



CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE

Below is the weekly report for the week ending today, April 25, 2025.

Items for Newsletters:

1. Upcoming Events: We have several exciting events and series kicking off this spring

- a. Parks on Draft is scheduled to start Friday, May 8. The event will be held in Handloff Park on the 2nd Friday of each month through September 12. We have partnered with the Friends of Fusion Foundation for the events this year.
- b. This year's Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 18. The ceremony will be held at Memorial Hall, beginning at 1:30 p.m. followed by the parade down Main Street at 2 p.m.
- c. The Spring Concert Series on the Academy Lawn begins May 1st and will continue weekly on Thursdays through June 12th. The current schedule for performers is:
 - i. May 1 Finn
 - ii. May 8 Tweed Dogs
 - iii. May 15 Dan & Dan Band
 - iv. May 22 The Honey Badgers
 - v. May 29 Dos Hombres
 - vi. June 5 DRKVN

2. Board and Commissions Vacancies: Calling all volunteers! We have several vacancies and current appointments that are approaching the end of their term on City boards and commissions. Below are opportunities, listed by district. More information can be found here:

<https://newarkde.gov/113/Boards-Committees-Commissions>

d. District 1

- i. Community Development/Revenue Sharing Committee: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Approaching end of term, current term expires 7/15/25
- iii. Parking Advisory Committee: Approaching end of term, current term expires 10/15/25

e. District 2

- i. Conservation Advisory Commission: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Approaching end of term, current term expires 7/15/25
- iii. Parking Advisory Committee: Current Vacancy

f. District 3

- i. Community Development/Revenue Sharing Committee: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- iii. Board of Ethics: Current Vacancy
- iv. Parking Advisory Committee: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- v. Planning Commission: Approaching end of term, current term expires 9/15/25

g. District 4

- i. Conservation Advisory Commission: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Approaching end of term, current term expires 7/15/25
- iii. Parking Advisory Committee: Approaching end of term, current term expires 10/15/25

h. District 5

- i. Community Development/Revenue Sharing Committee: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Current Vacancy
- iii. Board of Ethics: Current Appointee on Expired Term

i. District 6

- i. Community Development/Revenue Sharing Committee: Current Vacancy
- ii. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Current Vacancy
- iii. Parking Advisory Committee: Current Vacancy

j. At-Large

- i. Board of Adjustment: Approaching end of term, current term expires 9/15/25
- ii. Board of Building, Fire, Property Maintenance, and Sidewalk Appeals
 - 1. Builder: Current Vacancy
 - 2. Structural Engineer: Current Vacancy
 - 3. Professional Engineer: Current Vacancy
 - 4. Civil Engineer: Current Appointee on Expired Term
 - 5. Alternate: Current Vacancy
 - 6. Alternate: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- iii. Community Development/Revenue Sharing Committee
 - 1. Current Vacancy
 - 2. Current Appointee on Expired Term
 - 3. Current Appointee on Expired Term
- iv. Conservation Advisory Commission: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- v. Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Current Appointee on Expired Term, will be vacant on 5/28/25
- vi. Board of Ethics: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- vii. Newark Housing Authority: Current Appointee on Expired Term
- viii. Pension Review Committee: Current Vacancy

- 3. City newsletter:** The April newsletter is attached. To sign up for the City's email newsletter, [click here](#).

Public Works and Water Resources

- 1. Kirkwood Highway Water Main Replacement Weekend Work *Updated Schedule*:** The schedule has been pushed back by 2 weeks due to weather. The 4/11 work is now scheduled for this weekend (4/25). The completion date is also pushed back by 2 weeks. The Newark Post has also run an article regarding this work resulting in better notifications for the affected residents/businesses. The attached email explains the work that is slated for the Kirkwood Highway and Possum Park Road intersection over the next few weekends. As mentioned in previous reports, this work will be 24/7 from Friday PM to Monday AM with delays expected and some lane closures needed. Detours will be in place for all closures. Please reach out to Public Works if you have additional questions.
- 2. UD Building X Certificate of Occupancy:** Building X project team is working to secure the final Certificate of Occupancy. The final item is road restoration along Academy Street. Since the City has an upcoming project to pave the entire section of Academy Street, we are working with UD to provide funding for our project in lieu of doing a small patch before we do the bigger project. This is a great example of how our project teams work together to complete projects efficiently.
- 3. Refuse Cart Leases:** The Refuse team has been working to identify properties that are using additional refuse carts on a regular basis without paying for the additional service. Properties are posted with notice to contact Public Works regarding the additional carts. If payment is not received in a reasonable timeframe, the cart is removed from the property. This has resulted in several new cart leases and removal of several dozen carts that were not being paid for. This effort is a result of ongoing discussions to make sure the refuse service is efficient and cost effective.
- 4. GIS Team at Mid-Atlantic Water User Group Meeting:** Our Public Works GIS team attended a Water User Group Meeting in Malvern, PA this past week. This meeting brought together Water GIS

professionals from all over the Mid-Atlantic to showcase new and developing ways to utilize GIS in our everyday operations and asset management. The focus groups cut out the fluff and only deal with tasks and issues around water, wastewater, and stormwater by people who specialize in these areas.

Planning and Development

1. Land Use

- a. Land Use staff attended the virtual National Planning Conference April 23-25. This is a cost-effective way to allow planners to get the continuing education credits and/or education sessions needed to take the AICP exam.
- b. Staff finalized the May 6 Planning Commission agenda for newspaper publication. The Comprehensive Development Plan amendment and major subdivision by site plan approval for 118, 120, 126 and 129 Lovett Avenue and proposed amendments to Chapter 32, Zoning, to establish regulations for Electronic Variable Messaging Signs and for signs in the Parkland zoning district are both scheduled for that agenda.
- c. Staff received a [resubdivision plan for 0 Milford Run](#), which would construct 10 single-family detached houses and 4 single-family semidetached houses for a total of 14 units on April 11th.

2. Code Enforcement

- a. Staff spent time working with consultants regarding questions on the scopes of work for both the rental and business license audit and the comprehensive fee review which are due on April 25. Staff expect two proposals on the rental and business license audit and three proposals for the comprehensive fee review. The goal is to notify the successful firms in early May.
- b. The North Twin Lakes townhouse-style apartments have begun receiving their temporary certificates of occupancy for the 24 units in that development.
- c. 101 Discovery Boulevard, which is a seven-story, 229-unit apartment building on STAR Campus, has had its building permit approved.
- d. Construction has begun for the 54-unit apartment building at 532 Old Barksdale Road.
- e. Sprinkler permits for Fountainview buildings 1000, 2000, and 3000 have been approved for the proposed repairs.
- f. Berry Sweet Café at 1007 South College Avenue received their certificate of completion.
- g. Ugly Dumpling at 140 East Main Street received their certificate of completion.

3. Parking

- a. Parking ambassadors have been field testing the new body worn cameras for the division. Several interviews were conducted this week for news organizations interested in the project.
- b. The replacement bi-directional sensors for the Lot #1 parking countdown sign have been delivered. The vendor is scheduled to install them on April 25.

Facilities, Records, and Purchasing

1. **Sallyport Repairs:** The NPD Sallyport Slab Replacement bid opportunity will be distributed today—April 25th. The opportunity can be found at www.newarkde.gov/bids. The bid opening will be May 27th with construction likely to begin in late June or early July. The project is expected to last 120 days.
2. **ESCO 1 Project Update:** The energy savings performance contract with Seiberlich Trane Energy Services (ESCO 1) was officially closed out the week of 4/14. An overview of the savings generated from this contract are outlined in the City's Sustainability Plan Update, which will come before

Council for adoption shortly.

3. **ESCO 2 Project Update:** The final PO for the additional \$2+ million contract with Seiberlich Trane (ESCO 2) was issued the week of 4/21. All project items are estimated to be completed by June 30th.
4. **Warehouse Expansion:** The foundation for the electric warehouse expansion at the Field Operations Complex is complete and installation of the building itself will begin next week.

Finance and IT

1. **Audit** – Staff continues to work on the final fieldwork stage of the City’s annual financial statement audit. Completion of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by deadline of June 30, 2025 is on track.
2. **Part Time Bookkeeper Vacancy** – Resumes are currently being reviewed, and interviews are anticipated to begin in early May.

Electric

1. **Field Operations:**
 - a. The line crews have been working at the Newark Housing Authority reconfiguring and removing primary and secondary circuits for project demolition that is being done in stages.
 - b. The 34kV bushings on a substation transformer were replaced last week. The unit was energized and the circuits were switched back to normal.
 - c. The electricians have been installing pole mounted cameras for the police and IT departments. The electricians also worked on communication issues at the Sandy Brae Substation.
2. **Engineering:** Engineering has been working with SCADA vendors implementing the Outage Management System. Engineering also programmed a new 12kV recloser and added it to the SCADA system.

Parks and Recreation

1. **Capital Projects:**
 - a. Dickey Park improvement – progress meetings held monthly (approximately 75% project completion), paving has begun and the pavilion will be installed tentatively mid-May barring any weather delays
 - b. George Read Park improvements – first progress meeting held, mark out for the trail and work for the basketball court has begun, paving will likely begin in May barring any weather delays
 - c. Old Papermill Road Park – first progress meeting held, working on curbing around the parking area
 - d. Olan Thomas/Kershaw Trail – scheduled DelDOT public meeting for June 5 at City Hall.
 - e. Folk Park potential project- survey sent out through Inform Me to over 6,445 people, received 155 responses, Wills Group has reviewed the responses and is putting together some plan options to proceed with based on the feedback, compilation of results will be sent to Council for decision/direction.
2. **Maintenance/Operations:**
 - a. Mowing has started on a cycle in the parks and horticulture areas
 - b. Tree giveaway trees will be arriving May 7 in preparation for the event.

- c. Eight park inspections completed along with tree inspections at various locations.
- d. Still waiting on response from the property owner for the removal of 3 trees from 262 S. College after Council approved landscape waiver. Owner has proposed a new third option.
- e. Weed War scheduled for April 26 with over 30 volunteers registered
- f. Arbor Day event held at Fairfield Park with 5 tree contractors supporting the event
- g. Working on setting up tree inventory details within GIS.
- h. Met with DelDOT representatives on site for another meeting regarding Elkton Road landscaping plans
- i. Met with Pennoni representatives and Jeff Martindale to discuss the future storage facility at the maintenance yard

3. Events:

- a. April 12 – Annual Egg Hunt was held indoors at Newark High School and was very successful.
- b. April 12 – Spring Community Clean Up was held in the light rain, some groups did not show up that pre-registered, 100 volunteers did participate
- c. Spring Tree Giveaway – May 10, information has been sent out to Constant Contact mailing list, social media and City Council, registration began April 21.
- d. Memorial Day Parade – May 18, 1:30 p.m. ceremony and parade at 2 p.m., invitation letter was sent to over 180 contacts, groups are continuing to sign up slowly, VIP letter will be sent out the end of April and another push for more groups to sign up
- e. Spring Concert Series – Thursdays, 5/1-6/12 from 7 – 8 pm on the Academy Building Lawn
 - i. May 1 Finn
 - ii. May 8 Tweed Dogs
 - iii. May 15 Dan & Dan Band
 - iv. May 22 The Honey Badgers
 - v. May 29 Dos Hombres
 - vi. June 5 DRKVN
- f. Juneteenth Celebration at the George Wilson Center – attended meeting with TNP and FOSHA representatives to discuss their plans for the Juneteenth celebration on June 21
- g. Parks on Draft scheduled to start Friday, May 8. Will be held the 2nd Friday of each month through September 12. Conducted by the Friends of Fusion Foundation.

4. Recreation Programming:

- a. Summer program brochure is being finalized and will be available 4/28 for residents and 5/2 for non-residents
- b. Camp REAL mailing was sent out to neighbors surrounding Dickey Park and Alder Creek. Continuing to promote, registration is low. Camp dates are June 16 – Aug. 8, two 4 -week sessions from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Dickey Park.
- c. Spring Break Camps were held April 21 – 25 including the traditional full day camp at GWC, Basketball Camp at Newark High and Volleyball Camp at Downes Elementary
- d. George Wilson Center
 - i. For the past week, we had 7 long term rental events, 5 short term rentals, and the usual classes of yoga, goju, theater, pickleball and dance.
 - ii. Preparing for upcoming dance class recital scheduled for May 10

5. Volunteers:

- a. Saturday History Stroll (4/12/25): The stroll went well considering the weather. They went to all locations scheduled for the stroll except for one due to it being a “soggy mess”. 20 people attended. Jim spent a total of 13.5 hours which included leading the tour, answering questions afterward, researching the tour script, memorizing/rehearsing the script, and walking the route ahead of time.
- b. Prepped for Spring Community Cleanup
 - i. Sent reminder emails to the Egg Hunt and Cleanup volunteers
 - ii. Spent Friday afternoon getting together all the group supplies
 - iii. Lions Club donated 100 snack bags for the volunteers – Nancy Moore stopped by

and dropped off the snacks

- c. Egg Hunt:
 - i. Between prep for the event and the event itself we had 57+ volunteers who provided more than 180 volunteer hours
- d. Community Cleanup:
 - i. 100 volunteers provided 202.25 total volunteer hours for the event. Due to the weather, we had groups and individuals who were no shows or had to cancel
 - 1. 4/12/25 - 94 total volunteers, total hours: 192.25
 - 2. 4/9/25 – GS Troop cleaned GWC Park, 6 volunteers, total hours: 10



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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Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 12:26:03 PM
Attachments: [Liberty Plaza - Possum Park Mall Notice.pdf](#)

Good afternoon All,

I am reaching out to provide some information pertaining to the planned City of Newark water main replacement project along Capital Trail (SR2). The general work extents are between Possum Park Road and Ridge Avenue. Some of you may have seen the barrels, cones, and equipment staged along the corridor and I know some of you have already received inquiries from your constituents about the work. We wanted to provide some additional information and make sure you have a good point of contact should you receive any concerns/questions regarding the project as we getting moving.

The existing water main along this stretch Capital Trail is beyond its recommended useful life and has been prone to leaks and breaks over the past several years. This project will replace approximately 1,000 linear feet of water main on the westbound side of Capital Trail between Morning Sod & Supply and Ridge Avenue. The main will be installed in the westbound left travel lane and most of the work will be completed under single lane closures with periodic closures of the adjacent left turn lanes to allow for staging and facilitate the main installation. There will be one full weekend closure and detour of southbound Possum Park Road when we cross the Possum Park and Capital Trail intersection with the new main. The City has been working with DelDOT Traffic Section and Public Works to coordinate closures and road restoration requirements. All work is scheduled to be completed over weekends, beginning on Friday nights and ending Monday mornings at 5am or sooner. There will be three crews work separate shifts to complete the work as quickly as possible. The work is anticipated to take 6-8 weeks assuming mother nature cooperates, which is not likely to be the case given the time of year, so we realistically expect the work to take us into the early summer before final restoration is completed.

We have been coordinating with nearby businesses and will be issuing a formal notice this afternoon so they are fully aware the project is coming and can reach out to the City for updates should they need to. We have also been in contact with St. John/Holy Angels Parish and have shifted working hours to avoid Palm Sunday and Easter holidays. An example notice is attached for your reference. See anticipated schedule for the next 6 weeks below and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions/concerns.

Construction Schedule (assuming we do not get completely rained out this weekend is as follows):

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Weekend 4/11 – Work from Perkins stub up to Possum Park intersection

Weekend 4/18 – No work (Easter)

Weekend 4/25 – Possum Park Closure and work through the intersection

Weekend 5/2 – Continue East toward Ridge Avenue

Weekend 5/9 – Ridge Avenue Tie-in

Weekend 5/16 – Final Restoration

Thank you,

Ethan J. Robinson

Deputy Director, Public Works and Water Resources, City of Newark

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Water Main Installation Notice for Liberty Plaza

The City of Newark, Public Works and Water Resources Department will be replacing our water main along Capitol Trail (Kirkwood Highway) between Possum Park Road and Ridge Avenue beginning Friday, April 11th 2025. This work includes installing water main through the intersection of Possum Park Road and Capitol Trail. This work will temporarily impact traffic on Capitol Trail, Possum Park Road, and access to Liberty Plaza/Possum Park Mall. The installation will be completed over the next 6 – 8 weeks (weather dependent). There are two phases of the project that will impact the western entrance to the shopping center. A detailed summary of these phases and their impacts to the center are provided below (See reverse side for exhibit that delineates the work areas):

- **Phase 1 – April 25th to April 28th – Possum Park Road Closure**
 - Work will take place in the westbound left lane of Capitol Trail, through the intersection of Possum Park Road and Capitol Trail. Possum Park Road will be closed to southbound traffic, resulting in no access to Liberty Plaza from Possum Park Road. The westbound left turn lane into the plaza will be closed as well. During this time, the main entrance to the plaza will be limited to traffic traveling eastbound on Capitol Trail, with only right turns into and out of the plaza. There will be no impact to the eastern entrance and exit.
 - Work will begin at 8pm on Friday, April 25th and be completed by 5am on Monday, April 28th.
- **Phase 2 – May 2nd to May 5th**
 - The water main installation will resume in the westbound left lane of Capitol Trail, moving in an easternly direction. This will result in a closure of the westbound left turn lane into the plaza. Traffic traveling south on Possum Park Road will not be affected in this phase. There will be no impact to the eastern entrance and exit.
 - Work will begin at 8pm on Friday, May 2nd and be completed by 5am on Monday, May 5th.

We do not anticipate any water service disruptions for the shopping center during the water main installation. This work schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and any other unforeseen circumstances. The department will provide notification of any changes. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Newark, Public Works at (302) 366-7000.

Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated,

City of Newark, Public Works and Water Resources Department

