

Below is the weekly report for the week ending today, October 13th, 2023.

Items for Newsletters:

1. **Annual Water Main Flushing Program**: The project has been completed. We were able to flush about 90% of the lines in our system. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this beneficial program.
2. **Fall Leaf Collection**: Fall leaf collection is underway. For the next 2 months, crews will collect leaves rakes to the grass plot between the curb and sidewalk. **Residents are encouraged to place small piles in their yard waste cart for collection every Wednesday. Larger piles may not be collected on a weekly basis, but the yard waste will be collected in any week that does not contain a City Holiday.** 'Leaving' the leaves on the grass and mulching them with the lawn mower is also a great option that provides nutrients for your lawn.
3. **Bike Safety and DE Avenue Bikeway**: Due to recent accidents on Delaware Avenue, we thought it would be a good idea to provide additional user and safety information on the Delaware Avenue separated bikeway. Attached is a flyer prepared by DelDOT that includes information on the bikeway along with general information and safety tips for cyclists.
4. **Free Water for a Year initiative**: We have our first winner! Newark Water customers are encouraged to complete the online survey at this link: <https://newarkde.gov/lead> to enter a sweepstakes for free water for a year, up to \$1000 value! The data collected will help complete a required inventory of service lines and reduce operating costs for the water utility. Please share with your newsletters and mailing lists. **Congrats to our first winner, Amy from District 3!! Our next drawing will be held in early December, so get your surveys complete for a chance to win. A list of FAQs has been developed and added to our website and Social Media sites.**
5. **Academy Street Beer Garden**: The next Aetna HHL fundraiser beer garden is scheduled for October 5th on Academy Street with Hamilton's on Main as the restaurant partner. Below is a listing of dates and themes for the remaining 6 weeks of this event:

10/19 – Wine Tasting
10/26 – Halloween Costume Contest
6. **George Wilson Center**: We are now taking 2024 rental requests for the George Wilson Center.
7. **Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat Main Street**: Registrations are being taken for the Halloween parade and Trick or Treat Main Street event that will be held on Main Street on Sunday, October 29. The parade steps onto the Main Street at 3:00 and Trick or Treat Main Street begins following the parade.

Public Works and Water Resources

1. ADA Transition (Curb Ramp Replacement) Plan: The attached notice was sent to residents in the Woods at Louviers for work to begin on Monday October 16, weather permitting. Please reach out to Public Works if there are any questions or concerns. Our inspectors will address individual concerns in the field with anyone near the work.

Electric

1. We have been actively performing maintenance work at the Fremont substation. With the assistance of PWWR, we have successfully replaced the old 35kV breaker with a new one. Additionally, we have installed six new 35kV disconnect switches and removed all the old control cables.
2. The Engineering team recently met with the University and developer to discuss the electricity requirements for the upcoming New Life Science project at Delaware Technology Park. During the meeting, the University informed us of their plans to add a 2500KVA load to the 9 Innovation Way building.

Planning and Development

1. Land Use
 - a. Staff received the second submission for the Comprehensive Plan amendment, rezoning, and major subdivision by site plan approval for the Newark Housing Authority project at 313 East Main Street. This plan is targeted for the November 7 Planning Commission meeting pending staff review. Staff also worked on the related vacation of Independence Circle; the resolution setting the hearing date is scheduled for the October 23 Council meeting.
 - b. Staff received the post-Planning Commission submission for the minor subdivision and special use permit for 1115 South College Avenue on October 6. This plan is targeted for the November 27 Council meeting pending staff review.
 - c. Senior Planner Fortner presented an update on the upcoming 2024 Newark Bicycle Plan revision process to the Conservation Advisory Commission on October 10. This presentation is scheduled for the October 23 Council meeting.
2. Code Enforcement
 - a. Several Newark Charter School projects received Certificates of Occupancy or Final Certificates of Occupancy this week, including the Newark Charter School Commons building, Newark Charter School Junior High School Building and Concession Building, and the Newark Charter High School Bathroom and teams building, Concession Building, Fitness room renovations, and Gym locker room renovations.
 - b. Property Maintenance and Fire Protection staff performed late night occupancy checks for several establishments, including Deer Park, Grottos, Grain, Klondike Kate's, Freddy's, Timothys, and Home-Grown. A warning was issued for inaccurate occupancy counts kept by the door staff at Grotto's and a citation was issued to Freddy's for over occupancy by double the number of occupants permitted.

- c. Fraternity/Sorority Fire Safety and Property Maintenance inspections were completed with City staff and the University of Delaware on 9 Greek houses.

3. Parking

- a. Parking staff worked with the leadership of the Chabad House regarding parking on Indian Road near their temporary location during construction of their new facility on South College Avenue. Chabad House patrons have been granted exemptions to park on Indian Road in the special residential parking district through the end of the year with the option for extension depending on the timeline of the South College Avenue project completion.
- b. The Division welcomed new part-time parking ambassador Keilah Reynoso to the team on October 9. Another hire is scheduled to start on October 16. With these two additions, the Division is down to one vacancy for part-time parking ambassadors.
- c. Members of the Parking Advisory Committee were unable to find a date where a quorum was available for the dates provided in October. Staff will try again to find a date for the month of November. There are two vacancies on this committee, Districts 2 and 5, which means that four of the five current appointees must be available for a quorum to be achieved.



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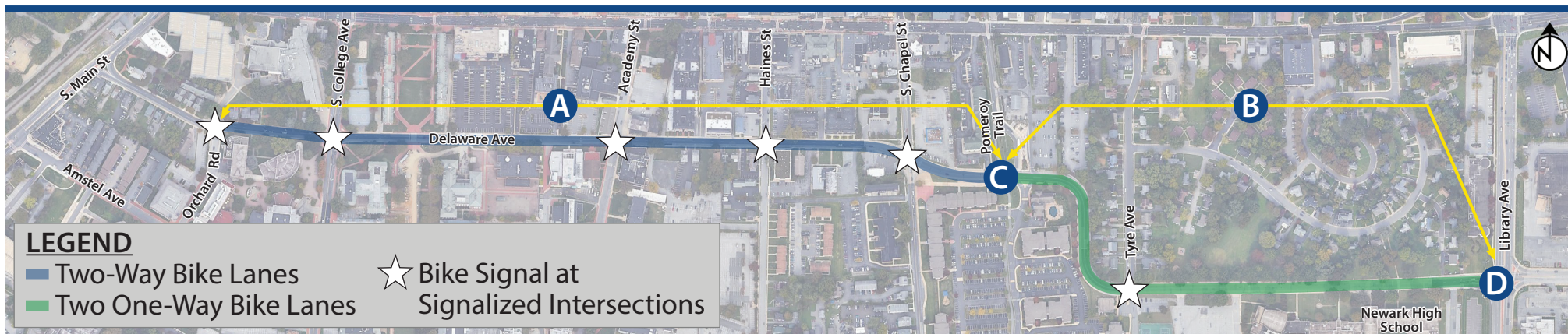
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TMC1@delaware.gov



Delaware Avenue

SEPARATED BIKEWAYS

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LEGEND

Two-Way Bike Lanes

Two One-Way Bike Lanes

★ Bike Signal at
Signalized Intersections



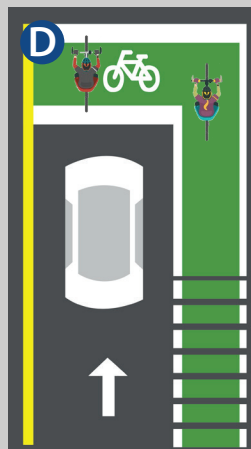
HOW TO USE BIKE LANE CROSSING



Bikes use
green
crosswalk
to
continue.

HOW TO USE BIKE BOX

When signal
is red and cars
have come to
a complete
stop, bikes
may position
themselves in
front of vehicles
to enter intersection
ahead of cars.



BIKE SIGNAL MEANING



Steady Red: Stop

Steady Yellow: Prepare to stop

Flashing Yellow: Proceed with
caution, turning bikes yield to
vehicles and pedestrians

Steady Green: Proceed when safe

4 Safety Tips for Bicyclists

courtesy of BikeNewark, in cooperation with the University of Delaware and the City of Newark



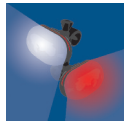
Ride right.

Ride in the direction of traffic—on the right—in the bike lane or in the middle of the lane if no bike lane is present. Don't ride in the wrong direction in a bike lane.



Yield to pedestrians.

Ride carefully when near pedestrians. When crossing the street through crosswalks or in "scramble" intersections, pedestrians have the right of way.



Light your ride at night.

Use a white front light and a rear reflector* (minimum required by Delaware law) when riding at night or in low-light conditions. *a flashing red rear light is even better



Avoid sidewalks.

When a bike lane is present, don't ride on the adjacent sidewalk. In Newark, it is illegal to ride your bicycle on Main Street sidewalks.



What is a Sharrow?

Shared-lane pavement markings (or "sharrows") are bicycle symbols that are placed in the roadway lane indicating that motorists should expect to see and share the lane with bicycles.

See our educational video at [YouTube.com/watch?v=a9bpJB8EGjg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9bpJB8EGjg) or by capturing the QR code.

Bicycling Safely from N. College Avenue to S. College Avenue

South College Ave.

North College Ave.

Main St. ONE WAY

W. Main St.

bike lane

contraflow bike lane

"scramble"

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Capture the QR code for our instructional video or go to [YouTube.com/watch?v=3U_wx_cEZ6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U_wx_cEZ6Q).

Know the Law in Delaware: The Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act

signed into law October 2017

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For detailed information on this law, capture the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/bfda-info.

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