



CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE

Administrative Report

September 19th, 2025

Items for Newsletters

1. Upcoming Events:

- a. Community Day – Sun, 9/21 – all the plans have been made; looking forward to the event this Sunday with over 200 vendors and full performance and demonstration schedules (attached). Thanks to our sponsors including – Morris James Attorneys, AT&T and F.H. Furr.
- b. 9/26 - George Read Reopening – 10am
- c. 9/26 -Folk Park Planting Volunteer Event with Wills Group – 10am-1pm
- d. 10/4 - Fall Tree Giveaway – Hillside Park.
- e. 10/11 - Community Cleanup
- f. 10/11 - Folk Park celebration with the Wills Group – 11am
- g. 10/12 – Faith and Blue BBQ in Handloff Park – 12pm-4pm (flyer attached)
- h. 10/26 - Halloween Parade

2. **2025 State Strategies update:** The Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination has released the 2025 State Strategies update. A public workshop is scheduled for September 24 at the Route 9 Innovation Center, Multipurpose Room B. 3022 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. for New Castle County. The meeting notice with links to the draft document is attached. The majority of Newark is designated as Level 1, which is the area where the state would like to see new development due to existing infrastructure capacity.

3. **Electronic Speed Enforcement;** We received notice this week that due to datacenter migration scheduling at our vendor, the go-live date for our speed cameras has been delayed from mid-October to November 6th.

4. **City newsletter:** To sign up for the City's email newsletter, [click here](#).

Public Works

1. **Annual Street Improvement Program:** Curb work on Madison and Lincoln Drives are complete with temporary asphalt patch. Milling and Paving will be completed at a later date along with other areas in the contract. The contractor will be moving to a different job for about 3 weeks and return to begin work on Ethan Allen and Chickory Way. Notice will be distributed in advance of the work.
2. **PFAS PhD Student Research:** Staff attended a seminar hosted by the University of Delaware where a Water Resources and Public Policy candidate showcased her research on PFAS in Delaware Surface Water including White Clay Creek in Newark. Much of the data confirms our test results and it is good to know that research on the properties of these contaminants in the environment are ongoing and available to us for our use.
3. **The role of Fleet Maintenance in emergency planning:** Staff attended a virtual seminar hosted by the American Public Works Association (APWA) to examine the importance of the Fleet Maintenance group in an emergency situation. Keeping utility and service vehicles up and running is paramount to resolving issues and continuing operations.

Planning and Development

2. Land Use

- a. The October 7 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. Agenda items for that meeting will be incorporated into the special Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 21 for the review of the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.
- b. Submissions received over the last two weeks include:
 - i. 0 Milford Run – major subdivision second submission received September 5
 - ii. 50 Center Street – Comprehensive Development Plan amendment, rezoning, and minor subdivision with site plan approval first submission received September 12
 - iii. 18 North Street – administrative subdivision first submission received September 15
- c. Subdivision Advisory Committee comment letters issued over the last two weeks include:
 - i. 87 South Chapel Street – second submission SAC letter sent on September 17
 - ii. 509-515 Capitol Trail – first submission SAC letter sent on September 19
- d. Staff has been working to move forward with various projects using the consulting budget provided by Council for 2025. Statuses for those items are as follows:
 - i. Rental and business license audit
 - 1. Preliminary numbers received show 160+ unlicensed businesses and 570+ unlicensed rentals found with 100+ potentially inactive rentals.
 - 2. Next status meeting is scheduled for October 3.
 - ii. Comprehensive Development Plan 10-year review
 - 1. Public kickoff for the Comprehensive Development Plan 10-year review will be taking place at Community Day on September 21. Planning and Development will have interactive activities for both adults and children and will be collecting feedback on what residents would like to see in the next plan.
 - 2. The first meeting of the Comprehensive Development Plan Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with a hybrid option available for those who would like to attend virtually. A student representative from the University of Delaware has been submitted for the Steering Committee, so it is at full membership for its launch.
 - iii. Comprehensive fee review
 - 1. Consultant met with City Solicitor to discuss legal issues surrounding City fee structures.

3. Code Enforcement

- a. Code Enforcement responded to a vehicle collision with a building at 904 Interchange Blvd. No structural damage occurred.
- b. Property maintenance and administrative staff will have a booth at Community Day on September 21 to promote the City's rental inspection program.
- c. Property Maintenance staff responded to a trash complaint at 136 East Main Street (rear of Chipotle). After several warnings to clean up overflowing dumpsters a contractor was hired and has abated the violation.
- d. The foundations for 141 East Main Street and 532 Old Barksdale Road are complete and the building structure for both should begin within the next week.

4. Parking

- a. The Parking Advisory Committee met on September 17. They finalized the distribution plan for the downtown parking survey, reviewed occupancy data for the parking lots, and reviewed the existing parking wayfinding data for the City.
- b. The Parking Advisory Committee's downtown parking survey will kick off at Community Day on Sunday, September 21. The survey will run for 10 weeks and everyone who fills out the survey will be entered to win a weekly prize of \$50 of free parking downtown. The graphic below and attached provides a QR code with a link to the survey.
- c. Enforcement in special residential parking districts has begun. For individuals who need to

apply for or renew their permits, information can be found here:
<https://newarkde.gov/1159/Residential-Parking>. They also can contact the Parking office at newarkparking@newark.de.us or 302-366-7000 for assistance.



THE PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Parking Advisory Committee wants your feedback. **Please tell us about your experience with parking downtown in our quick survey.**

Your feedback can lead to smarter solutions and a better parking experience for all!

Complete the survey today for a chance to win \$50.00 towards future downtown parking!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR COMPLETE THE SURVEY AT WWW.NEARKDE.GOV

SCAN THE QR CODE AND GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

Electric

1. Outage Report

- a. On September 14, an outage occurred on Bus 2 at Kershaw, resulting in losses at the Philips, Sandy Brea, and East Main substations. We managed to restore all the substations within 15 minutes.

2. SAC Requests

- a. Completed our review and provided our comments to Planning for the following SAC requests:
 - i. 509 Capital Trail
 - ii. 55 Benny St

3. CIP and L&G Plan Reviews:

- a. Completed our plan review and provided our comments to PWWR for the following projects:
 - i. 600 Creek View
 - ii. 225 Inspiration Blvd
 - iii. 52 E Mill Station
 - iv. 0 Innovation Way
 - v. 1105 Elkton Road

4. Other Items:

- a. Commissioning and testing have been completed for Unit 76 at the West Main Substation. The transformer is now online and carrying the load.

**DELAWARE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE
2025 STRATEGIES FOR STATE POLICIES AND SPENDING**

The Office of State Planning Coordination will conduct public workshops on an update of the Strategies for State Policies and Spending document and maps.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOPS

The Office of State Planning Coordination will hold public workshops to review and discuss the proposed update to the Strategies for State Policies and Spending document and maps and give a presentation relating to how the document has been updated since its approval in July 2020. Information will also be provided on how the Strategy maps and investment level areas were determined. Beginning September 10, 2025 the draft document and maps can be viewed on our web site at [2025 Delaware State Strategies](#). The workshop format will allow attendees to ask questions about the document and maps. We ask that all comments be made electronically via email to strategies@delaware.gov, or in writing to Office of State Planning Coordination, 122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., South, Dover, DE 19901. **Comments must be received by October 10, 2025.**

All comments will be taken into consideration and the final draft will be presented to the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues and the Governor for final approval.

The agenda for these meetings is set as follows:

- 4:30 – 5:30 Open dialogue with local government officials
- 5:30 – 7:00 Public invited to view documents and maps, speak to staff
- 5:45 & 6:30 Presentation by Office of State Planning Coordination (same presentation each time)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Hybrid Option Available	Kent County - DelDOT, Delaware Room 500 South Bay Road, South Entrance, Dover, DE 19901
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 In person only	NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Route 9 Innovation Center Multi-purpose Room B. 3022 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720
Tuesday, September 30, 2025 In person only	Sussex County – SC Emergency Operations Center, 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown, DE 19947

For additional information and virtual link to the September 17, 2025 meeting please check the Delaware Public meeting calendar at [Public Meeting Calendar: State of Delaware](#)

For additional information on the proposed document or the public workshops, contact the Office of State Planning Coordination (302)739-3090. You may also check our website at [2025 Delaware State Strategies](#) updated information.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR
PARTNERS PROUDLY PRESENT



NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE

Community BBQ

SUNDAY OCT 12th 12pm-4pm

Handloff Park

1000 Barksdale RD Newark, DE 19711

Join your local law enforcement agencies and faith-based organizations for
an afternoon community celebration.



COMMUNITY DAY

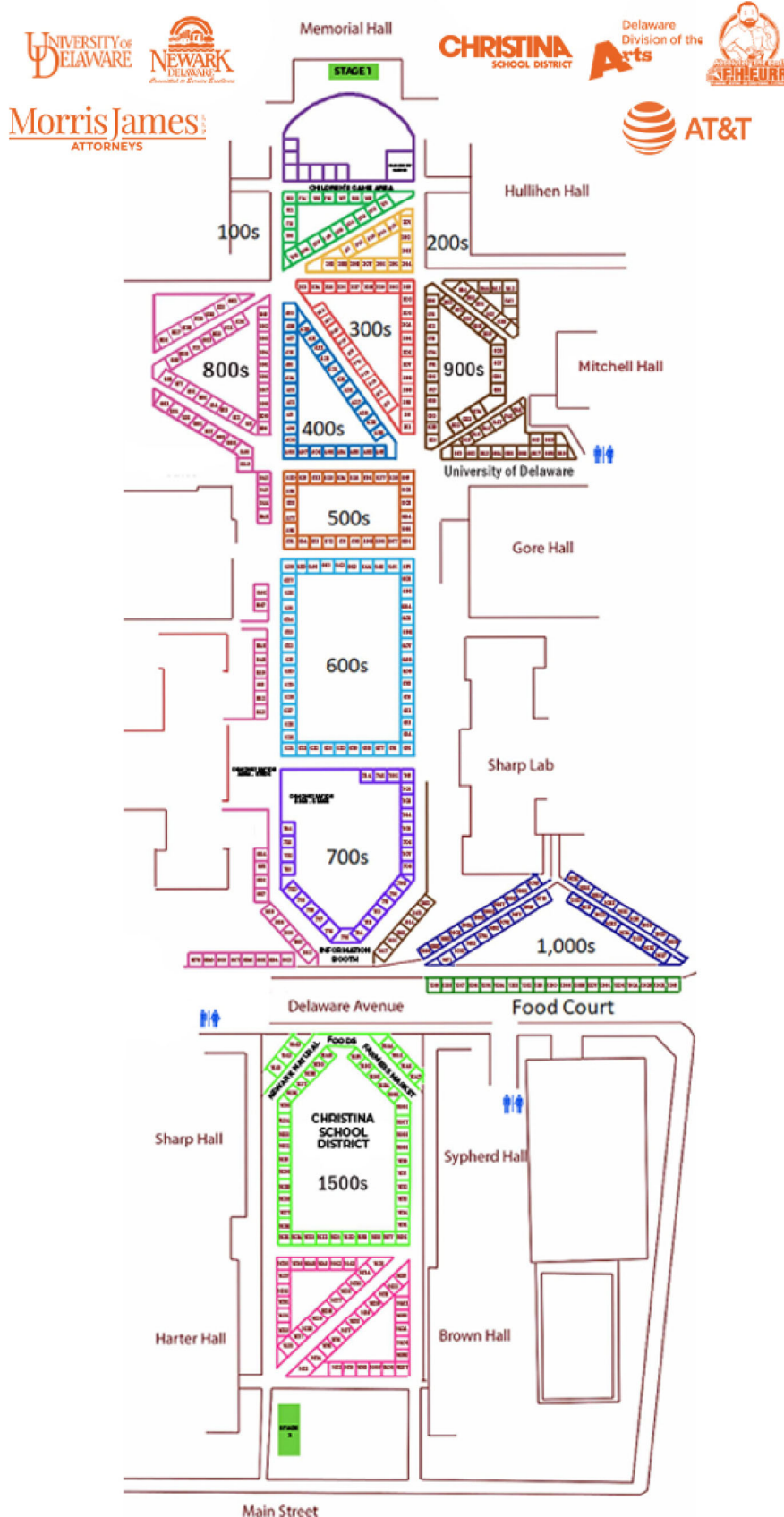
NEWARK'S PREMIER FALL FESTIVAL

WOLF HALL

11 - 11:15 A.M.
Shoshin Karate Academy
11:25 - 11:40 A.M.
DE Ballroom
11:50 A.M. - 12:05 P.M.
Little Stars Dance Studio
12:15 - 12:30 P.M.
Greater Philadelphia Asian Cultural Center
12:40 - 12:55 P.M.
Aspira Academy Cheer Team
1:05 - 1:20 P.M.
Delaware Dance Company
1:30 - 1:45 P.M.
The Seeing Eye
1:55 - 2:10 P.M.
Dance HDC
2:20 - 2:35 P.M.
American Martial Arts
2:45 - 3 P.M.
UD - D Sharps
3:20 - 3:25 P.M.
UD - CresHENdo
3:35 - 3:50 P.M.
Bayard School Orchestra

MEMORIAL HALL

11 - 11:30 A.M.
Room to Swing a Cat
11:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
Doug Wazgatt
12:30 - 1 P.M.
Neck and Neck
1:15 - 1:45 P.M.
DJ PSYBOD
2 - 2:30 P.M.
City of Newark Volunteer Recognition
2:45 - 3:15 P.M.
Ed Dwornik
3:30 - 4 P.M.
Jim Kelley & Shelley Kelley



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