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KEEPING OUR STORM DRAINS CLEAR

As the summer/fall foliage begins to fall throughout the area, it's time to be on the lookout for clogged storm drains. Small blockages can lead to standing water, ponding, and, in severe cases, backups and flooding.

The City of Newark's Public Works & Water Resources works diligently to make sure as many of our nearly 3,400 storm drain structures remain as clear as possible. Your help can keep a small blockage from becoming a big problem! Help us keep streets safe and keep every rain event a well-contained event.

- Don't blow or rake leaves into streets.
- If you see leaves covering the storm grate in front of your house or business, please clear the leaves away from the grate so that water does not pond on the road until the street sweeper comes through your area.
- Clear debris from the area surrounding the drain

 approximately 10 feet in either direction to
 prevent the drain from being clogged again by
 debris in runoff.
- If you notice an area drain (a larger structure for collecting stormwater) around your neighborhood that is covered by debris, call us and let us know BEFORE a rainstorm at (302) 366-7000.

If you want to help us by clearing your neighborhood storm drains, remember to do it safely!

- Don't use your hands! Rakes, brooms, and shovels are your friend.
- Wear gloves when moving debris watch out for sharp objects you may not be able to see.
- Stay out of the street. Clearing from the sidewalk when possible is the safest way.
- Have a high-visibility safety vest? Wear it! Always make sure drivers can see you when you're



CITY OF NEWARK WATER MAIN FLUSHING SCHEDULE 2024

The Public Works and Water Resources Department (PW&WR) announces it will begin its 2024 water main flushing program on Monday, August 5, 2024. Water main flushing is necessary to test hydrant functionality and ensure adequate flow and pressure is available in our water distribution system. Additionally, flushing removes sediment from the pipes to help improve water clarity and quality. In an effort to reduce the impact on our customers, the City is planning to flush the water mains overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Water main flushing is scheduled to begin Monday, August 5th, and run through Friday, August 16th. Updates and any schedule changes will be **posted online**, via the City's social media outlets, and in local newspapers.

The schedule below is up-to-date as of the date of this message, but is subject to change:

Monday, August 5, 2024 - Friday, August 9, 2024

Area of Paper Mill Road, Main Street and Capitol Trail.
Includes Chapel Hill, Cleveland Avenue, Creek Bend,
Fountainview, George Read Village, Jenney's Run,
Lumbrook, Stafford, Windy Hills, Main Street, Middle Run
Meadow, Nonantum Mills, Ridgewood Glen, The Hunt at
Louviers, Woods at Louviers, White Chapel and Wyncliff.

Area of Christianstead, Evergreen, Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Nottingham Green, Nottingham Manor, Oaklands, Philips Mill, Woodmere, West Branch and Stone Spring.

Area bounded by Kirkwood Highway, Possum Park, and Ogletown Road. Includes Stafford, Windy Hills, Delaplane Manor, Roseville Park, Red Mill Farms, Trout Stream, and Sycamore Gardens.

working near the road.

 Only clear surface debris, and don't try to lift storm drain grates! If the drain is still clogged after clearing debris, call (302) 366-7000 and speak with Public Works.

Thank you for helping to keep the storm drains clear of debris!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUG. 6 6 - 8 P.M. DOWNTOWN NEWARK

The Newark Police Department, University of Delaware Police Department, and Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Company will be hosting the annual National Night Out on August 6 in Downtown Newark from 6 - 8 p.m. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Please stay tuned to Newark Police Department social media and website for updates.

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. OLAN THOMAS PARK

Patriot Day is September 11. Join the City of Newark in volunteering at Olan Thomas Park in honor of this day on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Volunteers are essential in taking care of our parks and for us to conduct the quality programs and events that the community has come to love. Volunteer help and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated. There will also be lots of information on how to sign up for our Fall Volunteer Opportunities! For additional information or to register, please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE

The City of Newark's Parks and Recreation Department is

Monday, August 12, 2024 - Friday, August 16, 2024

Area bounded by Main Street, South Chapel Street, CSX tracks, Apple Road, Beverly Road and South Main Street. Includes Academy Street, Amstel Avenue, Dallas Avenue, South College Avenue, Grantham Place, Indian Road, Kells Avenue, Kent Way, Manns Avenue, Manuel Street, Lovett Avenue, Orchard Road, Park Place, Phillips Avenue, Ritter Lane, Sunset Road, Townsend Road, Winslow Road, Wollaston Avenue and Wyoming Road.

Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green, and west of Casho Mill Road. Includes Abbotsford, Barksdale Estates, Binns, Briar Creek, Cherry Hill, Country Hills, Country Place, Devon, Elan, Madison Drive, Timbercreek, and Williamsburg Village.

Area around Chestnut Hill Road. Includes Arbour Park, Bellevue Road, Cannon's Gate, Cobblefield, Silverbrook, South Chapel Street, South College Avenue, Welsh Tract Road, Yorkshire and Yorkshire Woods II.

Tips for Residents

As flushing of water mains is conducted, you may experience fluctuations in water pressure and changes in water clarity. These changes are temporary.

If you experience discoloration, please wait approximately 30 minutes for our flushing crew to move out of the area, then run cold water in a bathtub or basin sink until clear.

Residents are advised to postpone laundering, dish washing and showering between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day during this week to avoid discolored water and possible water pressure fluctuations.

If your laundry becomes stained, keep the clothes wet and rewash with "Rust Rover" powder. Rust Rover packets are available at the welcome booth in the Municipal Building lobby. always working to keep our community active. Be sure to keep an eye out for our new Fall activity guide, which will feature new and reoccurring programs and events including theater, arts, fitness, swim, sports, community events including Community Day, the Halloween Parade, Turkey Trot and so much more! Our Fall activity guide will be available online beginning August 19 at www.newarkde.gov/play and registration begins August 19 for residents and August 23 for non-residents.

COMMUNITY DAY – VENDORS NEEDED

The City of Newark's Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with University of Delaware and the Christina School District, presents Community Day, the areas premier fall festival, on Sunday, September 15 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Vendors are still needed! This is a great way for local businesses, organizations, fine artists, crafters, and more to showcase their organization and sell their wares to area residents. Register today at www.newarkde.gov/play.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGES

Due to the Labor Day holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, September 2 will be collected on Tuesday, September 3. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, September 3 will be collected on Wednesday, September 4. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, September 4. Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.





PARKS ON DRAFT

One of summer's biggest treats is back! Parks on Draft, a family friendly beer garden, will be held Friday, August 23 at Handloff Park from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. featuring Roja & Verde providing food and drink. The event is open to all ages, but attendees must be over the age of 21 and have an ID on-hand to purchase alcohol. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets and relax in the shade with a cold drink, some great food, while we let the good times roll together!

For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 302-366-7000.

Proceeds from the beer garden benefit the Friends of Fusion Foundation.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- · Katya Raskin, Planner I, Planning and Development Department, 07/01/2024
- Daniel Riley, Fleet Maintenance Manager, Public Works
 Water Resources/Fleet Maintenance Division,
 07/15/2024

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