



DFIT SNOWPLOW ROAD-E-O 2024 WINNERS

The 2024 DFIT Snowplow ROAD-E-O Competition was held on November 13, 2024 at STAR Campus. City of Newark employees participated in the ROAD-E-O and three members of our Public Works and Water Resources Department won awards!

AND THE WINNERS ARE....

Small Equipment:

Chris Chaney – Lewes

Billy Krouse – Lewes

Jonathan Davis – Kent County

Non-CDL Equipment:

Bailey King – Newark

Ryan Downey – Newark

Jacob Duncan – Middletown

CDL Equipment:

Phil Zebley – Newark

Joe Gomez – Newark

Ryan Downey – Newark

Congratulations to these men on their outstanding achievement!

(Bailey King and Phil Zebley in picture 1 - Bailey King and Joe Gomez in picture 2.)



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 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



LORI'S HANDS

The Planning and Development Department funds Lori's Hands, a community health service-learning program, through our revenue-sharing program to meet the needs of adults living with chronic illnesses in Newark. Lori's Hands assists with activities such as grocery shopping, light cleaning, and meal preparation. Volunteers provide companionship and social support to clients during weekly visits. These services are specifically designed to support individuals who wish to remain living independently in the community.

The revenue-sharing program helps fund their Spring and Fall Clean-Up Days, during which volunteers provide free yard work assistance to Newark residents with chronic illnesses. This includes individuals who are not currently enrolled in the program but may be interested in participating. In 2024, Lori's Hands served 128 residents and contributing over 600 volunteer hours. Lori's Hands relies on students to serve their clients. To participate, an individual must be enrolled either full-time or part-time in an undergraduate or graduate program at an institution of higher education.

To make a referral to receive services:

<https://lorishands.org/make-a-referral/>.

To volunteer: <https://lorishands.org/become-a-student-volunteer/>.

Newark Area Welfare Committee



For almost 90 years, Newark Area Welfare Committee (NAWC), an **all-volunteer outreach organization**, has been committed to helping local families in crisis regain balance by providing life necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing. Although we offer a variety of programs for this purpose, today my focus is the Holiday Food Program which local schools, churches, and businesses have supported through the years. This generosity has allowed NAWC to provide food to over 500 Newark families each December. During the pandemic, we made modifications to serve the Newark

clear the roadways.



WINTERFEST & HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

Winterfest and a NEW Holiday Artisan Market promise to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. on Academy Building Lawn. Holiday entertainment, roasting chestnuts, caroling, tree lighting, ice carving demonstrations, and local artisans and small businesses showcasing their holiday treats will fill this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family. The combination of these community activities will celebrate our community's rich cultural heritage and showcase the unique talents of local artisans, small businesses, and nonprofits. Winterfest is a joint effort by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, the University of Delaware, and The Newark Partnership. The Delaware Special Olympics will be holding their Annual Reindeer Run in conjunction with Winterfest (www.sode.org). Rain date is December 7.

SANTA'S SECRET SHOPPE

Children are invited to participate in Santa's Secret Shoppe at the George Wilson Center on Saturday, December 7 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 to assist children with shopping.

SNACK WITH SANTA

The Holidays are coming! Get into the spirit by joining Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for snacks, crafts, games, and a relaxed visit at the George Wilson Center. We encourage you to bring your camera to capture some special moments. Come and start the

community remotely, and in December 2020 and 2021 combined, we mailed grocery store gift cards to families in need totaling over \$92,000!

In 2022, the NAWC Holiday Food Program was back in person! Although the program looked a little different than in past years, it still offered the opportunity to contribute time, food, money, and various supplies. To hundreds of families the program provided a “pop-up grocery store” where food recipients had the opportunity to choose their own food items, and for community members who were unable to pick up, we made deliveries. Recipients also received grocery store gift cards, personal care products, cold weather clothing accessories, and even books and toys for children.

This December 13-16, NAWC will once again provide support to families in crisis through the pop-up grocery store and food deliveries, and **we need your help to ensure success!** Will you consider making a contribution of food, grocery store gift cards, personal care products, or money. NAWC is grateful for all donations, and in **appreciation of your contribution**, we will name your organization as one of our partners on Facebook, Instagram, and on our website – www.newarkareawelfare.org.

Additional information about the Newark Area Welfare Committee as well as the Holiday Food Program can be accessed at the website address referenced above.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays, Newark Municipal Offices and Alderman's Court will be closed on December 24, December 25, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

Trash service will not be disrupted this holiday season.

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 11 to December 11 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.

INFORMME CITIZEN NOTIFICATION

InformMe, Newark's Citizen Notification System, provides you with the opportunity to select the information you want to receive and the delivery method(s) through which you want to receive it. InformMe allows you to select delivery methods

Please note: The last “Green Wednesday” yard waste collection for the Winter season will be on December 4, 2024, and will not resume until March 6, 2025.

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 27, 2024. All leaves must be raked to the grassy plot between the curb and the sidewalk by Friday, December 20.

Crews will collect Christmas trees placed at curbs beginning Monday, December 30, 2024, through Friday, January 24, 2025. 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 a.m. Trees will not be collected after January 24, 2025.**



which includes home, mobile or business phone numbers, email(s), and text messaging. Additionally, once we receive confirmation that a message has been successfully delivered, our system will stop contacting your other selections, something that some view as a nuisance. Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling the City of Newark at (302) 366-7000.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

· Danielle Smethurst, Part-Time Administrative Professional, Code Enforcement Division, 11/18/2024



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