



Marge Hadden is returning to Newark City Council after an eight-year absence. The District 4 special election to fill the vacancy created when Dwendolyn Creecy resigned was canceled as there were no candidates opposing Hadden. She was sworn in on September 8, 2025.

Hadden will begin her term on City Council as budget discussions take place. She is looking forward to shaping relations with the University of Delaware in a positive way, trying to combine the needs of the residents with the responsibilities of the university.

District 4 includes Old Newark, College Park, part of Main Street, part of South Main Street and the surrounding areas.



SHARE YOUR VOICE TO HELP SHAPE OUR CITY'S FUTURE

The City of Newark is updating its **Comprehensive Development Plan** (often called a **Comprehensive Plan**, or simply a **Comp Plan**), a long-range, community-driven, policy document, adopted by local governments that helps guide decisions about housing, transportation, economic development, land use, and sustainability. Comp Plans are not just a technical document— they are a reflection of the shared values and priorities of a community. The biggest part of that is getting feedback from the community

“Pop-Up” Planning at Upcoming Events – We Want to Hear From You!

The City of Newark’s Planning and Development Department is bringing the Comprehensive Development Plan update to you!

On **Thursday, October 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** , the **Comprehensive Development Plan VI Steering Committee** will hold its first meeting in the Council Chambers at the Newark Municipal Building. Virtual access via Microsoft Teams can be found at <https://newarkde.gov/publicmeetings>.

On **Friday, October 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** , we will be hosting a **Community Table** at the City’s *Family Movie Night* at the Newark Reservoir.

On **Sunday, October 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.** ,

COOCH-DAYETT MILLS

Cooch-Dayett Mills is a hidden gem near Old Baltimore Pike and Route 72. It is one of the last remaining water-powered mills in Delaware.

The mill building was originally constructed in the 1830s by William Cooch, but there was mill activity on the property as early as the 1720s. Using water diverted from the Christina River through a man-made channel just north of Cooch's Bridge, the water went past the mill and turned a water wheel before returning to the Christina River.

Oliver Evans, from Newport, DE, designed the interconnected machines that allowed one person to operate the four-story mill with all equipment running simultaneously.

Surviving two fires, Cooch-Dayett Mills was rebuilt and updated, enabling the facility to remain operating into the 1980s. In 1996, the State of Delaware purchased the Mill and surrounding property to make the area into a museum. With the help of the Delaware Nature Society and the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the Mill and surrounding area has re-opened and is used for educational purposes.

Cooch-Dayett Mills is part of the Cooch's Bridge Historic District, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The district also includes the Cooch family homestead and other historic structures related to two centuries of industrial development and the site of the American Revolutionary War's Battle of Cooch's Bridge.

Cooch-Dayett Mills is open to the public on select days of the year and by appointment.

Save
the Date



TURKEY TROT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

THANKSGIVING DAY
BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

WINTERFEST
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP &
SNACK WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please email

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

2025 FALL TREE GIVEAWAY

Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us at Hillside Park, 151 Forest Lane, for the annual Fall Tree Giveaway. Registration is required and currently open.

we'll be hosting a **Community Table** at the *Newark Natural Foods Co-op Farmers Market*.

Swing by, say hello, and share your ideas for Newark's future!

New Tools for Community Engagement in the Comprehensive Development Plan 2026 Update

For those who are not able to join us in person to give feedback, we want to ensure the plan is shaped by your voices as Newark residents, too. To give another opportunity for participation on your time, the City is introducing a new public engagement tool: *PublicInput*.

PublicInput is an online platform designed to make participation in planning easier, more transparent, and more accessible. Instead of having to wait for a public meeting, residents can now get involved on their own schedules, from any device.

With *PublicInput*, residents can:

- Explore project information – Learn about the goals, background, and upcoming milestones of the Comprehensive Plan update in one accessible online space.
- Provide input in real time – Take surveys, participate in polls, or share comments directly through the platform, ensuring community voices are heard throughout the planning process.
- Stay connected – Sign up for updates and be notified about upcoming public meetings, workshops, and opportunities to participate.
- Engage on your own schedule – Because the tool is available online, residents can contribute anytime, without needing to attend a meeting in person.

This approach allows the City to hear from a broader cross-section of residents, including those who may not be able to attend traditional in-person meetings. By blending in-person events with this new digital platform, Newark is working to make the Comprehensive Development Plan update a truly inclusive process.

Start shaping Newark's future today! Learn about the process, take quick surveys & polls, share your ideas anytime, anywhere, and stay connected with project updates.

If you would like additional information on ways to get involved in the Comprehensive Development Plan process, please contact Michael Fortner, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Development, at (302) 366-7000 ex: 2041 or by email: mfortner@newark.de.us.

- This event is exclusively for Newark residents.

- Each household may register for a maximum of one tree.

- Registration is complete upon receiving an email receipt.

This event will be hosted rain or shine. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at **(302) 366-7000** or parksrec@newark.de.us. Register online at www.newarkde.gov/play.

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Help keep Newark beautiful! Grab your family, friends, and neighbors to participate. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information or to volunteer, call (302) 366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us. Register online at www.newarkde.gov/play.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE GWC

Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Halloween Costume Party at the George Wilson Center for ages 3 - 12. Enjoy special Halloween crafts, sweet refreshments, spooky storytelling, a mysterious costume contest, and even a scary room to enter if you dare. Come out for a ghostly good time! Pre-registration is available but not required; pay \$5 at the door.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Be part of Newark's annual Halloween Parade featuring marching bands, floats, antique and custom automobiles, costumed characters, and much more. The parade begins at Tyre Avenue and marches west on Main Street. Register to participate at www.newarkde.gov/play.

TRICK-OR-TREAT MAIN STREET

Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ghosts and goblins, fairies, and princesses join in the fun of Trick-or-Treat Main Street. Enjoy goodies from many stores and downtown businesses, and have your picture taken in the pumpkin patch. All municipal lots will offer free parking during the events. For the safety of the children, Main Street will remain closed throughout Trick-or-Treat Main Street. There is no rain date for this event. Businesses and organizations may register to take part by visiting www.newarkde.gov/play.

2025 NEW YORK CITY HOLIDAY BUS TRIP

Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Book your seat now before the bus fills! We'll drop you off near Radio City Music Hall, then you are on your own to enjoy all the city has to offer. Your trip cost includes motor coach transportation. The bus will depart from and return to the City Municipal Building. You must register online or in the office; no phone registrations will be accepted. Refunds cannot be given unless seats can be resold. Register at secure.rec1.com/DE/newark-de/catalog.



OPT-IN TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES AND RECEIVE OUTAGE NOTICES

The City of Newark Electric Department reminds residents to enroll in the newly launched outage management system. The system allows electric customers to report power outages, view a map of the affected **area(s)**, and receive outage and restoration notifications via text message. **Customers that have a landline associated with their account will not receive text messages, but may call to report outages and receive callbacks regarding status updates.**

To verify the phone number(s) associated with your utility account, visit **SilverBlaze** and click "Forms" from the menu on the left side. From there, navigate to "Update Account Information" and select the button to update your phone number. Finally, hit "Submit" on the bottom right of the page. Up to two phone numbers may be connected to each utility account. Accountholders may contact Payments and Utility Billing (PUB) to confirm their enrollment by calling (302) 366-7000 or emailing PaymentsandUtilityBilling@newark.de.us. Customers can also text "OPT" to (302) 366-7000 to begin receiving messages.

Please visit newarkde.gov/1343/Power-Outages-and-Emergencies for more information on the outage system.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection begins Monday, October 13 through Friday, December 26, 2025. Residents should rake leaves to the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb. Collections will typically occur once every two weeks during the collection season; however, weather and equipment repairs may impact collection schedules. To prepare for leaf collection, please remember:



MEALS ON WHEELS

The Planning and Development Department uses revenue-sharing funds to support the Meals on Wheels program at the Newark Senior Center. This program provides hot, nutritious midday meals delivered to qualifying seniors' homes Monday through Friday. Meals on Wheels enable seniors to remain independent, maintain good health, manage their own affairs, and access needed assistance. Volunteers deliver about 100 meals each day to homebound residents in the Newark area free of charge. To qualify, individuals must be 60 years or older and/or physically disabled; have a chronic disease or condition; be recovering from an illness; or be very frail and lacking family support. Anyone who feels the need for this service is welcome to call and discuss their situation.

For more information contact Stefanie Thomas at (302) 737-5747 or stthomas@newarkseniorcenter.com

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.NEWRARKDE.GOV

SCAN THE QR CODE AND GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

· Rake and pile leaves (no bagging) in the grassplot between the sidewalk and curb. Do not rake leaves into the street.

· Avoid raking leaves to the curb within three days of a significant weather event.

· To avoid small piles being missed or to guarantee weekly collection, please use your yard waste cart.

· Please keep all storm drains and catch basins clear near your home.

· Avoid mixing rocks and sticks with your leaves as they may damage collection machinery.

· Please avoid piling leaves around mailboxes or signposts.

If there are any questions regarding our leaf pickup service, please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

HOCUS POCUS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

17 OCT

THE RESERVOIR
250 OLD PAPER MILL RD
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS
FREE ENTRY!

FALL ACTIVITIES
6 P.M.
MOVIE SHOWING
7 P.M.

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