



# NEWARK

## NEWS BRIEF

### LOW-INCOME WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), is a part of a new federally funded American Rescue Plan program that provides assistance to eligible households to pay water and sewer bills. Depending on your income and specific needs, you may be qualified for available funding to assist with

- Reconnection of Household Water Service
- Prevent Disconnection of Household Water Services
- Help Reduce Current Household Water Bills

This program is for anyone who meets income qualifications and who is in danger of immediate disconnection, attempting to prevent disconnection, and if funds allow, behind on current water bills may apply.

For more information or for help to complete an application, call or email:

Delaware Division of Public Health

(302) 744-4546

[LIHWAP@delaware.gov](mailto:LIHWAP@delaware.gov)

<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/files/LIHWAPApplication.pdf>

### Light Up Navajo

Greg Shevchuck and Brian Hopkins spent a week out west in Navajo Nation to support the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) in delivering electricity to Navajo homes that have never had power. Over 11 weeks, municipal electric companies from 10 states will connect 300 homes to the electric grid for the first time. Light Up Navajo began in 2019 and enables families to experience an improved quality of life, enjoy modern conveniences like refrigeration, heating, and lights. Families will no longer rely on kerosene lamps, candles, flashlights, and wood or coal for heating and cooking.



### PW&WR Wins Award

The City of Newark Public Works and Water Resources Department (PW&WR) has received the Special Achievement in GIS award (SAG) from Esri, the ArcGIS software vendor. Esri reviews approximately 100,000 projects annually and selects about 100 national and 100 international winners each year. The award will be presented at the Esri User Conference in July. Mark Neimeister, Brian Laws, and Jay Hodny have been working on a GIS-centric application, which will be used by our PW&WR inspectors on the 430+ stormwater management areas around the Newark area each year. The GIS-centric application will eliminate the need for manual compilation of the many report pieces necessary to complete these inspections, saving the inspectors time. Jay Hodny has presented this project at two local GIS meetings and presented the project again at the regional DelMarVa GIS conference in May. Congratulations to Mark, Brian, and Jay for their great achievement!



## KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS

Field employees may be at heightened risk for heat stress because they work outdoors in sometimes extreme conditions. Working and performing heavy physical work in the heat can adversely affect the body's ability to cool itself, which in turn causes heat stress. If heat stress is not treated early, more serious conditions, such as heat exhaustion, can develop. Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/heatreillness.html> for more information.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION

- All residents are required to use an automated yard waste cart for all yard waste collection (green cart with brown/tan lid). The cart is provided at no charge by the city.
- If you do not have a yard waste cart, or would like to purchase a 2nd cart (\$75), please call the Department of Public Works and Water Resources at (302) 366-7000.
- If you would like to use your existing trash cart (not recycling) for yard waste, this is allowable but the cart must be free of all non-yard waste items and the cart must be labeled with a sign, with bold lettering stating "YARD WASTE ONLY" taped on the side of the cart facing oncoming traffic. If there is no sign on the cart, the driver will assume it contains refuse, and will not empty it.
- All yard waste must be contained within the automated cart, with the lid closed. Nothing outside the cart will be collected.
- No man-made material may be placed in a yard waste cart for collection. Mixing non-yard waste materials with yard waste may result in a fine of up to \$100. Conversely, mixing yard waste with household trash and/or recycling may also result in a fine up to \$100. *Note: The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's permit for the Delaware Solid Waste Authority's landfill operation in Wilmington includes a ban on dumping all yard waste effective January 24, 2008.*
- With the exception of weeks containing a holiday, yard waste is picked up every Wednesday, and only on Wednesdays, starting the first week of March and continuing until the final collection the first week of December. There are no special collections or bulk pickup services for yard waste. During the winter months, yard waste may be collected only by calling the Department of Public Works & Water Resources at (302) 366-7000 to schedule.
- Need mulch? The city mulches collected yard waste and leaves. Residents may pick up the mulch for free at the New London Road water tower site!

Questions? Please call Public Works & Water Resources at (302) 366-7000.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Enjoy the summer with Newark Parks and Recreation. We have a wide variety of camps from sports, science, theater, computer, art, bike and more! There is bound to be something for all to enjoy!! Spaces are limited so secure your spot for the summer today at [www.newarkde.gov/play](http://www.newarkde.gov/play).

## LIBERTY DAY & 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Liberty Day and the 4th of July Fireworks will be held on Monday, July 4th at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex. Vendors and entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. Please call (302) 366-7000 or email [parksrec@newark.de.us](mailto:parksrec@newark.de.us) for more information. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency dedicated to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

## WELCOME TO THE CITY!

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. The new employees include:

1. Gerald Bryda, Accreditation Coordinator, Police Department, 5-2-2022
2. Kenneth Condiff, Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Department, Codes Division, 5-9-2022
3. Daniel Howell, Maintenance I, Parks & Recreation Department, 5-16-2022
4. Herbert White, Parks Superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department, 5-13-2022
5. William Johnson, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Department, 5-16-2022

## SOLAR PHASE II RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the City unveiled its new 400-kilowatt solar park at the Newark Reservoir. This park is part of the City's Solar Phase II project, which expanded solar panels at the McKees Solar Park as well as installed panels on City Hall and electric warehouse at the City Maintenance Yard. With a goal of providing 100% renewable energy by 2045, projects like these are integral to meeting our goals!

