



### Newark Charrette starts process to develop a framework for potential zoning revisions

The City of Newark hosted a charrette, *Planning our downtown, together*, March 21-25, 2022. In recent years, land-use proposals have raised questions about building height, scale, density, configurations, and parking. To address these concerns, the City is reviewing potential revisions to the BB (Central Business District) and RA (Multifamily Dwelling-High Rise Apartments) Zoning Districts. The charrette was a multi-day in-person and virtual meetings where stakeholders and citizens shared views and opinions and collaborated to develop potential solutions that seek to address these concerns. Key stakeholders were invited prior to the charrette to provide input.

On Day 1, events focused on elements of downtown through a virtual walking tour and open house. On Day 2, the team and public generated ideas and framed design solutions to address issues and build on opportunities. Days 3 and 4 refined potential solutions and outlined the framework for zoning updates. On Day 5, the team presented major findings from the week, including basic tenets to amend the Zoning Code supported by concept designs showing how development could look.

For the BB District, a key tenet is to keep base height at 3 stories and permit up to 7 stories for projects that advance City planning policies and goals. These goals are for more street-level plazas and public space, affordable housing, and homeownership. For the RA District, the team recommends keeping the maximum base height of 7 stories and removing current provisions permitting up to 10 stories.

Other tenets include strengthening architectural standards to improve downtown appearance and vitality such as requiring architectural elements to reduce the appearance of mass and bulk, emulate city character, and promote street activity. The team also endorses moving forward with current recommendations under review to reduce parking required with a new development project and make better use of existing parking supply through shared parking policies, wayfinding signage, and other strategies. Tenets from the charrette will be included in a report to Council to be presented by the City's consultant, AECOM, on May 23.

After Council direction is received, AECOM will work with City staff to draft revisions for review and consideration by Planning Commission and Council. Revisions will first be presented as a preliminary draft for review and comment and then resubmitted as formal proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. All meetings of Planning Commission and Council are public.

For more about the process and past and future meetings, visit [newarkde.gov/zoning](http://newarkde.gov/zoning). Please contact the City at [planning-dept@newark.de.us](mailto:planning-dept@newark.de.us) with questions.

### HOLIDAY RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, May 30 will be collected on Tuesday, May 31. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, May 31 will be collected on Wednesday, June 1. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, June 1. Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

**MAGNETS AVAILABLE**—Public Works and Water Resources has posted the **2022 Holiday Collection Schedule** and **Frequently Asked Refuse Collection Questions** on magnets for our residents. Please stop in the Municipal Building and pick up your free magnets!



**STU MARKHAM**  
**CITY OF NEWARK MAYOR**

On April 21, the City of Newark welcomed Stu Markham as the new Mayor. Mayor Markham was formerly District 6 council person from 2006 to 2020. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a B.A. in Political Science and Loyola University

with an MES in Computer Science.

Mayor Markham will be focusing on City finances, struggling businesses in Newark as well as the concerns about City development.

## SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy the fabulous music of local musicians as the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department once again hosts the Spring Concert Series. Concerts will be held Thursday nights 7 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) starting May 12 and running through June 16. Grab a bite to eat and do some shopping on Main Street then join us for an evening of fun on the Academy Building lawn. A beer garden will also be available every Thursday in conjunction with the Spring Concert Series from 6 – 9 p.m. on Academy Street. For additional information, please call (302) 366-7000 or email [parksrec@newark.de.us](mailto:parksrec@newark.de.us).

## NEW YORK CITY—SATURDAY, MAY 14

Enjoy spring time in New York City! 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. Bus will depart New York at 6 p.m.

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

### SUNDAY, MAY 15—UD GREEN & MAIN STREET

The Newark Memorial Day Parade is an annual event that is held the third Sunday in May. During this annual event, veterans of wars from all branches of services have continued to march in the parade. To start the day, a ceremony honoring our nation's veterans is held on the University of Delaware's Campus Green at Memorial Hall at 1 p.m. followed by the parade on Main Street at 2 p.m.

## UTILITY BILLING PEAK SEASON

The time for students to move-in and move-out is quickly approaching! Consider using the City of Newark online portal to open or close your account, access usage, update billing information, sign-up for auto-debit and more. Current electronic subscribers can use the online portal to request move-outs at [newarkde.gov/payments](http://newarkde.gov/payments). All new tenants can also use the online utility portal to begin service by visiting [newarkde.gov/payments](http://newarkde.gov/payments) and clicking "Utility Payments and Services." The City kindly asks landlords to inform new tenants of the required \$300 security deposit needed to start service. Please contact Utility Billing at customer service@newark.de.us or (302) 366-7000.

## EFFICIENCY SMART

The City of Newark, in partnership with the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC), offers Efficiency Smart to help its residents and businesses reduce their energy use and save money. From advice on products or projects to rebates and discounts on energy improvements, Efficiency Smart can help you from start to finish. <https://www.energysmart.org/newark-delaware>.

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## TIM POOLE—CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Tim Poole, Lead Code Enforcement Officer, has been selected as the City of Newark's "Employee of the Year." The following essay was submitted on behalf of Tim:

Tim is an exemplary employee. For over a three-month period shortly after he was promoted to the Lead Code Enforcement Officer position, Tim was the Acting Code Enforcement Manager, covered the vacant Fire Marshal position by working and coordinating with the State Fire Marshal's Office as well as covered his duties encompassed in his Lead Code Enforcement Officer position. Throughout this time, Tim covered all these positions with hard work, determination, and with grace. He was able to keep these key positions fulfilled and the Code Enforcement Division moving forward all the while performing and maintaining excellent customer service. He is consistently professionally and always ready to lend assistance. Tim is to be commended for his outstanding work and professionalism.

## NEW HIRES

Welcome to the City:

*Stu Markham*, Mayor, Legislative Department, 4/21/2022

*Sahar Naseem*, Digital Records Management Coordinator, Legislative Department, 4/13/2022

*Dominic DiMaio*, Electric Groundhand, Electric Department, 4/04/2022

*Garrett Cuffy*, Electric Groundhand, Electric Department, 4/11/2022

*Allen Jackson*, PT Sidewalk Sweeper Operator, PW&WR/Stormwater Division, 4/25/2022

*Timothy McElveen*, Temporary Laborer I, PW&WR/Water Division, 4/25/2022

*Robert Murphy*, Temporary Skilled Laborer, Parks & Recreation, 4/04/2022

*Robert Fink*, Temporary Skilled Laborer, Parks & Recreation, 4/11/2022



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