



## City Council approves \$87.4 million budget for 2018

Newark City Council approved the 2018 budget that includes no increases in taxes, water rates, electric rates, and uses debt funding for most capital projects. The budget does include the new monthly stormwater fee that was previously approved. Utility bills, beginning in January, will include a stormwater fee.

One change for 2018 is the way Newark intends to fund the Capital Improvement Plan. The City will use bonds and the State Revolving Loan Program, which permit the allocation of costs for our infrastructure over several years. Most of the projects funded by debt are infrastructure-related, including replacing water mains, upgrading the water treatment plant, repairing electric cables, and repairing parking lots. While City Council agreed to the debt funding scenario, it will require approval from the City of Newark taxpayers. Resident taxpayers will vote on debt funding to cover the 2018-2022 CIP projects. It will be the second question on a referendum scheduled this spring. The first question on the ballot is to approve funding for the Rodney stormwater project.

## Toys for Tots a Success

The City of Newark Police Department partnered with Aetna Hose, Hook, and Ladder to sponsor its annual Toys for Tots holiday toy drive. Santa first stopped at the Newark Housing Authority's community building at Alder Creek, where 80 happy children received gifts. The next stop was on Marrows Road, where another two dozen toys were given away. The remainder of the toys were distributed to children at the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to all who donated!



## Winter Weather is Here!

Please be advised of the following information in the event of any snowfall or snow emergency:

- \* Sidewalks must be cleared (3 foot-wide path) within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. Snow should be pile on your lawn, not in the street.
- \* Please remember to make sure fire hydrants and storm drains are uncovered.
- \* Please utilize off-street parking during a snowstorm. This will enable our plows to perform more efficiently.
- \* During a declared snow emergency, residents must remove all vehicles from snow routes. Learn more at [www.newarkde.gov/snow](http://www.newarkde.gov/snow).



**IMPORTANT: City of Newark offices will be closed on  
Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day.**

## City of Newark Candidates Notice

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Council seats from Districts 3, 5, and 6 are up for election. Council members serve two-year terms.

Any qualified voter of the City who, for a period of at least 15 years preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year 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 his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the district he/she seeks to represent.

All nominations for Mayor and 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 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each nominating petition for Council member shall be signed by the candidate and shall include the signatures of ten 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 p.m., on Monday, February 5 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 10 election.

For more information, please call the City Secretary's Office at 302-366-7000. City Election Information can be found at [newarkde.gov/508/2018-City-Election-Information](http://newarkde.gov/508/2018-City-Election-Information).

## Election Calendar

February 5, at 5 p.m.—Deadline to file to run in the April 10 election for Council Member in Districts 3, 5, and 6.

March 19—Deadline to register to vote in the April 10 election.

April 10—Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; deadline to submit absentee ballots to the City Secretary's Office is 5 p.m.

April 12—Election Board meeting at 5 p.m. to certify election results.

April 19—Organizational meeting and swearing in of new Council members.

## February Events Calendar

### Filing Deadline for 2018 City Council Election

February 5, at 5 p.m. in the City Secretary's Office

### Planning Commission Meeting

February 6, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### City Council Meeting

February 12, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting

February 13, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Board of Adjustment Meeting

February 15, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Presidents' Day

City of Newark Offices are closed

### City Council Meeting

February 26, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers

### Planning Commission Parking Subcommittee Meeting

February 28, at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers

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