



2024 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Sergeant Micolucci, who was honored as 2024 Officer of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the March 24 Newark City Council meeting.

In 2020, Sgt. Micolucci led a complex investigation into a sexual assault case dating back to 1988 involving a juvenile victim. Through his exceptional dedication and investigative skills, he secured substantial evidence leading to a conviction, with the defendant receiving a 126-year prison sentence.

Thank you, Sgt. Micolucci, for your outstanding commitment to justice and community safety!



NEWARK POLICE 2025 PROMOTION AND



CITY OF NEWARK ELECTION 2025 NEWS

Polling locations have been set for the April 8 election! All registered voters are encouraged to come out for the mayoral election and residents of District 1 may also vote for their councilperson.

A form of identification will be required of all voters. For absentee ballots or any questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (302) 366-7000.



CITY OF NEWARK POINT OF INTEREST: UD MUSEUMS Old College - Mechanical Hall - Penny Hall

The City of Newark has many "Hidden Gems" but the UD Museums are right in the heart of the city! The three museums at the University of Delaware host an abundance of history, art, and culture. The Chief Curator is Amanda Zehnder and working closely with Ms. Zehnder is the Associate University Librarian for Special Collections and Director of Museums, Lori Birrell.

The first museum, Old College Gallery, is located in Old College Hall and the building itself is on the National

AWARDS CEREMONY

On March 13, 2025, the Newark Police Department hosted a special ceremony to celebrate the promotion of one officer and recognize over 30 officers, civilian employees, and a community member for their significant contributions over the past year. The event was held at the Courtyard by Marriott Newark-University of Delaware and brought together officers, civilian personnel, representatives from partner agencies, and members of the public. Mayor Jerry Clifton provided remarks honoring the dedication and achievements of those recognized. Present for the ceremony were City Manager Tom Coleman, Chief of Police Mark Farrall, and representing the University of Delaware Police, Captain Mike Maier.

The promoted officer was:

- Corporal Kenneth Odom was promoted to the rank of Master Corporal

Chief Farrall administered the Oath of Office, officially marking Odom's advancement. In a special moment, Odom's son, pinned the Master Corporal badge on his father.

Awards conferred during the ceremony:

- Lions Club Officer of the Year: M/Cpl C. McKennon
- VFW Officer of the Year: Sgt. G. Micolucci
- Newark Morning Rotary Club Public Service Award: Cpl. A. Mease and Cpl. Donte Faulk
- Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter Award, 2nd Quarter: Sgt. G. Micolucci, M/Cpl J. Kendrick, and PFC R. Hultberg
- Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter Award, 3rd Quarter: M/Cpl D. Bystricky
- Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter Award, 4th Quarter: M/Cpl C. McKennon
- Life Saving Award: Cpl. N. Graber
- Citation of Merit: M/Cpl C. McKennon, PO K. Conner, Civilian Robin Broomall
- Unit Citation:
 - Sgt. T. Maiura, Sgt. G. Micolucci, Sgt. A. Olicker, Sgt. B. Potocki, M/Cpl W. Anderson, M/Cpl W. Aston, M/Cpl D. Bystricky, M/Cpl J. Kendrick, M/Cpl. A. Golden, Cpl. P. Klein, Cpl. J. Roberts, Cpl. D. Velasquez, Cpl. R. Young, Cpl. R. Zappaterrini, Cpl. C. Spencer, Cpl. A. Vari, PFC R. Hultberg, PO A. Cook, PO E. Brown, PO A. Lozano, CO II A. Vernon, CO N. Bollettiero, and Ms. Melissa Pennachi
- DUI Enforcement Ribbon: M/Cpl C. McKennon and Cpl. C. Spencer
- Letter of Commendation: Sgt D. Saunders, M/Cpl. C. McKennon, Cpl D. Burgess, Cpl P. Klein, Cpl. J. Lee, Cpl A. Maiura, Cpl. J. Roberts, PO A. Cook, PO M. Tornetta

The Newark Police Department is proud to honor these individuals for their exceptional commitment and service to the community, with special thanks to all who attended, especially our Newark Police Chaplains, and to

Historic Register. The building dates back to 1834 and has a large main gallery and a small, intimate space for smaller exhibits. Old College typically hosts 2 - 4 exhibits per year. Many of the exhibitions come from the Special Collections and Museums at the University of Delaware. Currently, the exhibit featuring the "Colors of Old College," includes items from the Newark History Museum. This exhibition is available through May 15, 2025.

The second museum, Mechanical Hall, is just around the corner from Old College. The building dates back to 1898 and is also on the National Register of Historical Places. Mechanical Hall used to house part of the Engineering Department, the athletic training center, it was used as a residence for GIs after WW II, and the campus center for the ROTC program. After being renovated in 2004, the building reopened as the home of the Paul R. Jones Collection of African American Art. Jones gifted several hundred pieces from his personal collection and is considered to be the most comprehensive collection of 18th, 19th, and 20th century African American art.

The current exhibition at Mechanical Hall is called MINE - What is Ours in the Wake of Extraction. This exhibition centers around the elimination of indigenous lands and cultures in the Amazon devastated by an illegal gold mining boom. Visitors will learn about the Harakbut culture through the Etochime Artist Collective. This exhibition also features mineral specimens from the region that contribute to the issues affecting the region.

On April 23, 2025, a unique event pertaining to the MINE exhibition will take place. The Mechanical Hall will host a Gallery Talk, while the Trabant Theatre will host a Film Festival including Rainforest chocolate and coffee. To register for this free event, please go to <https://udel.libcal.com/calendar?cid=-1&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=-1&ct=80500&inc=0>.

Penny Hall is the home of the third museum, the Mineralogical Museum. This museum opened in 1971 and went through a major renovation in 2009. The founding gift for this collection of minerals was given by Irène du Pont in 1964, whose own collection dated to the 1920s. The collection now contains 3,000 specimens of minerals, meteorites, gems, and carvings.

All three museums are open to the public and are free. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and these museums are open when students are in session. If you would like more information on the hidden gems, of Newark, please go to <https://library.udel.edu/special/>.

the Courtyard by Marriott for hosting us.



FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE: MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM

The Food Bank of Delaware has received funds through the Revenue Sharing Program to host four Mobile Food Pantry distribution events in underserved communities in the City of Newark. The Mobile Food Pantry provides both shelf-stable and fresh foods to low-income Delawareans. The truck arrives stocked with dairy, fresh produce, non-perishables, frozen meals, and other refrigerated items.

Each event will provide food assistance for up to 75 households in need, with each household receiving up to 75 pounds of food and other essential items. Assistance includes produce, dairy, proteins, shelf-stable food items, household supplies, and hygiene products.

The Food Bank of Delaware will collaborate with the city's mayor and council to identify the communities most in need. View mobile food pantry here: <https://www.fbd.org/program/mobile-pantry/>.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Good Friday holiday, recycling normally collected on Friday, April 18 will be collected on Thursday, April 17. Recycling normally collected on Thursday, April 17 will be collected on Wednesday, April 16. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, April 16.



NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please email

parksrec@newark.de.us, call (302) 366-7000, or visit

www.newarkde.gov/play.

ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Date: Saturday, April 12

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Newark High School

(Rain Date: April 13 at 2 p.m.)

Join us for Newark's Annual Egg Hunt on the athletic fields at Newark High School! All children are encouraged to bring a basket or bag to collect their goodies.

Hunt Schedule:

Walking - 4 year olds: 10 a.m.

5 – 9 year olds: 10:30 a.m.

SPRING CLEANOUT & FLEA MARKET

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

It's time to clean out your garage, attic, or basement! Join fellow flea marketers at the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Spring Cleanout Sale.

SECOND ANNUAL EARTH DAY WEED WAR

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Lewis Park

Celebrate park land stewardship in Newark! Join the City of Newark's Parks and Recreation Department and volunteer naturalists from the Conservation Advisory Committee in a one-day effort to remove non-native invasive plants from our park land. This event highlights the importance of conserving natural resources through collaboration between the public, Newark Parks & Recreation, and the Conservation Advisory Committee.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- Leanna Cuadrado, Communications Officer, Police Department
- Marisol LaCourt, Part-Time Parking Ambassador, Parking Division
- Alex Stewart, Part-Time Parking Ambassador, Parking Division
- Andressa Rodrigues Do Vale, Police Officer, Police Department
- Mamadou Diakite, Police Officer, Police Department
- Ebony Bass, Communications Officer, Police Department



Register to volunteer!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Location: UD Green and Main Street

Schedule:

1:30 p.m.: Ceremony on the Green

2 p.m.: Parade on Main Street

Join us for the annual Newark Memorial Day Parade, held on the third Sunday in May. This event honors veterans from all branches of service. The day begins with a ceremony on the University of Delaware's Campus Green at Memorial Hall, followed by the parade on Main Street. If you or your organization is interested in participating in the ceremony or parade, please contact Newark Parks & Recreation at parksrec@newark.de.us.



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