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WORK-ZONE SAFETY

As the university students leave for the summer and our City quiets down, road construction ramps up.

Construction peaks during the summer months. It is important for drivers to remember the safety rules while driving through areas of road construction.

Work-zone crashes claim the lives of roughly 100 people annually. Although most work-zone collisions are avoidable, their frequency is increasing. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration claims that variables, including speeding over the posted limit, irritated drivers, and traffic congestion, increase the number of collisions, fatalities, and injuries.

Follow these tips to stay safe when traveling through work zones.

- Slow down. Speeding is among the major causes of work-zone crashes.
- Pay attention. Warning signs, directional signs, and flaggers are in place to guide you through the work zone safely, so read and obey them.
 Using a handheld device while driving is never a good idea - especially in work zones. Minimize other distractions that can take your eyes, ears, and attention off the road.
- Expect out-of-the-ordinary road conditions. Be ready for lower speed limits, lane restrictions, detours, and lots of activity involving workers and equipment next to travel lanes.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. Rear-end collisions are the most common type of work-zone crashes. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and construction equipment and crews as well.
- Obey road crew flaggers. Not only does the flagger have information to guide motorists through the work zone safely, but he or she has the same authority as a regulatory sign. Ignore a flagger and you could be cited. Even worse, you could be involved in a serious crash.
- Don't cut in line ... or try to keep other drivers out. When lanes are narrowed, merge as soon as the signs direct you to do so. Drivers who wait until the last minute to merge (and cut off other drivers) disrupt traffic flow and slow down the commute for everyone. If you're already in the open travel lane, be considerate and allow other drivers to merge in early.



302 TOUR FIELD DAY

Join Delaware Athletics student-athletes and coaches for the 302 Tour Field Day, hosted on University of Delaware Campus from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 6th!

Enjoy exclusive free access to the UD outdoor pool, open skate inside Rust Arena and field activities with UD student-athletes! Snacks & water will be provided.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required due to capacity restrictions.

For more information on the 302 Tour, visit BlueHens.com/302Tour.



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- Check road conditions and plan accordingly. Schedule enough time to drive safely. By adding a few extra minutes to your commute, you'll make up for possible work-zone delays. Check for traffic information in advance by going to https://deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index. shtml#advisories.
- Be patient and stay calm. Remember: Road crews are working to improve the roadway and your commute.



LIBERTY DAY & 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

THURSDAY, JULY 4 6 - 10 P.M.

UD ATHLETICS COMPLEX

4th of July Fireworks will be held on Thursday, July 4th at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex. Vendors and entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. Please call (302) 366-7000 or email <code>parksrec@newark.de.us</code> for more information. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.



SUMMER CAMPS

Enjoy the summer with Newark Parks and Recreation. We have a wide variety of camps from sports, science, theater, cooking, art, dance and more! There is bound to be something for all to enjoy!! Spaces are limited so secure your spot for the summer today at www.newarkde.gov/play.

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HOLIDAY YARD WASTE COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Juneteenth holiday, there will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, June 19. Please call Public Works 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.





HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Newark provides interest-free, deferred loans for needed home repairs and rehabilitation to incomeeligible Newark homeowners under the CDBG program through the Home Improvement Program (HIP). These loans are awarded to homeowners within the City of Newark whose gross annual income and property condition qualifies them for assistance. Eligibility for assistance is determined by the Planning and Development Department based on HUD's rental assistance guidelines. Through the program, the City seeks to assist in providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing for residents, preserve the existing housing stock, and improve the appearance of older neighborhoods. The Home Improvement Program is a direct benefit activity available city-wide. Funding is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. For any questions, contact Mike Fortner at mfortner@newark.de.us. or (302) 366-7000.





WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- · Xavier Glanzel, Police Officer, Police Department, 05/13/2024
- · Ulas James Ozturk, Police Officer, Police Department, 05/13/2024
- · Benjamin Moffit, Intern, PW&WR Department, 05/21/2024
- · Matthew Whisner, Intern, PW&WR Department, 05/28/2024
- · Quinn Bartkowski, Temporary Laborer, Parks & Recreation Department, 05/27/2024
- \cdot Owen Kanienberg, Temporary Skilled Laborer , Parks & Recreation Department, 05/29/2024



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