# CITY OF NEWARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025





# CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE

The City of Newark will hold a special election on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. The office for which an election will be held is the office of Council Member for District 4. The successful candidate will complete former Councilwoman Creecy's term which ends in April 2027.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years next preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as the State of Delaware designates that crime, and who has resided in the city for at least one year, next preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of Council Member. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Council Member, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time their nominating petition is filed and who resides in the district they seek to represent.

All nominations for Council Member 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 Council Member shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing 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., EDT, on Monday, August 25, 2025 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the September 23, 2025 election.



#### 2025 WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Public Works and Water Resources Department will begin its 2025 water main flushing program on Monday, August 4, 2025. Water main flushing is necessary to test hydrant functionality and ensure adequate flow and pressure is available in our water distribution system. Additionally, flushing removes sediment from the pipes to help improve water clarity and quality. In an effort to reduce the impact on our customers, the City is planning to flush the water mains overnight between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Water main flushing is scheduled to begin Monday, August 4th, and run through Friday, August 15th. Updates and any schedule changes will be posted online at www.newarkde.gov,via the City's social media outlets and in local newspapers.

#### Schedule\*

Monday, August 4, 2025 – Friday, August 8, 2025
Area of Paper Mill Road, Main Street and Capitol Trail.
Includes Chapel Hill, Cleveland Avenue, Creek Bend,
Fountainview, George Read Village, Jenney's Run,
Lumbrook, Stafford, Windy Hills, Main Street, Middle Run
Meadow, Nonantum Mills, Ridgewood Glen, The Hunt at
Louviers, Woods at Louviers, White Chapel and Wyncliff.

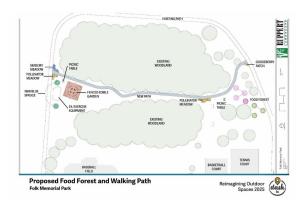
Area of Christianstead, Evergreen, Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Nottingham Green, Nottingham Manor, Oaklands, Philips Mill, Woodmere, West Branch and Stone Spring.

Area bounded by Kirkwood Highway, Possum Park, and Ogletown Road. Includes Stafford, Windy Hills, Delaplane Manor, Roseville Park, Red Mill Farms, Trout Stream, and Sycamore Gardens.

Monday, August 11, 2025 - Friday, August 15, 2025

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 or citysecretary@newark.de.us.

Newark Election Board



# CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE REIMAGINING OUTDOOR SPACES 2025 GRANT

The Willis Group, owner of the Dash-in scheduled for construction on South College Avenue awarded the City of Newark their Reimagining Outdoor Spaces 2025 grant in the amount of up to \$65,000 to make improvements to Folk Park. After soliciting feedback from the community, the following projects have been approved by city council and will begin in summer 2025.

- A stone dust trail through the existing trees connecting on both ends to the paved path.
- A food forest area featuring edible plants and shrubs on one side of the stone dust trail.
- A habitat/pollinator/sensory garden on the opposite side focused on plantings with varied textures and scents.
- Additional seating and educational signage along the path.
- A strong emphasis on native species for all plantings.

The Willis Group will fully fund the design, development, and construction of the finalized plan. Representatives from the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the Willis Group sincerely appreciate the community's valuable feedback, active participation, and collaborative sprit that helped bring this project to life.



Area bounded by Main Street, South Chapel Street, CSX tracks, Apple Road, Beverly Road and South Main Street. Includes Academy Street, Amstel Avenue, Dallas Avenue, South College Avenue, Grantham Place, Indian Road, Kells Avenue, Kent Way, Manns Avenue, Manuel Street, Lovett Avenue, Orchard Road, Park Place, Phillips Avenue, Ritter Lane, Sunset Road, Townsend Road, Winslow Road, Wollaston Avenue, and Wyoming Road.

Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green, and west of Casho Mill Road. Includes Abbotsford, Barksdale Estates, Binns, Briar Creek, Cherry Hill, Country Hills, Country Place, Devon, Elan, Madison Drive, Timbercreek, and Williamsburg Village.

Area around Chestnut Hill Road. Includes Arbour Park, Bellevue Road, Cannon's Gate, Cobblefield, Silverbrook, South Chapel Street, South College Avenue, Welsh Tract Road, Yorkshire, and Yorkshire Woods II.

\*All flushing is to be performed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change.

## **TIPS FOR RESIDENTS**

As flushing of water mains is conducted, you may experience fluctuations in water pressure and changes in water clarity. These changes are temporary.

If you experience discoloration, please wait approximately 30 minutes for our flushing crew to move out of the area, then run cold water in a bathtub or basin sink until clear.

Residents are advised to postpone laundering, dish washing, and showering between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day during this week to avoid discolored water and possible water pressure fluctuations. If your laundry becomes stained, keep the clothes wet and rewash with "Rust Rover" powder. Rust Rover packets are available from the Public Works and Water Resources Department located on the second floor of the Municipal Building.

Reminder: Please make sure to register for utility notifications on the City's website at www.newarkde.gov under 'Inform Me" on the main page.

# CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS AND ORGANIZATIONS!

The Application Period for the 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 2026 Revenue Sharing program application period is now open! The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing in a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities – primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

Revenue Sharing funds are available to agencies that provide social services to Newark residents. Funding will only be considered for those persons within the proposal who are residents of the City of Newark.

The Planning and Development Department is holding a public hearing Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. This session will provide information on previously funded Community Development and Revenue Sharing projects and offer an opportunity to ask questions about the current application process.

Following the public hearing, applicants will have time to prepare their proposals. All applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

The application can be found here:

https://newarkde.gov/323/CDBG-Revenue-Sharing-Programs.

For questions, please contact Lauren Dykes via email at ldykes@newark.de.us or by phone at Ext. 2049.





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# KEEPING CITIZENS INFORMED



## **SEAN'S HOUSE - UNLOCKE THE LIGHT**

This month's Newark hidden gem is Sean's House.
Following the untimely death of his son Sean, by suicide,
Chris Locke, friends and the community, founded Sean's
House, which opened in October 2020. Although Sean
was a gregarious, outgoing athlete who attracted
attention from others, his friends and family were
unaware that he battled depression. After Chris spoke to
a group at St. Mark's High School about depression in our
young people, the idea for this special house was born.
Following the lecture, Chris received a call from a mother
seeking services for her son who was experiencing
mental health problems. The foundation's objectives are:

- Educating high school and college students and parents about mental health and removing the stigma.
- · Assisting young people to find mental health resources and provide financial assistance.
- · Creating a safe haven for young people to share their mental health journey with peers while receiving professional help.

Sean's House, located at 136 W. Main Street, is a free mental health resource for young adults ages 14 to 24 that is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It serves community people and students, providing easy access to services and support, and is located close to the University of Delaware campus. "136 will always be home" is the motto of the residence. Sean's House is unique to Delaware employing the following successful characteristics of other programs across the nation:

- · Peer-led support
- · Safe and confidential environments
- · Focus is on young adults
- The ability to connect individuals to support quickly

From Sean's House has come Sean's Room being established in multiple high schools and community centers. Sean's House is currently the basis for mental health programs at St. Mark's High School, Salesianum High School, St. George's Technical High School, The Teen Warehouse in Wilmington, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst in Burlington, NJ. There are plans for other high schools to launch programs soon.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Tuesday, August 5, 6 - 8 p.m. Downtown Newark

Join us for the annual National Night Out on August 5 in Downtown Newark from 6 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the Newark Police Department, University of Delaware Police Department, and Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Company, this event is a community-building campaign that fosters police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out enhances relationships between neighbors and law enforcement, helping to create safer, more caring communities.





8255 or Delaware's 24/7 Youth Crisis Hotline (800) 969-4357 or by texting DE to 741741.

# 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



PARKS ON DRAFT FRIDAYS, AUGUST 8 & SEPTEMBER 12 AT HANDLOFF PARK

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

HALLOWEEN PARADE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

# **FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Keep an eye out for our new Fall Activity Guide, featuring a variety of new and returning programs and events, including theater, arts, fitness, swimming, sports, and community events like Community Day, the Halloween Parade, and the Turkey Trot! The Fall Activity Guide will be available online starting August 18 at www.newarkde.gov/play, with registration for residents beginning the same day.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE**

Thursday, September 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Olan Thomas Park

In honor of Patriot Day on September 11, the City of Newark invites you to volunteer at Olan Thomas Park. Your support is vital for maintaining our parks and conducting the quality programs and events that our community loves. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! We will also provide information on how to sign up for our Fall Volunteer Opportunities. For more details, please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

## **COMMUNITY DAY (Vendors needed)**

Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. UD Green

The City of Newark's Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the University of Delaware and the Christina School District, presents Community Day, our premier fall festival, on Sunday, September 21. We are currently seeking vendors! This is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses, organizations, fine artists, crafters, and more to showcase their offerings to the community. Register today at www.newarkde.gov/play.

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