



TOM COLEMAN CREDENTIALIED BY INTERNATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Tom Coleman, City Manager for the City of Newark, Delaware, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the **International City/County Management Association**. Mr. Coleman is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.



CITY OF NEWARK ELECTION RESULTS 2025

Councilman Travis McDermott won a decisive victory on April 8 to become Newark's next mayor. McDermott defeated University of Delaware professor Mike O'Neal. He was sworn in on April 17 and will serve a three-year term. Mayor McDermott is replacing Jerry Clifton.

In the District 1 city council race, incumbent John Suchanec easily defeated three challengers to earn another two-year term. Suchanec defeated Demetri Theodoropoulos, Rebecca Stewart, and Walton Babich.

If you have any election related questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (302) 366-7000.



CITY OF NEWARK POINT OF INTEREST: Iron Hill Museum & Science Center

The Iron Hill Museum & Science Center is a "hidden gem" of Newark, both historically and educationally. It is the oldest natural history museum in Delaware. Located off Old Baltimore Pike on Robert L. Melson Lane, the Center is run by the Delaware Academy of Science and is the primary resource for studying the history of the Iron Hill

"I'm proud to congratulate City Manager Tom Coleman on earning the impressive Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA. This recognition is a testament to Tom's commitment to integrity and continued education," said Mayor Travis McDermott. "His accreditation places him among a distinguished group of government leaders around the world, and we are privileged to have his expertise guiding our city."

City Manager Tom Coleman is qualified by 14 years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 2017 to Acting City Manager and a formal appointment to the position in 2018, he held the positions of Assistant Director of Water and Wastewater, Deputy Director of Public Works, and Director of Public Works. Before joining the City, Tom was an associate at Karins and Associates, an engineering firm in Pike Creek.

Tom has made significant contributions to many local organizations, including: vice chair of the board for Delaware Municipal Electrical Corporation (DEMEC) since 2018, chair of the board for DFIT Insurance Trust since 2024, and board member of The Newark Partnership since 2017. A University of Delaware graduate, he remained involved with the school's engineering program through teaching and mentorship for several years.

About ICMA

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics.

ICMA identifies leading practices to address the needs of local governments and professionals serving communities globally. We provide services, research, publications, data and information, peer and results-oriented assistance, and training and professional development to thousands of city, town, and county leaders and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of people living in thousands of communities, ranging in size from small towns to large metropolitan areas.

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Cooch's Bridge, the site of the only combat ever fought on Delaware land, is half a mile from Iron Hill. Iron Hill served as a vantage point for Lafayette, General George Washington, and General Nathaniel Green in 1777 to keep an eye out for British troops coming from the Elk River. In 1814, Caesar Rodney, a hero of the Revolutionary War, set up camp on Iron Hill.

The Iron Hill Museum building was originally the Iron Hill School #112C, an African American School built in 1923 and operated until 1964. The school became a museum in 1968 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995.

Historical artifacts from the area can be found in the Science Center adjacent to the school. Rocks and minerals, fossils, wildlife displays, and artifacts from the Lenape Indians—the area's original inhabitants—are all on display. The Iron Hill Trail, which goes to an iron mine, is connected to the Science Center. Informational exhibits on the region from the 1800s to the present day can be found along the path.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday with a \$2.00 general admission. There are a multitude of programs available including summer science camps, merit badge programs, an archaeology festival, the Iron Hill Powwow, an earth science program, and a Native American program. To view more about the Iron Hill Museum & Science Center, go to www.ironhill-museum.org.



NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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NEWARK PARKING AMBASSADORS TO BEGIN WEARING BODY WORN CAMERAS

The City of Newark announces that Parking Division field employees including Parking Ambassadors and Parking Coordinators will begin wearing body worn cameras as part of their issued uniforms. These devices will function as a de-escalation tool and gather critical evidence used in court cases by capturing video and audio of interactions between staff and customers. Additionally, it allows for better insight on why certain decisions are made, which leads to improved customer service, and can be used as a training tool for new Parking Division employees.



SEAN'S HOUSE - UNLOCKE THE LIGHT

Sean's House is a nonprofit organization that provides resources for youth struggling with depression, self-injury, and suicidal thoughts. They have three main objectives: to educate, support, and assist young people who may be dealing with mental illness. The City of Newark provides Revenue Sharing funds for their SL24 Mental Health Access Scholarship Program, which was created to help young individuals experiencing acute mental health episodes who require specialized professional services beyond what Sean's House can provide. This scholarship covers services for those who are uninsured, underinsured, or face financial barriers to accessing mental health care.

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SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to keeping our community active and engaged. Our Summer Activity Guide is now available and features a variety of exciting programs and events, including theater, arts, fitness, swimming, sports, and community gatherings. Don't miss out on highlights such as the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, the Spring Concert Series, and the July 4th Fireworks!

You can access the Summer Activity Guide online at www.newarkde.gov/play. Join us for a summer full of fun and activities!

SUMMER CAMPS

Enjoy the summer with Newark Parks and Recreation! We have a wide variety of camps, including sports, science, theater, cooking, art, dance, and more! There's bound to be something for everyone to enjoy! Spaces are limited, so secure your spot for the summer today at www.newarkde.gov/play.

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.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Get ready to groove! The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to bring you the Spring Concert Series, featuring the fabulous sounds of our talented local musicians! Join us every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) from May 1 through June 5 for an unforgettable evening of music and fun.

Before the concert, why not grab a delicious bite to eat and do some shopping on Main Street? Then, bring your friends and family to the Academy Building lawn for a night filled with great tunes, laughter, and community spirit. Don't miss out on the fun—let's make some memories together this spring!

To learn more about their program, residents can go here: <https://seanshouses124.com/>.



CITY OF NEWARK ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF DAINA MONTGOMERY TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The City of Newark is proud to announce the promotion of Daina Montgomery to Deputy Director of Finance effective Monday, April 14. Daina began her career with the City in 2005 as a Finance Assistant, a position she held for nine years before she advanced to the positions of Application Support Analyst, Assistant IT Manager, and most recently, IT Applications Manager.

As the IT Applications Manager, Daina oversees two critical Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems: one supporting utility operations, and the other encompassing a wide range of internal functions including accounting, human resources, payroll, taxes, permitting, and licensing. She leads a dedicated team focused on ensuring these essential applications remain fully functional, secure, and current. Additionally, Daina's team plays a key role in implementing and training staff on new modules, while also recommending process improvements to enhance both performance and the user experience.

"We're excited to see Daina bring her leadership and expertise to this role," said Jill Hollander, Director of Finance. "Her deep understanding of our systems and commitment to innovation make her a valuable asset to our organization."

Ms. Montgomery's efforts have earned the City multiple awards including the Tyler Excellence Award for the implementation of the City's smartphone app, AskNewarkDE, and the Harris Outstanding Customer Service Award for the implementation of their Automated Platform. Daina received an Associates of Science in Accounting from Delaware Technical and Community College.

PARKS ON DRAFT

Newark Parks & Recreation has partnered with the Friends of Fusion Foundation to bring the beer garden back on the second Friday of each month from 5-9 p.m. at Handloff Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and relax in the shade with a cold drink, some great food, and live music while we let the good times roll together!

Save the dates:

- May 9 - Pizzeria Mariana, Bella Von
- June 13 - Klondike Kate's Restaurant & Saloon, The Sheehan Brothers
- July 11 - Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, Bella Von
- August 8 - Timothy's of Newark, Acoustic Jukebox
- September 12 - Deer Park Tavern, Charrity and John

SPRING CONCERT SERIES
MAY 1 - JUNE 5 | 7 - 8 PM | THURSDAYS
ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN

PERFORMERS	
FINN ACOUSTIC	MAY 1
TWEED DOGS ROCK & BLUES	MAY 8
DAN & DAN BAND ROCK & BLUES	MAY 15
THE HONEY BADGERS FOLK/AMERICANA	MAY 22
DOS HOMBRES CLASSIC ROCK	MAY 29
DRKVN COUNTRY, BLUES	JUNE 5

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WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

- Richard McDonough, Temporary Laborer, Parks & Recreation Department
- Dustin Stark, Temporary Laborer, Parks & Recreation Department
- Michael Scalzi, Temporary Laborer, Parks & Recreation Department
- James Cottle-Vinson, Temporary Laborer, Parks &



Recreation Department

· Alexis Van Campen, Administrative Professional II,
Legislative Department

HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, May 26 will be collected on Tuesday, May 27. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, May 27 will be collected on Wednesday, May 28. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, May 28.

Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.



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