



CITY OF NEWARK AWARDED GRANT

The City of Newark is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$590,949 grant through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) program. This funding will enable the installation of 11 dual-port electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and 12 e-bike charging stations, significantly advancing Newark's commitment to sustainability and enhancing access to green transportation options. The infrastructure added through this grant will provide for up to 17 EV charging stations in total, allowing the City to increase the number of stations at these locations over time as demand rises.

Currently, Newark has five public EV chargers and no e-bike chargers. This project will more than triple the City's EV charging capacity while introducing e-bike charging infrastructure for the first time, ensuring residents and visitors have access to modern, sustainable transportation resources. The new charging stations will be strategically located at downtown municipal lots, Curtis Mill Park, Phillips Park, and the George Wilson Center. As a contingency, the Newark Reservoir/Preston's Playground has been identified as a backup location should any of the primary sites prove infeasible.

Newark is the only municipality in Delaware to receive funding from any of the three rounds of the CFI grant program. The successful grant application was made possible through a collaborative effort led by Electric Distribution Engineer Lucas Beidler, Assistant City Manager-Operations Jeff Martindale, and the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration's Grant Assistance Program (GAP). "We could not have achieved



CITY OF NEWARK DISTRICT ELECTION

The City of Newark will hold an election for the office of mayor and council districts 1, 2, and 4 on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The mayor serves a three-year term and councilmembers serve two-year terms.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor or councilperson. A qualified voter shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time their nominating petition is filed and who resides within the district he or she seeks to represent.

All nominations shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or via email at citysecretary@newark.de.us. Each nominating petition for mayor shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing within City limits. Each nominating petition for councilmember shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters in the district from which the candidate seeks election. **Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 8, 2025 election.**

Questions should be directed to the City Secretary's Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at (302) 366-7000

this success without the expertise of our award-winning Electric Department or the grants management skills of GAP,” Martindale noted.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Martindale additionally emphasized the importance of teamwork in securing this grant: “This award reflects a strong partnership between the University and City for the betterment of our community, combining expertise from different disciplines to create more equitable access to charging infrastructure in Newark. This collaboration is a testament to Newark’s innovative and inclusive approach to addressing Newark’s needs.”

The installation of these charging stations will further Newark’s commitment to reducing carbon emissions, supporting eco-friendly mobility for people of all income levels, and fostering a sustainable community. The City looks forward to providing these resources as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance sustainability and improve quality of life. “Expanding EV and e-bike charging options is a critical step toward achieving the conservation goals outlined in the City’s Community Sustainability Plan,” Martindale stated. “This grant will help Newark reduce emissions and promote cleaner, greener transportation options for residents and visitors alike.”



HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP)

The City of Newark provides 0% interest deferred loans for needed home repairs and rehabilitation to eligible Newark homeowners under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Newark homeowners who make below 80% of the median area income for New Castle County are eligible. Repairs that are generally qualified under the HIP program are:

- Heating, Plumbing, Electric Systems
- Roofing, Siding, and weatherization items
- Sewer and water systems
- Accessibility Modifications

Applications are available **here**.

For more information individuals can contact Lauren Dykes at 302-366-7000 Ext. 2049 or ldykes@newark.de.us.

PRESIDENTS’ DAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Due to the Presidents’ Day holiday, refuse normally picked up on Monday, February 17 will be collected on Tuesday, February 18. Refuse normally collected on

or citysecretary@newark.de.us.



CITY OF NEWARK POINT OF INTEREST: HEAD OF CHRISTIANA CHURCH AND CEMETERY

The Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, at 1104 W. Church Road, was founded in 1706 by immigrants of New Castle County, DE, and Cecil County, MD. The Rev. John Wilson ministered every other Sunday to the Scottish and Irish immigrants. A log structure was built on the land owned by John Steel. The Rev. George Gillespie, a native of Scotland who immigrated to Newark in 1713, was the first permanent Reverend. He ministered until his death in 1760.

The current church building was built in 1859 after a fire destroyed the original building in 1858. Next to the church is a 4.5-acre cemetery where 39 Revolutionary War patriots are buried in the Revolutionary War Memorial Garden.

The Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church was added to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1983. The NRHP is the United States federal government’s official list of sites, buildings, structures, districts, and objects worthy of preservation for their historical significance or “great artistic value”.



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

Tuesday, February 18 will be collected on Wednesday, February 19. Please contact the City of Newark Public Works and Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7000 with questions.

WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

In instances of winter weather including snow and ice, the City of Newark follows a comprehensive snow plan. This plan is designed with two classifications of roads, each treated differently depending on the severity of the storm. Level 1 roads are prioritized and treated first, while Level 2 roads are addressed after heavily trafficked roads have been satisfactorily treated. Some storms may only require Level 1 roads to be treated.

For the safety of plow operators and those driving through the City, we encourage all drivers to stay vigilant and adjust their driving to the road conditions. It's important to drive cautiously while keeping in mind that road conditions can quickly change. Together, we can ensure a safer winter commute for everyone.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- Nathaniel Hackney, Part-Time Sidewalk Sweeper Operator, Public Works & Water Resources Department/Stormwater Division, 1/06/2025
- Jacqueline Etzweiler, IT Desktop Support I, Finance Department/IT Division, 1/21/2025
- Aidyn Mallet-Prevost, Part-Time Community Center Attendant, Parks & Recreation Department, 1/21/2025

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.

NEWARK PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER CAMP & PROGRAM FAIR

Join us for our Annual Newark Summer Camp and Program Fair on Tuesday, March 4 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at Downes Elementary School. Discover the wide range of summer camps and programs available in the Newark area! Representatives will be on hand to showcase local camps, answer your questions, and provide detailed information about activities for all ages. Bring the whole family! We will have fun activities for the kids to enjoy while you explore! Don't miss this exciting chance to kick-start your summer plans!

SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Summer will be here before you know it! A small preview of our most loved camps that are returning this summer is available now at www.newarkde.gov/play in the winter/spring activity guide. Remember – this is just a preview! The full offering of summer camps will be available in March at our Camp Fair!

SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR PACKAGES FOR PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS

Sponsorship & Vendor Packages for Newark Parks and Recreation's 2025 events are available at www.newarkde.gov/play.

PERFORMERS

Anyone interested in performing at 2025 Parks and Recreation events, including the Spring Concert Series, Liberty Day, and Winterfest are asked to submit a demo (CD or electronic link) and a letter of interest. Please include all contact information, and fee structures for performances. Performers will only be contacted if selected for an event or performance.

Newark Parks and Recreation
220 South Main Street
Newark, DE 19711
Email: parksrec@newark.de.us

2025 Parks & Recreation EVENT CALENDAR

February 1 • **Newark Employment & Volunteer Fair** • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Newark Free Library
 March 4 • **Summer Camp & Program Fair** • 4:30 - 7 p.m. • Downes Elementary
 April 12 • **Egg Hunt** • 10 a.m. • Newark High School
 April 12 • **Spring Community Clean Up/Christina River Clean Up** • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • City Hall
 April 25 • **Arbor Day**
 April 26 • **Earth Day Weed War**
 April 26 • **Spring Clean Out & Flea Market** • 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center
 Thursday's, May 1 - June 5 • **Spring Concert Series** • 7 - 8 p.m. • Academy Building Lawn
 May 18 • **Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade** • 1 p.m. Ceremony 2 p.m. Parade • Main Street
 July 4 • **Liberty Day & Fireworks** • 6 - 10 p.m. • UD Athletic Complex
 August 5 • **National Night Out** • 6 - 8 p.m. • Academy Street
 September 11 • **National Day of Service** • 10 a.m. • Olan Thomas Park
 September 21 • **Community Day** • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. • UD Green
 October 11 • **Fall Community Clean Up** • 9 - 11 a.m. • City Hall
 October 26 • **Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat Main Street** • 3 p.m. • Main Street
 October 30 • **Halloween Party at GWC** • 5:30 - 7 p.m. • George Wilson Center
 November 22 • **Turkey Trot** • 9 a.m. • Handloff Park
 November 27 • **Thanksgiving Day Breakfast** • 8 - 10:30 a.m. • George Wilson Center
 December 5 • **Winterfest** • 6 - 8 p.m. • Academy Building Lawn
 December 6 • **Snack with Santa** • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • George Wilson Center
 December 6 • **Santa's Secret Shoppe** • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • George Wilson Center

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