CITY OF NEWARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024





AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, October 2 (7 P.M.)
George Wilson Community Center
IN-PERSON ONLY

Tuesday, October 22 (4 - 6 p.m.)
The Willows at Alder Creek Community Room
IN-PERSON ONLY

The City of Newark's Planning and Development Department invite City residents and stakeholders to engage in conversations surrounding the planning efforts for increasing affordable housing opportunities in Newark, with a focus on reforms to the City's Zoning Code. Zoning reforms under consideration include Inclusionary Zoning (IZ), an approach designed to create affordable housing opportunities by leveraging private housing developers seeking approval for the construction of new market-rate housing to designate a specified percentage of units at below-market rates affordable to low-income tenants or homeowners. For example, an inclusionary zoning provision might require that any new development deed restrict 10% of the total units so that the rent or purchasing price remains affordable to a household making below 80% of the area median income. The purpose of the workshop is for the public to learn about, provide feedback, and remain involved with addressing the affordable housing challenges in Newark.



REVENUE SHARING FUNDS: NEWARK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Newark Symphony Orchestra (NSO) is a nonprofit organization that has provided Newark musicians and music lovers access to symphonic artistry since 1966. The NSO is composed of over 60 volunteer musicians who perform seven concerts a year. The organization hosts a youth concerto scholarship competition for local students in both the fall and spring. It also engages in education and outreach work through its free Annual Family Concert, the "Instruments in the Attic" program, and the "Instrument Petting Zoo." The Annual Family Concert is a musical program designed to introduce children to orchestral and classical music. It is completely free, and guests are invited to make a goodwill donation. The "Instruments in the Attic" program refurbishes and grants instruments to middle and high school students who otherwise would not be able to own their own instruments. Finally, the "Instrument Petting Zoo" allows children to try instruments from all families, providing hands-on experience. The City of Newark has provided funding through the revenue-sharing grant program. These funds are used for the "Instrument Petting Zoo" and the Free Annual Concert.

If you know a child that could benefit from the "Instruments in the Attic" program you can apply at https://newarksymphony.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/InstrumentGrantApplication-NSO.pdf.



FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Grab your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to help keep Newark beautiful. Join us at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday, October 12 from 9 - 11 a.m. Individuals and volunteer groups are welcome. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information or to volunteer for the clean up, please call the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us. Register online to volunteer at www.newarkde.gov/play.



2024 FALL TREE GIVEAWAY

The Newark 2024 Fall Tree & Plant Giveaway will be held



HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE GWC

THURSDAY, OCT. 24 4 - 5:30 P.M.

GEORGE WILSON CENTER

Boo! It's time for our annual Halloween Costume Party at the George Wilson Center for ages 3 - 12. Join us for special Halloween crafts and activities, sweet refreshments, spooky storytelling, a mysterious costume contest and even a scary room to enter if you dare. Come on out for a ghostly good time and a lot of Halloween fun! Pre-registration is available but not required, pay \$5 at the door.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 27 - 3 p.m.

Newark's annual Halloween Parade is drawing near. Plan now to be a part of this special Halloween event, complete with marching bands, floats, antique and custom automobiles, costumed characters and much more. The parade begins at Tyre Avenue and Main Street on Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Hillside Park, 151 Forest Lane. Registration will open later in September for City of Newark residents. Additional information will be sent prior to registration beginning. Pre-registration is required.

- This event is only for Newark residents. Residents who received a tree or plant from the Spring event will not be eligible.
- Residents can register for a maximum of one plant per household.
- Registration is complete once you receive an email receipt.
- Registrants will be assigned a specific time to pick up their plant during the hours of the event at a later date.

The plant giveaway online registration is first come, first serve. This event will be hosted rain or shine. All plants must be picked up at the designated time on October 12. The goal of the tree and plant giveaway is to promote a healthier environment, wildlife habitat, and improve the appearance of the built environment. It is sponsored by the Conservation Advisory Committee. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000.





and marches west on Main Street to College Avenue.

Register to be a part of the parade at

www.newarkde.gov/play.

TRICK-OR-TREAT MAIN STREET

Sunday, October 27 - 4 - 5:00 p.m.

Ghosts and goblins, fairies, and princesses join in the fun of Trick-or-Treat Main Street. The event is paired with the Halloween Parade for twice the fun. There will be goodies from many stores and downtown businesses, and much more. Bring a camera and have your picture taken in the pumpkin patch. All municipal lots will offer free parking during the events. For the safety of the children, Main Street will remain closed throughout Trick- or-Treat Main Street. There is no rain date for this event. Businesses and organizations may register to take part by visiting www.newarkde.gov/play.

TREE CONCERNS IN THE CITY OF NEWARK

Every year, the City of Newark receives numerous calls about trees. There are several rules the City follows regarding fallen trees and limbs.

- 1. If a tree falls across a road or near power lines, please call emergency services immediately.
- 2. In the City of Newark, Public Works and Water Resources will remove trees and large limbs from the roadways.
- 3. City of Newark Electric Department will handle trees that are in contact with power lines.
- 4. For issues with trees in a residential area, for the most part homeowners are responsible for what falls into their own yard. So if a storm causes your neighbor's tree to fall in your yard, your homeowner's insurance could help cover the cost of removing the tree and remedying the damage it caused on your property. The same is true in reverse. If a tree on your property falls in your neighbor's yard, your neighbor should contact his or her insurance company to determine what type of coverage is available for damage or cleanup in their yard.

If you think a tree in your yard is damaged or dead, you will need to have an arborist analyze the tree to see if it needs any special treatments, pruning, or complete removal. If you are worried about a tree interfering with the power lines on your property, please call the City of Newark Electric Department at (302) 366-7000.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- · Bailey King, Maintenance I, Public Works & Water Resources/Street Division, 09/03/2024
- · Daniel Markland, Maintenance I, Public Works & Water Resources/Water Division, 09/03/2024
- · Michael Till, Fleet Maintenance Manager, Public Works & Water Resources/Maintenance Division, 09/03/2024
- \cdot Gabriella DeSimone, Intern, Police Department, 09/11/2024
- · Nicholas Minnix, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Department, 09/16/2024

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