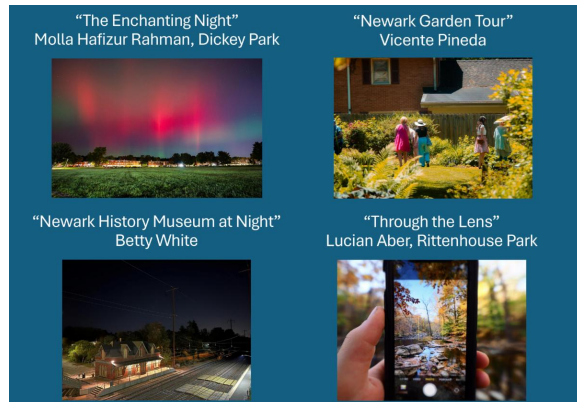


CITY OF NEWARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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NEWARK THROUGH YOUR LENS

The City of Newark held its first annual Show Us Newark Through Your Lens contest and the turnout was nothing short of amazing! There were 124 photos from 53 participants spanning three categories. Many photos were spectacular which made choosing a winner a tough task. Category winners are as follows:

Nature & Parks

Molla Hafizur Rahman with "The Enchanting Night"

Events & Community

Vincente Pineda with "Newark Garden Tour"

Cityscapes & Landmarks

Betty White with "Newark History Museum at Night"

Residents Choice:

Lucian Aber with "Through the Lens"

Each category winner received a \$100.00 gift card from a Newark area business. The residents' choice winner received a \$200.00 gift card from a local business. All photos will become part of the City's stock photo collection and could be featured in future city materials and social media. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos!

2025 Election Announcement

An election for the office of Mayor and council districts 1, 2, and 4 will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Nominating petitions are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3.

Contact 302.366.7000 or citysecretary@newark.de.us for more information.



CITY OF NEWARK DISTRICT ELECTION

Election season is (once again) upon us! The office of Mayor and councilperson for districts 1, 2, and 4 are on the ballot. If you're passionate about making a difference in our city, this is your chance! Dedicated Newark residents are encouraged to step up and run to help shape policy and create the kind of community we can all thrive in.

You know our challenges, our strengths, and our potential. Whether you're a parent, a small business owner, a student, or a lifelong resident, your unique perspective matters. No prior experience in government? No problem! What matters most is your commitment to the community and a desire to make an impact.

📅 Deadline to return a completed nominating petition: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3.

📅 Learn more and get started:

<https://newarkde.gov/546/File-for-Candidacy>.

☎ Contact the City Secretary's office with questions: 302.366.7000.



BLUE HEN BOUNTY: ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Thomas Episcopal Church will receive revenue-sharing funding for the first time in 2025. The church operates the Blue Hen Pantry, which serves University of Delaware staff and students. The program is entirely supported by grants and volunteer efforts. Each day, the pantry assists 2 to 10 students.

The funds provided will be used to purchase food, hygiene products, and feminine hygiene products for the pantry. The pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with additional hours on Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.. To receive services, individuals can visit St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 276 S. College Ave.

Newark Area Welfare Committee



HOLIDAY FOOD EVENT

The Newark Area Welfare Committee held its 3rd annual Holiday Food Pop-up Shop on December 13 and 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Newark which benefitted over 450 Newark area families. Tammy Sharp organizes this event and has help from over 100 volunteers who spent four days organizing and setting up the shop. Recipients received canned and boxed goods along with fresh produce, and a ShopRite gift card.

Volunteer efforts included residents, restaurants, and



2025 WINTER/SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

Our Winter/Spring 2025 activity guide will be available online in late December at www.newarkde.gov/play. Join the Newark Parks and Recreation Department in keeping active and outdoors during the cold weather months and gear up for spring! In this issue we offer programs for all ages, abilities, and interest levels including fitness, sports, theater, crafts, and more! Registration begins January 2 for residents and January 6 for non-residents for all programs including our most popular summer day camps:

Rittenhouse Summer Day Camp – spaces fill up quickly so make sure to register right away! Two-week sessions are scheduled June 16 – August 8.

Camp GWC – full and half day camps are offered in one-week sessions from June 9 – August 15!



2025 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

The City of Newark Community Gardens will again take root in 2025 at Fairfield Park and Dickey Park! Do you enjoy gardening, but lack the space to have one or just have an interest in gardening? The Newark Community Gardens offer a variety of gardening opportunities for individuals and families. Meet others with the same interest and experience the gratification of producing flowers and food for your table. Services provided include the initial preparation of the garden area, water sources, maintained paths, and a tool shed. Plots will be open for use beginning on March 1 for new gardeners. There are a limited number of plots available, so register early to reserve your 10' X 4' garden plot at Fairfield Park or Dickey Park. Limit of one plot per family.

City of Newark employees. The event is a community-wide event pulling together to help those in need. It has become a holiday tradition and reminds everyone what the holiday season is about.

Thank you to the City of Newark Public Works & Water Resources Department for their help. Pictured below: Jimmy Angelo, Aaron Mueller, Ray Johnson, Shawn Gealy, Stefan Rukowicz, and Mike Ferenz. Not Pictured: Ethan Robinson and Tim Filasky.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Martin Luther King Day Holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, January 20 will be collected on Tuesday, January 21. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, January 21 will be collected on Wednesday, January 22. Please contact the City of Newark Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

NEWARK EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER FAIR

Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the Newark Free Library will host a FREE Employment and Volunteer Fair! Prospective employees ages 16 years and older and/or volunteers ages 14 and older can come out to the Newark Free Library to learn about employment and volunteer opportunities offered in Newark. This is a great opportunity for individuals to speak directly with City of Newark staff and Newark Community volunteer organizations for more information, fill out applications (employment or volunteer), and sign up to volunteer for upcoming events and more. The City of Newark will also highlight the 2024 outstanding volunteers for their devotion of volunteer hours to the City of Newark. Your help and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated!



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- Thaismarie Torres, PT Parking Ambassador, Planning & Development Dept./Parking Division, 12/02/2024
- Andre Smith, PT Parking Ambassador, Planning & Development Dept./Parking Division, 12/02/2024
- Tiana Harris, PT Parking Ambassador, Planning & Development Dept./Parking Division, 12/02/2024
- Michael Marine, PT Parking Ambassador, Planning & Development Dept./Parking Division, 12/02/2024
- Katherine LaCosta, Police Officer, Police Dept., 12/09/2024
- Eric Winston, Parking Ambassador, Planning & Development Dept./Parking Division, 12/09/2024
- Maged Almadhrah, Property Maintenance Inspector I, Planning & Development Dept./Code Enforcement Division, 12/30/2024



 2025 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE WWW.NEWRARKDE.GOV/REFUSE		
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1	All collections remain unchanged	
Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 20	Monday collection is Tuesday, January 21	Tuesday collection is Wednesday, January 22
President's Day Monday, February 17	Monday collection is Tuesday, February 18	Tuesday collection is Wednesday, February 19
Good Friday Friday, April 18	Thursday collection is Wednesday, April 16	Friday collection is Thursday, April 17
Memorial Day Monday, May 26	Monday collection is Tuesday, May 27	Tuesday collection is Wednesday, May 28
Juneteenth Thursday, June 19	Thursday collection is Wednesday, June 18	Friday collection remains unchanged
Independence Day Friday, July 4	Thursday collection is Wednesday, July 2	Friday collection is Thursday, July 3
Labor Day Monday, September 1	Monday collection is Tuesday, September 2	Tuesday collection is Wednesday, September 3
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27	Thursday collection is Wednesday, November 26	Friday collection remains unchanged
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25	Thursday collection is Wednesday, December 24	Friday collection remains unchanged
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