



SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

A **special election** for the office of Mayor has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The successful candidate will complete the remainder of the vacated term, which ends in April 2025.

Residents of Newark who have not been convicted of a felony within fifteen years and have resided within the City for at least one year preceding the election are eligible to hold the office of Mayor. Nominating petitions can be obtained by visiting the City Secretary's Office Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or via email at citysecretary@newark.de.us. Petitions must be signed by the candidate and must bear 10 additional signatures of qualified voters residing within the City limits. Completed petitions must be submitted to the City Secretary's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the January 9, 2024 special election.

Questions? Call the City Secretary's Office at (302) 366-7000 or citysecretary@newark.de.us.

As of the publication date of this newsletter, the following individuals have announced their candidacy:

Jerry Clifton: verified by the Board of Elections on 10-25-2023

Michael O'Neal: verified by the Board of Elections on 10-27-2023

Sherry Hoffman: withdrew her petition on 11-13-2023

If you are not registered to vote, please contact the Delaware Department of Elections at <https://elections.delaware.gov/>.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

DFIT SNOWPLOW ROAD-E-O 2023 WINNERS

The 2023 DFIT Snowplow ROAD-E-O Competition was held on November 8, 2023 at STAR Campus. 10 City of Newark employees participated in the ROAD-E-O and two members of our Public Works and Water Resources Department won awards!

Brian Donahue won first place in the CDL Division with Billy Bunnell taking second place for the City. Brian Donahue also took second place in the Non-CDL Division. Congratulations to these men on their outstanding achievement!



Snowplow & Emergency Route—In order to make the most effective and efficient use of our personnel and equipment during snow events, our Snow Plan divides roadways into two priority levels. The maps, found at cityofnewarkde.maps.arcgis.com, show roads of each designation, as well as "Snow Emergency Routes," where

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays, Newark Municipal Offices and Alderman's Court will be closed on December 25, December 26, 2023, and January 1, 2024.

Due to the Christmas Day holiday, trash normally collected on Monday, December 25 will be collected on Tuesday, December 26. Trash normally collected on Tuesday, December 26 will be collected on Wednesday, December 27.

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, trash normally collected on Monday, January 1 will be collected on Tuesday, January 2. Trash normally collected on Tuesday, January 2, will be collected on Wednesday, January 3.

Please note: The last "Green Wednesday" yard waste collection for the Winter Season will be on December 6, 2023, and will not resume until March 6, 2024.

The City will have scheduled collections during this time, please call (302) 366-7000 to schedule. Carts that are put out for collection that are not scheduled **will not be collected.**

The Leaf Collection Program will continue through Friday, December 29, 2023. All leaves must be raked to the grassy plot between the curb and the sidewalk by **Friday, December 22.**

Crews will collect Christmas trees placed at curbs beginning Tuesday, December 26, 2023, through Friday, January 26, 2024. The crews will sweep through the entire city once per week during this time-period. Please make sure trees are out for collection each week by Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Trees will not be collected after January 26, 2024.

FREE WATER FOR A YEAR!

We have an obligation to provide the EPA an inventory of our water service lines and we need your help! All you have to do is complete a quick 5-minute survey and upload a photo of the material of your water line (copper, lead, plastic, etc.).

What's in it for you? The chance to win a year's worth of water! Read more about the Lead and Copper Rule on our website and enter the giveaway at newarkde.gov/lead.



parking is not allowed during declared snow emergencies to make way for plowing and treatment operations. Please note that some streets are part of several priority levels due to necessary truck routing.

Sidewalk Snow Removal—Please be a good neighbor (and comply with City Code) by clearing your sidewalk of snow and ice (sidewalks must be cleared three feet in width) within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. The end of a snow event is when all roadway cleanup is completed by City plow crews, not when the last snowflake falls. Snow should be piled on your property and not left in the roadways. For specific details, see **Sec 26-3 of the Code.**

Parking During a Snow Emergency—During a declared snow emergency, (check newarkde.gov/snow), homes or businesses on snow emergency roads must remove all vehicles to avoid being towed. Arrangements may be made with the University of Delaware to allow those impacted by a snow emergency to park their vehicles at the Trabant garage at the end of Main Street (across from the Deer Park). The duration of this availability will depend on the duration of the storm.

Snowplows Hard at Work—During a snow event, the primary focus of our plow crews is to ensure the safe passage of emergency vehicles. The plow crews work hard to keep roads clear, focusing attention on main roads first, before addressing secondary and tertiary roads. To help them perform their jobs more efficiently, please utilize off-street parking during a storm, if possible. In cases of extreme snowfall, plows are limited in where they can put snow removed from the streets. We appreciate your patience and understanding as they clear the roadways.



WINTERFEST

Winterfest promises to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. on the Academy Building Lawn. Holiday entertainment, roasting chestnuts, caroling, tree lighting, ice carving demonstrations and much more will fill this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family. Winterfest is a joint effort by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the University of Delaware. The Delaware Special Olympics will be holding their Annual Reindeer Run in conjunction with Winterfest (www.sode.org). Rain date is December 2.

SANTA'S SECRET SHOPPE

Children are invited to participate in Santa's Secret Shoppe at the George Wilson Center on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This unique and cost-effective holiday event gives children the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends with a pint-sized price tag. All items will be priced \$10.00 and under and will be gift wrapped for free. Volunteers will be on hand



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. Our new employee includes:

· Lawrence Williams, P/T Custodian, Administration Department, 11/06/2023



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to assist children with shopping.

SNACK WITH SANTA

The holidays are coming! Get into the spirit by joining Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for snacks, crafts, games, and a relaxed visit to the George Wilson Center. We encourage you to bring your camera to capture some special moments. Come and start the season off right! Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. No pre-registration required - pay \$3/person for ages 2 & up at the door.

PRESENTS WITH POLICE & HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Over the past few years, many families have struggled to provide for their children during the holidays. The Newark Police Department in the past has received toy donations which allowed us to provide toys for those in need. New unwrapped toy donations will be accepted from November 13 to December 14 and can be dropped off in the Lobby at the City of Newark Municipal Building located at 220 South Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

This year the Newark Police Department, Newark PAL, and Newark Parks and Recreation have teamed up to assist those in need who are residents of Newark or whose children attend schools in the city limits of Newark. If your family or a family you know is in need of assistance for children up to 14 years old and would like to receive presents for the holiday season, please register with the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department at www.newarkde.gov/play. Pre-registration is required starting November 13.

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