

RESIDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS—City of Newark Programs

Utility Payment Assistance Centers – Several organizations have partnered with the City to help its residents struggling to pay for utility services. These include Catholic Charities, The Hudson Center, Newark Empowerment Center, Holy Angels, Holy Family, St. Vincent's DePaul and DEHAP.

Efficiency Smart- Efficiency Smart helps residents and businesses reduce their energy use and save money. The program offers advice on home energy rebates, appliance recycling, home energy assessments, and more. It also offers solutions for small and large businesses.

Home Improvement Loan Program – This program provides loans for necessary home repairs/rehabilitation to eligible home owners under the CDBG program. Newark homeowners who make below 80% of the area median income for NCC are eligible. Repairs that may qualify under this program include roofing, siding, heating, plumbing, electric, sewer and water systems, and accessibility modifications.

Senior Home Repair Program – The Newark Senior Center and Community Services Corporation assist homeowners over the age of 60 with minor free home repairs that focus on health, safety, and security. Home value cannot exceed \$278,050.

Home Buyer Incentive Program - The Home Buyer's Incentive Program provides interest free deferred loans up to \$5,000 to assist income qualified first-time homebuyers to purchase properties within the City of Newark. The funds can be used for up to 50% of down payment and 100% of settlement closing costs associated with the purchase of the home. All funding requested will be used for the Home Buyer's Incentive Program loans and program costs (mortgage recording fees, lead paint, and electrical inspections, etc.) The loans will be secured by a second mortgage on the home to be purchased.

Parks and Recreation Fee Assistance Program - The Parks and Recreation Department requested CDBG funds to support the Recreation Fee Assistance Program. The program assists low- to moderate-income families to take part in City-sponsored activities and programs by eliminating registration fees as a barrier to participation, allowing these families to enjoy the full benefit of City recreational activities and programming.

The City funds a number of other programs through CDBG and the City's Revenue Sharing Program by outsourcing this to community organizations to do direct assistance to Newark residents. These organizations include Newark Day Nursery Day Care Scholarships, Newark Senior Center Meals on Wheels, Newark Area Welfare Committee Emergency Cash and Food Assistance and many others. You can visit the Resident Assistance Programs page here.

There are several County and State Resident Programs available for residents facing financial hardship. Delaware 211, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Low Income Household Water Assistance are among the programs available.

The State of Delaware offers two programs for small businesses. They are the Edge Grant and the Workforce Training Grant.

Please call the City of Newark at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, May 29 will be collected on Tuesday, May 30. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, May 30 will be collected on Wednesday, May 31. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, May 31. Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

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 from 7 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) starting May 4 and running through June 8. 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, supported by Hamilton's on Main, will also be available every Thursday in conjunction with the Spring Concert Series from 6 to 9 p.m. on Academy Street. All proceeds will benefit Aetna Hose, Hook, and Ladder.

PARKS ON DRAFT

One of summer's biggest treats is back! Parks on Draft, a family friendly beer garden, will be held May 19 & 20 at Handloff Park featuring Iron Hill Brewery providing food and drink and live entertainment. The event will run from 3 to 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday, May 19 & 20. It is open to all ages and pet-friendly, but attendees must be over the age of 21 and have ID on-hand to purchase alcohol. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets and relax in the shade with a cold drink, some great food, and live music while we let the good times roll together!



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & PARADE

The Newark Memorial Day Parade is an annual event that will be held this year on Sunday, May 21. 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 starting at 1 p.m. followed by the parade on Main Street beginning at 2 p.m.



WELCOME TO THE CITY!

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

Edward Getty, Maintenance IV, PW&WR, Sewer Division, 04-03-2023

Alicia Smith, Police Officer, Police Department, 04-03-2023

Jordan Herring, Administrative Professional, Legislative Department, 04-17-2023

Stefan Rukowicz, Planning and Design Engineer, PW&WR Department, 04-17-2023