CITY OF NEWARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025





CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 TO ELECT A DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMEMBER

PER SECTION 10-19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, AS THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 4, THE ELECTION BOARD SHALL DECLARE THE CANDIDATE ELECTED AND SAID CANDIDATE SHALL ASSUME OFFICE AND NO FORMAL ELECTION FOR THOSE OFFICES SHALL BE HELD. THE ELECTION BOARD MET TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDATE WILL BE SWORN INTO OFFICE AT THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL (302) 366-7000 OR EMAIL CITYSECRETARY@ NEWARK.DE.US



NEWARK'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE - WE WANT YOU INVOLVED!

The City of Newark's Department of Planning and Development will begin updating the City's Comprehensive Development Plan at *Newark Community Day* on September 21, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 PM.

Stop by our booth to explore interactive exhibits and displays, share your thoughts on community priorities, and learn about upcoming events and ways to stay involved. This is your opportunity to help shape Newark's future – from land use and urban design to transportation, economic development, housing, and environmental sustainability.

What is a Comprehensive Development Plan?

The Comprehensive Development Plan (often called a Comprehensive Plan, or simply a Comp Plan) is an official, policy-based document, adopted by local government. It outlines a community's vision and strategy for future growth, covering topics such as land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, sustainability, and natural resources. Think of it as a "big picture blueprint" for the community – guiding Newark's priorities and helping leaders make informed decisions about land use, services, and investments.

Why are Comp Plans important?

Comp Plans shape daily life in ways you may not notice. They influence where new homes and businesses can be built, how easy it is to walk or bike across town, how traffic flows, and how we protect our natural resources. A strong plan ensures Newark remains a vibrant,



NEWARK BIKE PROJECT

The Newark Bike Project (NBP) is a community-based organization dedicated to promoting cycling as an accessible and safe mode of transportation. The City of Newark provides CDBG/Revenue Sharing funds to aid their Free Bike Program. This program provides free bikes at no cost to those in need of financial assistance and who are referred to by social service organizations. Recipients may use the bicycle for personal use such as transportation to work, groceries, family or for exercise. Learn more about the free bike program:

https://newarkbikeproject.org/events/free-bikeprogram-and-repair-voucher-program/

Phone: (302)-525-6833



WELSH TRACT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Welsh Tract Primitive Church located on Welsh Tract Road in Newark is this month's hidden gem. Founded in 1701 in Wales, the church immigrated to the United States in 1703. After spending a year and a half in Pennsylvania and having a disagreement over baptismal practices, a small part of the congregation moved to Delaware and bought the Welsh Tract property from William Penn and built a log meeting house for church meetings and gatherings. The current brick structure replaced the log meeting house in 1746 and is considered the oldest Primitive Baptist Church in America.

The church became known as the "mother church" in the region. During the American Revolution, folklore has it that the building was struck by a cannonball during the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and the patches on the brickwork from the incident remain today.

The cemetery around the church is well-maintained with

connected, and welcoming place - meeting the needs of current and future residents.

What is the public's role in the process?

The Comp Plan planning process is highly participatory, involving residents, business owners, city and university officials, and community organizations. Most importantly, it involves *you*. The plan only works if it reflects the voices, values, and priorities of Newark residents. Over the next several months, you will have opportunities to share your ideas through public meetings both virtually and in person, surveys, and online tools. Your input will help answer big questions, like:

- What kind of housing should Newark prioritize?
- How should we improve walking, biking, and transit options?
- What's most important to protect and preserve for future generations?

This is your chance to shape Newark's future and make sure the plan reflects what matters most to our community.

Get Involved.

Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming workshops and opportunities to share your input.

Newark's Comp Plan will be stronger with your participation. Together, we can plan a future that works for everyone. If you would like additional information, please contact Michael Fortner, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Development, at (302) 366-7030 ex: 2041 or by email: mfortner@newark.de.us.



WHAT GOES IN SINGLE SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING?

the oldest legible tombstone being placed for Rees Rhyddracks, dated 1707. Inscriptions are in Welch and Latin with many having been translated to English. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

The Welsh Tract Primitive Church continues to hold meetings, usually on the second Sunday of each month. Records have been meticulously kept in Welsh, but have been translated into English, highlighting the Baptist community's journey and growth in America.





NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

The City of Newark offers curbside recycling once a week to our residents. There is no need to separate recyclables; all items go into the same cart. Please remember all recycling should be placed loose in your cart—DO NOT BAG RECYCLING. For additional information on recycling in the City of Newark or to find the Recycling Center nearest you, please refer to DE.GOV/RECYCLING or please call (302) 366-7000.

These items are acceptable in your curbside recycling bin and at DSWA single-stream drop-off center bins:

PAPER

Junk mail, newsprint, magazines, copy paper, phone books, etc.

Used paper towels, tissues, etc. are considered soiled and should be thrown away.

METAL CANS

Aluminum or steel (tin) cans
Remove lids and recycle them separately.

HARD PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Water bottles, milk jugs, and detergent containers, etc. Lids are too small to recycle by themselves, so leave them on or throw them away. If you can poke your finger through the plastic, it doesn't belong in your recycling container.

GLASS

Green, brown and clear bottles and jars

Remove lids. No window glass, dishes, or mirrors.

CARDBOARD & CARTONS

All boxes that are made from paperboard or corrugated cardboard

Break down cardboard boxes. It makes it easier to process and leaves more room for other recyclables.

WHAT CAN'T GO IN SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING?

- NO plastic bags
- · NO food waste
- NO electronics
- · NO batteries
- NO yard waste
- NO shredded paper
- NO Styrofoam
- NO garbage
- · NO mirrors or window glass
- NO hoses, string lights, or wires
- NO scrap metal

For more information, go to DSWA.com/programs/single-stream-recycling/.

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 collaboration with the University of Delaware and the Christina School District, proudly presents the area's premier fall festival on **Sunday, September 21** (rain date September 28). This exciting event promises fun for the entire family!

The Green serves as the perfect outdoor venue for local musicians and demonstration groups. Attendees can enjoy a diverse food court featuring a variety of delicious options. Fine art and homemade craft vendors will showcase and sell their unique creations. The Children's Area is always a favorite, offering activities like scarecrow making and more.

Community information booths and activities will be provided by various local businesses and organizations. This event is partially supported by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com. Vendor packages are available at www.newarkde.gov/play. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

VENDORS & PERFORMERS

Fall is just around the corner, and Newark Parks and Recreation has an exciting lineup of events for vendors to participate in! Kicking off with Community Day on 9/21 and continuing through to Santa's Secret Shoppe in December, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. For more details, please refer to the vendor packet available online at www.newarkde.gov/play.



An on-demand, microtransit service called DART Connect is available in Newark. For the same price as a DART bus fare, customers can travel to more destinations.



Download the DART Transit app in your app store or call 1-800-652-DART, Option 3. For more information, go to dartfirststate.com/Programs/dartconnect.

With InformMe, you can choose the information you want and the distribution method that suits you best. Select your alerts from the selection of community, traffic, or municipal service alerts.

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