## CITY OF NEWARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023



# CITY OF NEWARK SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9

A <u>special election</u> 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.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of mayor, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time their nominating petition is filed and who resides within City limits.

All nominations for mayor shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or via email at <a href="mailto:citysecretary@newark.de.us.">citysecretary@newark.de.us.</a> Each nominating petition for mayor shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing within City limits. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023, to be eligible for candidacy in the January 9, 2024, special election. Questions should be directed to the City Secretary's Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (302) 366-7000 or <a href="mailto:citysecretary@newark.de.us">citysecretary@newark.de.us</a>.



#### HOLIDAY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, recycling normally collected on Thursday, November 23 will be collected on Wednesday, November 22. There will be no changes



### 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K/10K

Now Delaware's oldest consecutive road race, the Turkey Trot offers both 5K and 10K races with raffles donated by local businesses. The 5K and 10K Runs and 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, November 18 at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road in Newark. 10K Run will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5K Walk/Run will begin at 10:30 a.m. Preregistration fee is \$30 on or before November 15 and \$35 on November 16 & 17. **Register online at** 

Races2Run.com. Prerace shirt and number pick up at the Parks and Recreation Office will be held on Friday, November 17 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. for those registered by noon November 15. This is a rain or shine event. Both courses (5K and 10K) have been certified. There will be 10 men's and 10 women's divisions in each run. Participants registered by Nov. 3 will be guaranteed a long sleeve T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to overall winners, as well as winners in age group categories for each run. Overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be given for the 5K Walk. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST

Enjoy Thanksgiving Day morning in the company of Newark neighbors and friends. The Parks and Recreation Department, area merchants, and volunteers celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> year of gathering to offer this special breakfast on Thursday, November 23 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at the George Wilson Center. Our mission is to create a warm and caring atmosphere among community members, older adults, and area students who are unable to share the holiday with family members or a companion. Join us for a hearty breakfast including pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice, and tea. People over the age of 60 may attend at no cost. There will be an optional food drive for the Delaware Food Bank. Please bring a canned

to Friday's recycling collection. There will be no "Green Wednesday" Yard Waste Collection on Wednesday, November 22. Please contact the City of Newark Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

#### 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.



#### **FALL LEAF COLLECTION**

Fall leaf collection began Monday, October 9 through December 29, 2023. Residents should rake leaves to the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb. Collection will occur once per week from mid-October to mid-November and then every two weeks until the end of December. To prepare for leaf collection, please remember:

- $\cdot$  Rake and pile leaves (no bagging) in the grassplot between the sidewalk and curb. Do not rake leaves into the street.
- $\cdot$  Avoid raking leaves to the curb within three days of a significant weather event.
- $\cdot$  To avoid small piles being missed, please use your yard waste cart.
- $\cdot$  Please keep all storm drains and catch basins clear near your home.
- $\cdot$  Avoid mixing rock and sticks with your leaves as they may damage collection machinery.
- · Please avoid piling leaves around mailboxes or sign posts.
- · If there are any questions regarding our leaf pickup service, please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000.

#### **WELCOME TO THE CITY!**

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. The new employees include:

item including fruit, vegetables, meat, or tuna. Sponsorship is available for door prizes and breakfast items for the event. Advanced registration is encouraged. Registration fee is \$3 in advance, \$6 at the door. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or visit www.newarkde.gov/play to register online.



#### **WINTERFEST**

Winterfest promises to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. on 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 costeffective 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 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.

#### **NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN**

Newark Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9. We'll drop you off near Radio City Music Hall then you are on your own to enjoy the lights, decorations, and holiday atmosphere! The bus departs from and returns to the City Municipal Building at 220 South Main Street. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. Registration fee is \$72. The Newark resident discount fee is \$61. The trip cost includes motor coach transportation. For more

- · Julian Paul, P/T Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 10/02/2023
- $\cdot$  Marc Moccia, Maintenance I, PW&WR/Sewer Division, 10/09/2023
- · Jeffery Bankes, Mechanic II, PW&WR/Fleet Maintenance Division, 09/18/2023
- $\cdot$  Keilah Reynoso, P/T Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 10/09/2023
- · John Schafferman, P/T Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 10/16/2023
- $\cdot$  Mark Scrocca, Maintenance I, PW&WR/Street Division, 10/30/2023

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