

CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY EVENTS

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & INFO SESSION

SATURDAY, FEB. 20
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

Random Acts of Kindness week is a week dedicated to kindness and taking that extra, conscious step to brighten someone's day. The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department will be highlighting the amazing volunteers that have done just that with their volunteer efforts in 2020. From February 17 - 23, check out the Newark Parks and Recreation Facebook Page @NewarkParksRec every day as we showcase our volunteers and post upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Join us on February 20 from 10 – 11 a.m. and chat with our Volunteer Coordinator live via Zoom to see how you can help serve the Newark Community with the Parks and Recreation Department in 2021. From young teens through older adults, volunteers assist with special events, programs, summer camps, and are vital in taking care of our parks. Do you need community service hours? Are you interested in getting outside more in 2021 and want to learn about adopting a park or trail? Interested in connecting more with your community through volunteering? All this and more will be covered in the virtual event. Event will be held via Zoom. Pre-registration is required by Friday, February 19 at 12 p.m. Zoom link information will be provided upon registering for the event.



Due to current restrictions with local and state mandates from the coronavirus, **the schedule for events are all subject to change.** The safety of the participants and their families, spectators and staff is our #1 priority as we move forward in planning. We will make changes as needed based on the guidance from state and local agencies.

NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP & PROGRAM FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 8
4 - 7 P.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

Representatives will be on hand to showcase camps from around the Newark area and answer any questions you may have. We will highlight all our summer camps as well as spring and summer programs for youth and adult and much more. The Newark Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Guide will be available for viewing and registration starting March 22 at www.newarkde.gov/play.

Camp providers may register as a vendor for the camp fair. The cost is \$50 for a 10'x10' outdoor space with one 8' folding table. For additional information, please contact us at parksrec@newark.de.us. This event is free for visitors!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FLEA MARKET

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and get into the Christmas spirit with our first ever Christmas in July Flea Market! This merry event will provide the perfect opportunity to clean out and declutter your home as a vendor or find the perfect holiday treasures as a shopper! Direct sellers, crafters, antiques, and repurposers are all welcome to provide a wide variety of available items in one location.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, complete the registration form on our website at www.newarkde.gov/play by Monday, July 12. All vendors will receive a letter with directions for set up. The sale will be promoted to local media, Craigslist, George Wilson Center signs, Newark Parks and Recreation Social Media, and an Ad in the News Journal Garage Sale Section.

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Fee: \$35 RDF: \$30
Dates: July 24
Days: Sat. Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center



HUNT @ HOME EGG HUNT KITS

MARCH 24 - 26
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions on outdoor gathering limits, we are canceling the 2021 Egg Hunt normally held at White Clay Creek State Park. In its place, we will be offering Hunt@Home Egg Hunt kits for children up to 9 years old. These kits will contain age appropriate candy & toy stuffed eggs, coloring/activity pages, crafts, & more.

We don't want to miss out on the fun of the annual Newark Egg Hunt again this year, so we are packaging the hunt for you to do at home. Each registered child will be given a Hunt@Home kit containing a dozen candy and toy pre-filled eggs, crafts, activities and other springtime goodies. There will be a limit of 60 registrants per age group: 2 & under, 3 - 4 yrs , 5 - 6 yrs and 7- 9 years old. Registration fee for the Hunt@Home Egg Hunt kit is \$10. Participants must pre-register for the event by 3/23/21. Registration can be found at <https://secure.rec1.com/DE/newark-de/> catalog under the Events tab.

Registrants can drive through and pick up Hunt@Home kits at the Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, March 24 - 26 between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NEWARK FOUNDERS DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 11
2 - 5 P.M.
NEWARK HISTORY MUSEUM

On Sunday, April 11, the Newark Historical Society will begin their 2021 season with the "Founders' Day" event from 2 pm to 5 pm. The Newark History Museum will offer free admission to the museum with brand new exhibits! Volunteers including Dr. Jim Jones, the instructor of our favorite history programs including the Second Saturday History Strolls & History Lectures at GWC, will offer two different walking tours that leave and end at the Newark History Museum (the former Pennsylvania Railroad Station below the South College Avenue bridge).

Both the "East" tour and the "West" tour will leave every hour, on the hour, from the front of the Newark History Museum, allowing folks to participate in both tour routes and to visit the museum. Tours will take place rain or shine. Preregistration is not required.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & CHRISTINA RIVER WATERSHED CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Grab your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and help keep Newark beautiful for the Annual Spring Community Clean Up. This event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Christina River Watershed Clean Up. Supply pick up will be held outside at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Individuals and volunteer groups (of 15 or less) will be given a location assignment after registering and can report directly to the clean-up location. One member of the group or individual volunteers will be responsible for picking up supplies from the Municipal Building. Pre-registration is required for this event and can be completed online at www.newarkde.gov/play. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information, please contact the Recreation office at (302)366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us.

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

April is National Volunteer Month. Get into the spirit by assisting the Parks and Recreation Department on Earth Day with a Special Park Maintenance Project. Volunteers are essential in taking care of our parks and for us to conduct the quality programs and events that the community has come to love. Volunteer help and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated. Pre-registration is required for this event and can be completed online at www.newarkde.gov/play. There will also be lots of information on how to sign up to be a Summer Camp Counselor Volunteer and more!

ARBOR DAY

It has been over 130 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day. His simple idea of setting aside a special day for tree planting is now more important than ever. Join Newark Parks and Recreation for its Arbor Day Celebration at Downes Elementary School on Friday, April 30.



SPRING CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS, MAY 6 - JUNE 10
7 - 8 P.M.
ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN

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 6 and running through June 10. 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. Look for the concert schedule in the spring. For additional information, please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us if you are interested in performing.

NEWARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, MAY 16
1 - 4 P.M.
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 followed by the parade on Main Street.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 4
6 - 10 P.M.
UD ATHLETICS COMPLEX

4th of July Fireworks will be held on Sunday, 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 for more information.

PERFORMERS & VENDORS

Anyone interested in performing at the 2021 Parks and Recreation events, including Community Day and Winterfest are asked to submit a demo (CD or electronic link) and a letter of interest no later than March 31 to:

Newark Parks and Recreation
Community Events
220 South Main Street
Newark, DE 19711

Email: sbruen@newark.de.us

Please include all contact information, as well as fee structures for performances. Performers will only be contacted if selected for an event or performance.

Vendor Packages for the Newark Parks and Recreation 2021 events will be available the week of January 25. Please call 302-366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us for more information or to be added to the vendor mailing list. Packages will be emailed and available on the City of Newark website www.newarkde.gov/play at that time.