEK	ТО
	<u>2014</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	864	26,948	975	31,222



# Newark Police Department Weekly Traffic Report 09/06/15-09/12/15



TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2014	2015	THIS	THIS
	YTD	YTD	WEEK	WEEK
			2014	2015
Moving/Non-Moving	7,159	6,482	226	177
DUI	125	144	3	5
TOTAL	7,284	6,626	229	182

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS				
Fatal	2	2	0	0
Personal Injury	127	138	4	5
Property Damage (Reportable)	259	372	11	14
Property Damage (Non-Reportable)	352	224	14	1
Hit and Run	181	206	5	4
TOTAL	921	942	34	24