

NEWARK

NEWS BRIEF

Main Street Safety Improvements

The purpose of this project is to identify and advance a coordinated path forward for implementing short-, medium-, and long-term safety improvements along Main Street improving mobility and safety for all users.

NEWARK APPROVES CHANGES TO MAIN STREET

On Monday, June 16, Newark City Council approved safety upgrades for Main Street. Upgrades include rumble strips, reduced lane widths, pavement markings, and all-way stop signs at Tyre Avenue and Haines Street.

Other immediate improvements include reboundable crosswalk signs, pedestrian crossing sign upgrades, speed radar signs, removal of parking spaces near crosswalks, removal of obstructions that could block a driver's view, and increased enforcement of jay walking, bike and scooter violations, and drivers parking outside of parking spaces.

The goal is to have the safety upgrades in place by the time University of Delaware students return in August. Once the upgrades are in place, the City and DelDOT will monitor the effectiveness of each of the changes. Any upgrades that are not effective could be removed and others may be implemented.

Items for future consideration include installing automatic speed enforcement cameras, reducing the speed limit, installing roundabouts and expanding the sidewalks along Main Street.

The overall goal of the safety upgrades is to reduce the speed of vehicles on Main Street and improve safety for all.



EMILE BROWN SWORN IN

On Monday, June 16, Emile Brown, the sole applicant for the district 6 election, took the oath of office. Born and raised on New London Road, Mr. Brown attended Newark High School and now resides in Ridgewood Glen with his spouse. Mr. Brown worked in the oil and gas sector after graduating from college.

Although councilmember Brown has served on the boards of Thomas Edison Charter School and the Newark Housing Authority, this is his first time holding an elected office. After Travis McDermott, a former council member, was elected mayor, Mr. Brown ran for the seat in district 6.

Mr. Brown is excited about the Main Street improvements project and the conversation around affordable housing. When you see Mr. Brown, please extend a warm greeting!



GOOD NEIGHBORS

The Planning and Development Department provides Community Development Block Grant funds to the Good Neighbors Home Repair program. This program provides critical home repairs to low-income families, addressing essential needs for safety, accessibility, and health hazards. Repairs include installing accessibility modifications, electrical and plumbing issues, and repairing or replacing water heaters, furnaces, windows, and leaking roofs. To qualify, recipients must own the home and be current on their mortgage, insurance, and property taxes. Good Neighbors found that 70% of the homeowners served in Delaware were women, and about 50% were above the age of 50. Interested individuals can learn more here:

<https://www.goodneighborshomerepair.org>.



21st Annual Downtown Newark Food & Brew Fest – Newark, Delaware Saturday, July 26, 12:00-7:00 p.m. - Enjoy FREE PARKING!

For more information, go to:
outandaboutnow.com/events/newark-food-and-brew.



CITY OF NEWARK POINT OF INTEREST: The Fred Rust Arena/High Performance Skating Center (University of Delaware)

The Fred Rust Arena (FRA), originally named the Blue Arena, is an Olympic-sized skating rink. Built in 1987, the FRA sits adjacent to the Gold Arena, built in 1971, which houses an NHL-sized skating rink. The skating complex is located on the University of Delaware campus and is considered a premier facility in the figure skating world. The arena is named after Fred Rust, a prominent figure at the University who was known for his contributions to the figure skating program.

The Fred Rust Arena is a 2,500-seat regulation international-sized rink that was originally known as the University of Delaware Ice Skating Science Development Center. It opened in 1987 under the direction of Ron Ludington, an Olympic skater who became a renowned coach of national and Olympic caliber skaters. He was instrumental in developing the coaches accreditation program at UD. Ludington coached many Olympians including Kitty and Peter Carruthers. Many of his former students are current coaches at the FRA.

The UD-based skaters excelling at the highest levels include Kimmie Meissner, Oleg Ovsiyannikov, Anjelika Krylova, Johnny Weir, and Tara Lipinski. More than 30 figure skaters with ties to the University of Delaware skating complex competed in the Olympics for the United States. The skaters, coaches, and world class facilities have made the Fred Rust Arena and the High-Performance Skating Center one of the world's leading training sites world-wide.

The FRA offers public skating sessions, giving everyone a chance to try the sport of figure skating. There are special events throughout the year including the popular Winter Wonderland Series during the winter holiday season. To learn more about public skating, special programs, and learn to skate camps, go to:
rec.bluehens.com/sports/2018/6/19/public-skating.aspx.



JULY 23 - YARD WASTE COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to mandatory training for our employees, yard waste **WILL NOT** be collected on Wednesday, July 23.

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



NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please email

parksrec@newark.de.us, call (302) 366-7000, or visit www.newarkde.gov/play.

Save
the Date



PARKS ON DRAFT
FRIDAYS, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, 8/5

NATIONAL DAY OF
SERVICE
THURSDAY, 9/11

COMMUNITY DAY
SUNDAY, 9/21

LIBERTY DAY & 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

Friday, July 4 from 6 - 10 p.m.
UD Athletics Complex

Celebrate Independence Day with us at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex! Enjoy vendors and entertainment starting at 6 p.m.

LIVE PERFORMANCES:

- Magical Mystery (Beatles Tribute Band) from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Mike Hines & The Look from 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

For more information, please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us. This event is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. Vendor registrations are currently being accepted for this event.

SUMMER CAMPS

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

A festive poster for Liberty Day & Fourth of July fireworks. The top features a large burst of red, white, and blue fireworks against a dark night sky. Below the fireworks, the text "NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION" is in white on a blue banner. The main title "LIBERTY DAY & FOURTH OF JULY" is in large white letters on a blue background, followed by "FIREWORKS" in white on a red banner. The event details "FRIDAY ★ JULY 4 ★ 6 PM" and "FIREWORKS AT DUSK" are in large blue and red letters, with "UD ATHLETIC COMPLEX" in blue below. The schedule shows "6 PM MAGICAL MYSTERY BAND" and "7:45 PM MIKE HINES & THE LOOK" in red. A paragraph of text explains the program's funding. At the bottom are logos for the Delaware Division of the Arts, Newark Delaware, and New Castle County, along with a QR code.

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This program is made possible by the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the Natural Endowment for the Arts.

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