



Newark Parks & Recreation



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HALLOWEEN PARADE



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Fall Activity Guide

**2025 REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
AT NEWARKDE.GOV/PLAY**

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  **@NEWARKPARKSREC**



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION **WELCOME NOTE**

As summer winds down and the new school year approaches, fall is just around the corner—and with it comes a season full of exciting opportunities in Newark!

Newark Parks and Recreation offers hundreds of programs, activities, and events to keep you and your family active and engaged this fall. From ceramics and dance to youth soccer and basketball leagues, tennis, pickleball, and adult fitness classes, there's something for everyone.

Many of Newark's long-standing traditions return this year, including our premier fall event Community Day on the University of Delaware Green in September and the always-popular Halloween Parade on Main Street in October.

Prefer to enjoy the outdoors? Discover one of our 37 parks and over 700 acres of parkland and open space or take in the season's beauty while hiking or biking along more than 19 miles of scenic trails throughout the city.

At Newark Parks and Recreation, we're committed to supporting a healthy, active community, protecting our parks and open spaces, and maintaining a clear vision for the future. We hope you'll join us in making the most of this fall season!

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Paula Ennis
Director of Newark Parks and Recreation

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CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

F.A.Q.

WHAT DOES RDF STAND FOR?

RDF stands for Resident Discounted Fee. The Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide quality and affordable recreation opportunities to the community. In recognizing that City of Newark residents support our department along with other city services through their city taxes, residents are offered a discounted fee. Non-residents will pay the regular fee for programs. If you're unsure about resident status, you may call the Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7000.

AM I A NEWARK RESIDENT?

Newark residents live within the corporate city limits. Not all persons with Newark mailing addresses live within the city limits. If you receive a City of Newark electric bill, you are a Newark resident. Not sure? The Parks and Recreation staff can assist you at (302) 366-7000. Those persons not living within the city limits are welcome to enjoy our activities at the fee listed.

DOES THE CITY OF NEWARK OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

The City of Newark is committed to providing recreational opportunities to everyone without regard to economic circumstances. For this reason, a fee assistance program for City residents is available for qualifying individuals (youth and adults). If you are interested in finding out more about the program, you are encouraged to contact Paula Ennis, Deputy Director, at the Parks and Recreation office for more information at (302) 366-7000. All inquiries and requests are strictly confidential. Funding for this program has been secured through the Federal Community Development Block Grant and is available on a limited basis.

WHAT IS THE JAMES F. HALL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

The City and family and friends of Jim Hall have established a scholarship to honor his memory and recognize his great contribution to the Newark community. Jim Hall was the City's first Parks and Recreation Director, an outdoorsman and a conservationist. He founded our Summer Playground and Rittenhouse Camp programs to share his love of nature with Newark's young people. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to youth who would otherwise be unable to participate in our activities and programs. For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at (302) 366-7000. All inquiries and application materials are strictly confidential.

WHAT IS THE ANDY DONOVAN SCHOLARSHIP?

Andy Donovan was born on April 15, 1983 in Newark, Delaware. As a member of the Newark Parks and Recreation basketball program, he was the personification of sportsmanship. Not only was he an elite athlete, Andy was caring, bright, and dedicated. Very often Andy would bypass achieving a personal milestone to help improve younger and less talented children around him. Andy passed away in January of 2012 and this scholarship was established in his memory and to his commitment to sportsmanship and to Newark Parks and Recreation youth programs. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to youth who would otherwise be unable to participate in our activities and programs. For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at (302) 366-7000. All inquiries and application materials are strictly confidential.

SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

If you have a suggestion or comment regarding the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, please let us know. You may contact the department by phone at (302) 366-7000, parksrec@newark.de.us, or by mail at 220 South Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

Creating a new account with Civic Rec.

1. Go to www.newarkde.gov/play.
2. Click the blue register today button.
3. On **desktop**, select log in, create an account in the top left. On **mobile**, select account in the top right & sign up.
4. Follow the prompts & input your account holder's information. To receive text alerts (i.e. cancellations, program changes, etc.) please indicate your mobile carrier next to your cell phone number.
5. Select other account members at the bottom right & input their information.
6. Select save new user and repeat as needed.
7. Select save & close.

Register with Civic Rec

1. Go to www.newarkde.gov/play
2. Click the blue register today button.
3. Create or sign in to your account.
4. Select Catalog.
5. Select the green activities tab.
6. Select a program by clicking on the title.
7. To register, click on the appropriate participant's name located to the right of the activity information.
8. Once participants is checked, select Add to Cart.
9. Click Checkout.
10. Fill in any prompts or waivers.
11. Add a Payment option.
12. Fill in applicable Payment information & click Add Payment.
13. Click Complete Transaction. Do **NOT** leave the screen until you get confirmation.

CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

HOW TO REGISTER

PROCESS & REFUNDS

REFUND POLICY

1. Registrants will receive a full refund if the program is cancelled by Newark Parks and Recreation.
2. If you are unable to attend an activity, contact us at least 24 hours prior to the program start time. You may choose one of the following options:
 - A. Credit your account for the amount paid (credit is valid for one year from the date of issue);
 - B. Transfer you to another activity.
 - C. Receive a refund for the amount paid, less a processing fee of \$10 or 10% of the program cost, whichever is greater.
3. If you are not satisfied with an activity, please contact us within 5 business days after the final class or meeting. We will offer to credit your account, transfer you to another program, or refund the amount paid less the applicable processing fee.
4. Credit card convenience fees are non-refundable.
5. Credits and refunds do not apply to trips, events and adult sports leagues.
6. Additional policies related to trips can be found in the trip section of your e-newsletter
7. Please allow 3 - 4 weeks for refund processing.

WAITING LIST

If an activity is full, you may ask to be added to the waiting list or register for the waiting list online. If additional sessions become available, individuals on the waiting list will be contacted first.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The City of Newark does not carry medical insurance for participants in City-sponsored activities or while using city parks or facilities.
2. Children may not accompany adults to programs specifically designated for adult participation.
3. Any participant found to have falsified registration information will be removed from the activity without refund refund will be issued.

HOW TO REGISTER

The Parks and Recreation Department has four easy ways to register. Registration forms will be processed in the order that they are received.

ONLINE

www.newarkde.gov/play

FAX

(302) 366-7169

WALK-IN

City of Newark Municipal Complex, First Floor.
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 220 South Main Street, Newark, DE 19711

BY MAIL

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

PLEASE MAKE MONEY ORDERS OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY OF NEWARK. WE ALSO ACCEPT DISCOVER, VISA AND MASTERCARD.

CONVENIENCE FEE

Your receipt will now include a 3% convenience fee to cover the rising cost of credit & debit card acceptance that we pay when cards are used. If you pay by cash, check, you will not be charged this fee.

CANCELLATIONS

Newark Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel an activity due to insufficient registration. In case of bad weather, call our Leisure Time Hot Line (302) 366-7147.

PLEASE NOTE: DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEERS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department is continuously in search of recreation leaders and instructors with special skills and interests, as well as seasonal park maintenance personnel. The department offers part-time temporary employment opportunities in a wide variety of program areas. We accept seasonal applications for the following positions:

LIFEGUARDS & SWIM INSTRUCTORS
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL STAFF
PARK MAINTENANCE
SOCCER INSTRUCTORS
TENNIS INSTRUCTORS
BASKETBALL INSTRUCTORS
BASKETBALL REFEREES
YOUTH & ADULT DANCE INSTRUCTORS
FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

In addition, if you have a special talent and would like to share it with others by instructing a class, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department. We're open to new and interesting ideas. Examples of instructional classes include handmade crafts, cooking, pottery, music, dance, tennis and hobbies. For additional information on our employment opportunities, call (302) 366-7000 or visit www.newarkde.gov/play.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department has many volunteer opportunities available to you! From teens through older adults, volunteers assist with special events, programs and summer camps, and are vital in taking care of our parks! More information, opportunities and volunteer applications are available online at www.newarkde.gov/play. We look forward to working with you.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the many people who volunteer their time and expertise to assist with special events, coach teams, lend a hand in community service, and assist in leading programs. Volunteers contribute toward making Newark a better community to live, learn, work and play.

YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE COACHES
OFFICE ASSISTANCE
COMMUNITY GARDENS
PARK & TRAIL MAINTENANCE
ADOPT-A-PARK / TRAIL

FALL EVENTS
National Day of Service
Community Day
Fall Community Clean Up
Halloween Parade / Trick or Treat Main Street
Halloween Party at GWC
Turkey Trot
Thanksgiving Day Breakfast
Snack with Santa / Santa's Secret Shoppe



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION **GEORGE WILSON CENTER** 303 NEW LONDON ROAD

Located at 303 New London Road (across from Clayton Hall), the GWC is Newark's best-kept secret as a multi-purpose meeting space. The Main Hall has a seating capacity of 150 people. Rec room 1 has a seating capacity of 20 people. Additional equipment is available for your unique needs, such as a big screen TV, DVD player, stage, podium, microphone and speaker. Food and refreshments are permitted; alcoholic beverages are prohibited. A kitchen is also available to keep your refreshments and meals at the optimum temperatures and to keep your rental room clutter free and clean.

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

ROOM	RENTAL RATE	RESIDENT DISCOUNT RATE
MAIN HALL	\$65 / HR	\$60 / HR
KITCHEN	\$45 / HR	\$40 / HR
REC ROOM 1	\$45 / HR	\$40 / HR

CONTACT

For more rental information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the George Wilson Center by telephone at (302) 366-7000 or by email at gwc@newark.de.us.

LONG TERM RATES

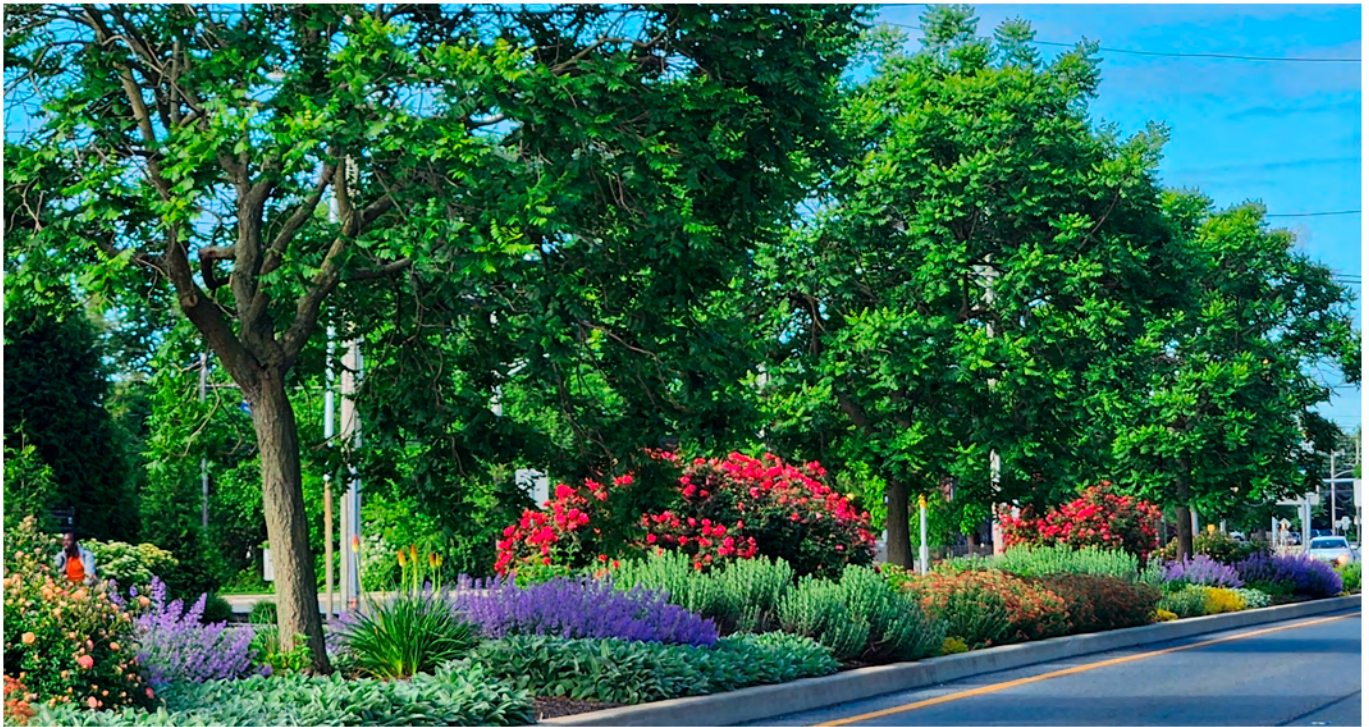
Long term rental rates are available for those who book six or more rental reservations within a six-month time frame.

RENTALS MUST BE RESERVED IN PERSON

A \$50 security deposit is due at time of reservation.

PLEASE NOTE

An online request is not guaranteed. You will receive confirmation during the pending status to determine if the facility is available and will accommodate your rental request.



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION
TRAFFIC ISLAND
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The City of Newark created its Traffic Island Beautification Program in 1978. Currently, more than 20 traffic island sites are planted with a variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers offering seasonal and year round beauty.

A key element in the success of this program has been the opportunity for local businesses, organizations and individuals to support the program by partially funding the City's island maintenance efforts. In recognition of their donations, a sign is placed at a beautification site, listing the contributor. For more information, please call the Recreation office at (302) 366-7000.





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ADOPT-A-PARK

CLEAN UP PROGRAM

The City of Newark has 19 miles of trails and 37 parks totaling over 700 acres of parkland. Newark's Parks and Recreation Department is offering local civic, social, school and family groups an opportunity for direct stewardship of our park, stream and trail areas. The Adoption program asks that your group pick up litter at the agreed upon park area at least one time each month. Trash bags will be provided. The Parks and Recreation Department can provide a list of parks or stream areas to select from. Other care or improvement options are possible, such as horticultural plantings or stream bank erosion protection. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or parksvolunteers@newark.de.us.

Coleman Park | Smith Family
 Coverdale Park | Raeanne Pierce
 Curtis Mill Park | Methvin Family
 Devon Park | Tim English & Family
 Dorothy Miller Park | Energy & Environmental Policy
 Student Association
 Edna Dickey Park | Pi Chapter of Lambda Kappa
 Omega
 Fairfield Crest Park | Conkey Family
 Fairfield Crest Connector Trail | Glenn Zelluk
 Folk Park | 4-H Kindness Matters Club
 George Wilson Park | UD Graduate Student
 Government
 Hidden Valley Park | Fruscella Family
 James F. Hall Trail | The College School
 Jerry Fickes Trail | Toole Family
 Karpinski Park | The Everhart Family & Friends

Kells Park | Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority
 & Bradley Family
 Leroy Hill Park | Pike Family
 Lewis Park | Bradley Family
 Lumbrook Park | Delaware School for the Deaf
 Margaret Allen Park | Mary Smedley
 Mason Dixon Trail | Wilmington Trail Club
 Newark Reservoir | Newark Morning Rotary Club
 Norma B. Handloff Park | Boy Scout Troop 56
 Olan Thomas Park | Troop 719 Girl Scouts of the
 Chesapeake Bay
 Phillips Park | Newark Center for Creative Learning
 Preston's Playground / parking area | Newark Morning
 Rotary Club
 Rahway Park | The Moss Family
 Redd Park | Raeanne Pierce
 Ridgewood Glen Park | The Everhart Family & Friends
 Rittenhouse Park | Gallaher Family & Bancroft Family
 Stafford Park | McBride Family



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION SCHOOL AGE CARE

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

DOWNES & WEST PARK ELEMENTARY

Our before and after-school programs provide children with enriching learning opportunities in a fun environment. They offer a wide range of activities, such as arts and crafts, indoor/outdoor play, games, homework help, and special projects. This program is exclusively for students from Downes and West Park Place Elementary Schools. Before-School Care starts at 7 a.m., and After-School Care concludes at 6 p.m.

Tuition fees for 2025-2026 will not increase. The \$25 enrollment fee secures your child's place in the program.

Before Care (Monthly)

Fee: \$185 RDF: \$175

After Care (Monthly)

Fee: \$270 RDF: \$260

If you register a child for both Before and After Care, you will be credited for one of the enrollment fees for that child. September tuition invoices will be issued soon after registration. Subsequent tuition invoices for each month are issued on or around the first of the previous month, with a late fee applied after the 15th. Payments are due one month in advance of attending. Starting on Day 1 (Sep. 2) is not guaranteed for those registering after Aug. 15. For the school year, there are 10 payments, with June's payment being roughly half of the full monthly rate. Purchase of Care is accepted: Downes Site ID 1710314200; West Park Place Site ID 1710437400.

The program follows the Christina School District calendar and does not operate on days schools are scheduled to be closed. Completion of the State of Delaware Office of Childcare Licensing information forms is mandatory before your child attends.

Enrollment Fee: \$25

Dates: Sep. 2 - June 10

Days: Mon. - Fri.

Before Care Hours: 7 - 8 a.m.

After Care Hours: 3 - 6 p.m.

Before Care - Downes

After Care - Downes

Activity #: 1317-2025-2026 **Activity #:** 1311-2025-2026

Before Care - West Park

After Care - West Park

Activity #: 1321-2025-2026 **Activity #:** 1320-2025-2026

NO SCHOOL! DAY OF PLAY!

A day off from school and adventure awaits! Join us for a fun-filled day of activities, games (both indoor and outdoor, weather permitting), and crafts, along with a possible field trip. Please note that field trip days may incur an additional cost. Remember to pack a lunch, drink, and snacks. This program is open to children currently enrolled in grades K-6.

Program hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with early drop-off available at 7:30 a.m. and late pickup until 5:30 p.m. Don't miss out! Registration closes at 5 p.m. one week prior to the program date. The schedule is subject to the Christina School District calendar.

Fee: \$90 RDF: \$70

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:
1319-305	Sep. 22	Monday
1319-315	Sep. 23	Tuesday
1319-325	Oct. 2	Thursday
1319-335	Oct. 3	Friday
	(CSD Remote Learning Day)	
1319-345	Oct. 10	Friday
1319-355	Nov. 10	Monday
1319-365	Nov. 11	Tuesday
1319-375	Nov. 24	Monday (Turkey Time)
1319-385	Nov. 25	Tuesday (Turkey Time)



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

SPORTS & AQUATICS

ADULT WINTER VOLLEYBALL

Get your team together and sign up! We offer two exciting divisions:

- Gender Blind B Division – Matches held on Wednesdays
- Gender Blind A/BB Division – Matches held on Thursdays

To register, submit your team request to the Recreation Office. When registering, please specify your preferred division. Returning teams from the previous season will receive priority placement. New teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows.

Key Dates & Details:

- League Play Begins: Week of November 12
- Season Ends: By early March
- Registration Deadline: September 29
- Manager Meeting: Scheduled for late October
- Deposit: \$50 required to hold your team's place
- Final Payment: Due by the manager meeting

For more information, contact Newark Parks & Recreation: parksrec@newark.de.us or (302) 366-7000

N.B.A. (NEWARK BASKETBALL IN ACTION)

AGES 18 & OVER

Looking for a great way to have fun and stay in shape for the fall? Join our drop-in basketball sessions. Teams are formed each day for informal games. All participants must register in advance

Activity #: 3630-305	Fee: \$62 RDF: \$50
Dates: Sep. 17 - Nov. 12	(No class 10/29)
Days: Wed.	Hours: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: Newark High	

TINY TOT SWIM

AGES 1 - 3

This parent & child swim class is designed for children ages 1 to 3 years old, providing a wonderful opportunity for you and your little one to bond while learning to swim! Each half-hour session is supervised by experienced instructors who will guide you through a series of fun and engaging exercises and activities. Our weekly routine focuses on teaching essential skills such as buoyancy, propulsion, and breath control, ensuring a positive and instructive experience for your child.

Activity #: 0635-305	Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18	
Days: Sat.	Hours: 8:30 – 9 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center	

Activity #: 0635-315	Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13	(No class 11/29)
Days: Sat.	Hours: 8:30 – 9 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center	

PARENT & CHILD SWIM LESSONS

AGES 4 - 5

This parent & child swim class is designed for children ages 4 to 5 years old, offering a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to bond while learning to swim! Each half-hour session is supervised by a specially trained instructor who will guide you through a series of enjoyable and educational exercises and activities. Our weekly routine focuses on teaching essential skills such as buoyancy, propulsion, and breath control, ensuring a fun and instructive experience for your child.

Activity #: 0635-325	Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18	
Days: Sat.	Hours: 9:15 - 9:45a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center	

Activity #: 0635-335	Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13	(No class 11/29)
Days: Sat.	Hours: 9:15 - 9:45a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center	

BEGINNER SWIM

AGES 6 - 12

In this introductory class, participants will learn essential water orientation skills, including blowing bubbles, bobs, submerging their mouth, nose, and eyes, floating and recovering, alternating arm action, supported kicking, and jumping. Please note that this is NOT a parent/child program; participants must be comfortable being away from their parent for the duration of the lesson.

Activity #: 0630-305 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

Activity #: 0630-315 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13 (No class 11/29)
Days: Sat. Hours: 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

ADVANCED BEGINNER SWIM

AGES 6 - 12

Participants will focus on developing fundamental aquatic skills and independently performing basic techniques, including bobs, floats, glides, flutter kicks, jumps, front and back crawls, body alignment, turning over, and body positioning. They will also begin working on rhythmic breathing. Prerequisites: Participants must be comfortable in the water and able to perform an assisted back float for 3-5 seconds.

Activity #: 1630-305 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

Activity #: 1630-315 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 – Dec. 13 (No class 11/29)
Days: Sat. Hours: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center



REGISTER

ONLINE

www.newarkde.gov/play

WALK IN & MAIL

Newark Parks & Recreation
220 S Main St, Newark, DE 19711
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE SWIM

AGES 6 - 12

Participants will focus on stroke development, including an introduction to deep water bobs, elementary backstroke, butterfly kick, body motion, and treading water. They will also work on improving their front and back crawl, glides, and rotary breathing. Prerequisites: Participants must be able to swim independently on their back and front for 5 yards and be comfortable in deeper water.

Activity #: 1636-305 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

Activity #: 1636-315 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13 (No class 11/29)
Days: Sat. Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

ADVANCED SWIM LESSONS

AGES 6 - 12

Participants will focus on stroke improvement, including an introduction to breaststroke, open turns, and flip turns. They can also expect to enhance their skills in front crawl with rotary breathing, back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke. Prerequisites: Participants must be able to swim one pool length using front crawl and backstroke.

Activity #: 1631-305 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

Activity #: 1631-315 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$95
Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 13 (No class 11/29)
Days: Sat. Hours: 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

BASIC INTRO TO ARCHERY

AGES 8 & OVER

CAROL PROTACK, NATIONAL CERTIFIED COACH

This introductory class will cover the fundamentals of archery. The beginning archer will learn safety rules, basic shooting techniques, and about the different types of bows. Longtime instructor and National Certified Coach Carol Protrack will teach bare-bow style—the simplest setup and the best way to learn. All equipment will be provided.

Activity #: 1652-305 Fee: \$110 RDF: \$95
Dates: Sep. 8 - 29
Days: Mon. Hours: 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
Location: New Castle 100 Archers

ADULT ARCHERY CLASS

AGES 18 & OVER

CAROL PROTACK, NATIONAL CERTIFIED COACH

This archery class is designed to introduce the sport of archery to adults. Participants will use state-of-the-art genesis bows as they learn the basics of archery. Longtime instructor and National Certified Coach Carol Protrack will teach safety, proper stance, and follow-through. You'll be hitting the bullseye in no time!

Activity #: 3654-305 Fee: \$115 RDF: \$100
Dates: Oct. 6 - 27
Days: Mon. Hours: 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
Location: New Castle 100 Archers

RESIDENT DISCOUNT FEE (RDF)

In recognizing that City of Newark residents support our department through their city taxes, the City offers residents a discounted fee. Non-residents will pay the regular fee for the programs.

TOTSICLES

AGES 2 - 5 WITH A PARENT

This Parent/Child program is designed for kids to explore the ice through games, toys, and play. Skate rental included but participants are welcome to try the first few classes in their own shoes/boots (with tread). Helmet required for children. Recommended to dress in layers. Try snow pants for the kids because they will get snowy. (1) adult per Tot permitted.

Activity #: 0632-305 Fee: \$110 RDF: \$95
Dates: Oct. 28 - Dec. 16
Days: Tue. Hours: 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Location: Patriot Ice Center

LEARN TO ICE SKATE

AGES 3 & OVER

Learn the FUNdamentals of ice skating. Classes are designed to help skaters of all ages develop the ABCs of movement – Agility, Balance, and Coordination. No experience required, age minimum 3 years old. Includes skate rental and skill progress report. Helmet recommended and protective gear is at the discretion of the skater. Instructors are Learn to Skate USA certified and compliant with U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe program. All skaters must register for a Learn to Skate USA membership prior to getting on the ice. This membership can be purchased at www.learntoskateusa.com.

AGES 3 & OVER

Activity #: 1642-305 Fee: \$155 RDF: \$150
Dates: Sep. 7 - Oct. 26 (No class 9/28)
Days: Sundays Hours: 11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Location: Patriot Ice Center
Public skating 12:30-2 p.m. included

AGES 3 & OVER

Activity #: 1642-315 Fee: \$155 RDF: \$150
Dates: Nov. 2 - Dec. 21 (No class 11/30)
Days: Sundays Hours: 11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Location: Patriot Ice Center
Public skating 12:30-2 p.m. included

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

GRADES 4 - 8

KEN CRANKER

Bump, set, spike—and grow your game! Join us for a fun and engaging outdoor volleyball clinic designed to teach youth the fundamentals of the sport. Participants will build both basic and advanced skills through drills, instruction, and teamwork—all leading up to real gameplay. Whether your child is new to volleyball or ready to level up their skills, this 5-week clinic with award-winning instructor Ken Cranker is a great way to get active, learn the game, and make new friends!

Activity #: 2602-305 Fee: \$98 RDF: \$83
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 11
Days: Sat. Hours: 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Downes Elementary School Field

ADULT VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

AGES 18 AND OVER

KEN CRANKER

Bump, set, spike—and elevate your game! Take your volleyball skills to the next level in this 5-week intermediate clinic focused on intermediate and advanced fundamentals. Designed for players with prior experience, each session will feature targeted instruction, skill-building drills, and team strategies to refine technique and boost performance. Whether you're aiming to sharpen your serve, improve court awareness, or become a stronger team player, this clinic with award-winning instructor Ken Cranker is your next step. Challenge yourself. Build confidence. Play smarter.

Activity #: 3602-305 Fee: \$120 RDF: \$104
Dates: Sep. 15 - Oct. 20 (No class 9/22)
Days: Mon. Hours: 8 - 9:30 p.m.
Location: West Park Elementary

TINY TOTS SOCCER

AGES 3 - 4

A great introduction to a sport your child will love! Fun drills and games are used to introduce and reinforce basic skills. We suggest all children wear shin guards. This is an instructional program, not a league.

Activity #: 0601-305 Fee: \$85 RDF: \$69
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Location: Handloff Park

LITTLE KICKERS

AGES 5 - 6

Each week, Little Kickers will enjoy 30 minutes of practice/instruction from coaches followed by a game. The number of participants registered will determine the number of teams. Two games may be played simultaneously on two fields or back-to-back on one field. Participants will be broken up in advance and find out which team they are on the first day. We are also looking for interested parents who are willing to assist in the practice/instruction with the teams and then be on the sidelines with the team during the games.

Activity #: 0662-305 Fee: \$95 RDF: \$75
Dates: Sep. 13 - Oct. 18
Days: Sat. Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Location: Handloff Park

YOUTH SOCCER

AGES 7 - 10

Join us for an exciting season of learning, teamwork, and fun! Our youth soccer program welcomes boys and girls to develop their skills, build friendships, and enjoy the game in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

The season kicks off Saturday, September 6, with weeknight practices starting the week of September 8. Most games are played on Saturdays, with occasional weeknight matchups depending on the number of teams.

- Everyone plays, no standings are kept, and there are no playoffs.
- Players must meet age requirements as of Nov. 1.
- Late registrations may not guarantee placement on a specific team.
- Shin guards are recommended for practices and required for games.

We are also seeking Volunteer Coaches! Coaches receive a 50% refund on one child's registration at season's end (limit two coaches per team).

Come be part of the action—soccer, smiles, and great memories await!

Activity #: 1662-305 Fee: \$110 RDF: \$100
Dates: Sep. 6 - Nov. 1
Days: Sat. Hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Kells Park

ADULT GOLF LESSONS

AGES 18 & OVER DEERFIELD GOLF CLUB STAFF

Join our group golf lessons for four weeks of learning the basic elements of the game including full swing on the driver and irons, chipping, putting and more! Space is limited, register early!

Activity #: 3646-305 Fee: \$225 RDF: \$200
Dates: Sep. 2 - 23
Days: Tue. Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club

PARENT & CHILD GOLF

AGES 7 - 17 DEERFIELD GOLF CLUB STAFF

Tee up with your 7 - 17 year old! If you're both beginners, you'll learn the basics together. If you're already a golfer, you can improve your game while your child gets a solid introduction to the sport. It's a great way to spend time together, get some exercise and have fun! Fee covers one child and one adult; please register the child only. Each additional family member is \$95.

Activity #: 1640-305 Fee: \$265 RDF: \$240
Dates: Sep. 30 - Oct. 21
Days: Tue. Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club

LIL SHREDDERS SKATEBOARDING CLASS

AGES 6 - 8

Calling all little adventurers ready to roll! This fun, beginner-friendly class introduces young children to the basics of skateboarding in a safe and playful environment.

Kids will learn skate safety, how to balance and push, and explore the skate park through age-appropriate games and activities. Our friendly instructors make learning fun and encourage every step of the way.

Parents are invited to join the fun—cheer from the sidelines or hop in and participate alongside your child!

Activity #: 1520-305 Fee: \$120 RDF: \$105
Dates: Sep. 10 - Oct. 8
Days: Wed. Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Handloff Park

GRINDERS SKATEBOARDING CLASS

AGES 9 - 12

Ready to ride? Whether you're just starting out or building your skills, Grinders is the perfect 5-week class for future rippers looking to roll with confidence.

Learn the essentials—pushing, turning, and cruising banked ramps—with hands-on instruction in a fun, supportive environment. You'll also get familiar with skateboarding gear, key terminology, and even pick up a few cool tricks along the way!

All skill levels welcome. Bring your board, your helmet, and your stoke—let's shred!

Activity #: 1521-305 Fee: \$120 RDF: \$105
Dates: Sep. 10 - Oct. 8
Days: Wed. Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Handloff Park



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Get in the game with our recreational youth basketball league! Designed for fun, skill-building, and teamwork, our program focuses on participation, sportsmanship, and player development in an encouraging environment.

Our recreational youth basketball program is all about participation, fun, sportsmanship, and skill development. Whether your child is new to the game or looking to grow as a player, our league provides a supportive and exciting environment to learn and compete.

Before the season starts, each league will hold Open Gym and Skills Sessions nights. These opportunities give players a chance to brush up on fundamentals and work on their game. They also help coaches get to know players and form balanced teams. All registered players are strongly encouraged to attend.

Program Timeline:

Jump Shot Skills Sessions (6 - 7 P.M.):

Thursdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13

Elementary Open Gyms (6 - 7 P.M.):

Mondays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3

Elementary Skills Session (6 - 7 P.M.):

Wed., Nov. 12

Junior Open Gyms (6 - 7 P.M.):

Thursdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6

Junior Skills Session (6 - 7 P.M.):

Thursdays, Nov. 13

Team Practices Begin: Week of December 1

Games Played: From mid-December through early March

Sessions: Each team will practice or play twice a week.

Locations:

Jump Shot League: West Park Place; some practices may be scheduled at Downes

Elementary & Junior Leagues: Newark High; some practices may be scheduled at Downes

Volunteer Opportunities: We rely on dedicated volunteer coaches and referees to keep the season running smoothly. All coaches receive 50% off one child's registration. Limit two coaches per team. Refund/credit processed at season's end. Employment opportunities are also available for referees, gym supervisors and scorekeepers. Contact us at parksrec@newark.de.us for more information. Help your child grow on and off the court-register today and be part of something special this basketball season.

JUMP SHOT BASKETBALL - 2ND & 3RD graders *Games held Tue. / Thu.*

Activity #: 1667-305 Fee: \$120 RDF: \$105
Dates: Oct. 28 - Feb. 26
Days: Tue. / Thu. Hours: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: West Park Place & Downes Elementary

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL - 4TH & 5TH graders *Games held Mon. / Wed. / Fri.*

Activity #: 1655-305 Fee: \$130 RDF: \$110
Dates: Oct. 27 - Mar. 6
Days: Mon. / Wed. / Fri. Hours: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: Newark High School

JUNIOR BASKETBALL - 6TH - 8TH graders *Games held Tue. / Thu.*

Activity #: 2655-305 Fee: \$150 RDF: \$130
Dates: Oct. 30 - Mar. 5
Days: Tue. / Thu. Hours: 6 - 9 p.m.
Location: Newark High School



TENNIS LESSONS

Grab your racquet for the sport of a lifetime! How many other sports can be played by anyone at any age, at any time of year, and anywhere in the world? Whether you're new to tennis or have played for years – we invite you to enjoy the game with us and other tennis lovers. Lessons focus on basic tennis techniques and skill development, with objectives tailored to teach participants new skills appropriate to their level of play while improving existing ones. Bring your own racquet or borrow one of our youth-sized racquets. Participants should wear tennis shoes and bring water to class. Tennis balls will be provided.

ADULT SESSIONS

Ages: 16 & over Fee: \$125 RDF: \$110 Hours: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Beginner & Advanced Beginner

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Location:	Instructor:
3633-305	Sep. 14 – Oct. 19	Sun.	Handloff Park	Neil McNair Jr.
3633-315	Sep. 17 - Oct. 22	Wed.	Fairfield Park	Neil McNair Jr.

Intermediate & Advanced

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Location:	Instructor:
3635-305	Sep. 15 - Oct. 20	Mon.	Handloff Park	Richard Price

YOUTH SESSIONS

Ages 11 - 15 Fee: \$125 RDF: \$110 Hours: 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Youth Beginner & Advanced Beginner

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Location:	Instructor:
1633-305	Sep. 14 - Oct 19	Sun.	Handloff Park	Neil McNair Jr.
1633-315	Sep. 17 - Oct. 22	Wed.	Fairfield Park	Neil McNair Jr.

Youth Intermediate & Advanced

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Location:	Instructor:
1635-305	Sep. 15 - Oct. 20	Mon.	Handloff Park	Richard Price

ADULT RED BALL TENNIS



Red Ball Tennis drops the pressure and dials up the fun of the classic game we all love. Whether you're new to tennis, returning after a break, or just looking to get active, Red Ball makes it easy to jump in. With a larger, softer red ball and smaller court dimensions, it's all about high-energy play without formal courts or strict rules. This is a fantastic opportunity to try tennis with one of our instructors and see if you'd like to register for a fall lesson. Please pre-register!

Ages:	Activity #:	Fee:	Dates:	Days:	Time:	Location:
16 & over	3633-305	FREE	Sep. 10	Wed.	7 - 8 p.m.	Handloff Park

TEN & UNDER TENNIS

It's a whole new ballgame for kids' tennis! With equipment and courts designed to meet their needs and abilities, children will feel confident as soon as they pick up a racquet. Lessons will be engaging and taught in a playful manner, ensuring a fun experience for all. Racquets will be provided, and children should wear sneakers and bring water to stay hydrated.

Ages 5 - 7

Fee: \$115 RDF: \$99
Hours: 6 - 6:45 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:
1653-305	Sep. 16 - Oct. 21	Tue.
1653-315	Sep. 18 - Oct. 23	Thu.

Ages 8 - 10

Fee: \$115 RDF: \$99
Hours: 7 - 8 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:
1653-325	Sep. 16 - Oct. 21	Tue.
1653-335	Sep. 18 - Oct. 23	Thu.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

AGES 6 - 11

This program is designed for Downes Elementary students to walk to Handloff Park right after school. An instructor will meet students at Downes and accompany them to the park. Students who do not attend Downes are also welcome to participate but must be dropped off at Handloff Park at 3:15 p.m.

With equipment and courts tailored to their needs and abilities, kids will feel confident as soon as they pick up a racquet. Lessons will be engaging and taught in a playful manner. Racquets will be provided, and children should wear sneakers and bring water to stay hydrated.

Please note that the program will not meet on rainy days. In cases of inclement weather, the Leisure Time Hotline will be updated by 2 p.m. For updates, please call (302) 366-7147.

Activity #: 1653-345
Dates: Sep. 17 - Oct. 22
Days: Wed.
Location: Handloff Park

Fee: \$115 RDF: \$99
Hours: 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

PICKLEBALL: BEGINNER: MASTERING THE FUNDAMENTALS

AGES 18 & OVER

RICHARD PRICE

This beginner class is ideal for newcomers and those with some experience who want to build a strong foundation in pickleball. You'll start with the basics, learning essential rules, etiquette, and equipment. As you progress, you'll practice fundamental skills such as grip, strokes, and court positioning. The class will also emphasize consistency, basic techniques, and strategies, featuring drills designed to refine your game. By the end of the course, you'll have a solid understanding of pickleball fundamentals and the confidence to play effectively on the court.

Fee: \$75 RDF: \$60
Location: George Wilson Park

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Time:
3651-305	Sep. 16 - 30	Tue.	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
3651-315	Sep. 18 - Oct. 2	Thu.	12 - 1:30 p.m.
3651-325	Oct. 7 - 21	Tue.	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
3651-335	Oct. 9 - 23	Thu.	12 - 1:30 p.m.

PICKLEBALL: INTERMEDIATE: SKILLS & STRATEGY

AGES 18 & OVER

RICHARD PRICE

This intermediate class is designed for players who have a solid understanding of the basics and are eager to elevate their game. You'll explore advanced strokes and strategic play, focusing on enhancing your court awareness, positioning, and shot selection. By the end of the course, you'll adopt a more sophisticated approach to pickleball, equipped with the skills and strategies needed to compete at a higher level.

Fee: \$75 RDF: \$60
Location: George Wilson Park

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Time:
3652-305	Sep. 16 - 30	Tue.	12 - 1:30 p.m.
3652-315	Sep. 18 - Oct. 2	Thu.	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
3652-325	Oct. 7 - 21	Tue.	12 - 1:30 p.m.
3652-335	Oct. 9 - 23	Thu.	10:15 - 11:45 a.m.





CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

FITNESS PROGRAMS

STAY FIT

AGES 18 & OVER

CAROLE WALSH

A program of strength training and low impact aerobics, this upbeat and fun class will help you build and maintain muscle tone and improve cardiovascular fitness. All routines are created by a well-qualified instructor using familiar music, and adaptable to all levels of fitness. Please bring an exercise mat and a pair of hand weights.

Days: Tue. & Thu.

Hours: 10 - 11 a.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee: \$85 RDF: \$67
3620-305	Sep. 11 - Oct. 14	
3620-325	Oct. 23 - Nov. 25	
3620-345	Dec. 4 - Jan. 15 (No class 12/25, 12/30, 1/1)	

5 Class option:	Fee: \$49 RDF: \$34
3620-315	Sep. 11 - Oct. 14
3620-335	Oct. 23 - Nov. 25
3620-355	Dec. 4 - Jan. 15 (No class 12/25, 12/30, 1/1)

FOUNDATIONS OF YOGA

AGES 12 & OVER

REBECCA NORTHPROP

Learn to find ease in your body, mind, and spirit. This class is both for brand new beginners and those wanting to refine and get back to basics. We'll lay a foundation of accessible, straightforward practices: asana (physical poses), pranayama (breath work), and meditation. The ability to safely move yourself on and off of the floor is needed for this class. Please bring a yoga mat. Rebecca is a deeply experienced yoga teacher in her 23rd year of teaching who is devoted to her personal practice and to leading welcoming and accessible classes with individualized instruction. Questions? Email: rebecca@rebeccafayeyoga.com.

Days: Wed.

Hours: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center (Dance Room)

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee: \$75 RDF: \$65
3520-305	Sep. 10 - Oct. 29 (No class 9/24, 10/22)	
3520-315	Nov. 5 - Dec. 17 (No class 11/26)	

GENTLE VINYASA YOGA

AGES 16 & OVER

VALERIE LANE

We will start with breath work, followed by sun salutations, asanas, vinyasa flows, and closing postures. Modifications will be given throughout practice, and props are welcome. This class is for all levels.

Days: Tue.

Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee: \$75 RDF: \$65
3523-305	Sep. 9 - Oct. 7	
3523-315	Oct. 14 - Nov. 11	
3523-315	Nov. 18 - Dec. 16	

AUTHENTIC YOGA WITH MEETA

AGES 18 & OVER

MEETA GAJJAR PARKER

The ancient practice of yoga is a combination of exercises, breathing and meditation techniques. It has long been an effective way of relieving emotional stress, stretching and toning the body and connecting with yourself. It energizes and refreshes, improves circulation and promotes mental clarity and concentration. Meeta is the daughter of the late Bharat J. Gajjar who brought yoga to Delaware in the 60's. In an effort to accommodate all of our students in a safe and comfortable environment, we will offer Authentic Yoga with Meeta via Zoom. From the comfort of your own home, office, or back yard, you will be able to join the class via the information sent to you prior to the start of class on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Instructors will include a supply list in the message with the meeting code and password. Please have all supplies ready for the start of each class. Prorated fees are not available.

Days: Wed.

Hours: 7 - 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee: \$76 RDF: \$57
3525-305	Sep. 3 - Oct. 1	
3525-315	Oct. 8 - Nov. 19 (No class 10/15 & 10/29)	

YOGA FOR STRESS

AGES 18 & OVER

VALERIE LANE

If you find yourself saying, "I need to de-stress!", this yoga class is for you! Through gentle warm up, warrior poses, vinyasa flow, restorative postures and moving meditation, this class will allow you to escape from daily life and enjoy time on your yoga mat. Relaxing music is played and the lights are dimmed to create an ambiance of serenity. If you are new to yoga or a seasoned yogi, this class will accommodate all levels. Props such as blocks, straps, blankets and bean bags are welcome, but not required. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Zoom option is available for this class. Participants will be sent a link prior to the session beginning.

Days: Thu.

Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee:
3508-305	Sep. 4 - Oct. 9	\$93 RDF: \$78 6 classes
3508-315	Oct. 30 - Dec. 18 (No class 11/27)	\$105 RDF: \$90 7 classes

FIT AND FUN WITH LAUREN

ALL AGES

Come join us for a fun and exciting way to boost you up and put a pep in your step! This low to medium impact fitness class will invigorate your mind, body, and spirit, using music from all genres and styles. Whether your goal is to boost your cardio, stretching to gain more flexibility, or muscle toning, try something new and come for a good time!

Days: Mon.

Hours: 2 - 3 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	Fee: \$132 RDF: \$115
3628-305	Sep. 8 - Oct. 27 (No class 9/22)	
3628-315	Nov. 3 - Dec. 15 (No class 11/24)	

FRIDAY MORNING YOGA

AGES 18 & OVER

ERIN DETWILER

Join a therapeutic yoga class that focuses on breathing and movements to help you function at your best, physically, and mentally. Natural movements are used to gain and maintain mobility for basic daily activities and to relieve tension and pain in the body. Erin, your instructor, has a Master of Science in Yoga Therapy and she enjoys helping individualize the practice of yoga to meet each student's needs. Participants should be able to transition on and off the floor. Please bring your own mat, a blanket or towel, and wear flexible clothing. Other props (straps & blocks) are provided by the instructor.

Days: Thu.

Hours: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #:	Dates:	
3522-305	Sept. 5 - Nov. 7 (No class 9/26, 10/24)	\$105 RDF: \$90 8 classes
3522-315	Nov. 14 - Dec. 19 (No class 11/28)	\$70 RDF: \$60 6 classes

ZUMBINI

AGES INFANT-5

GABRIELLE VELEKEI

Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills and emotional development for children ages infant-5, all while creating the ultimate bonding experience for families. Throughout the six-week program, your child will use instrument props as well as their body to fully immerse themselves in the individualistic music of Zumbini. Immerse yourself in 45 minutes of can't stop, won't stop bonding, learning and fun! Reach out about single class/try it options!

Activity #: 0350-305

Dates: Nov. 1 - Dec. 20

Days: Sat.

Location: George Wilson Center

Fee: \$220 RDF: \$198

(No class 12/6)

Hours: 9 - 9:45 a.m.

RESIDENT DISCOUNT FEE (RDF)

In recognizing that City of Newark residents support our department through their city taxes, the City offers residents a discounted fee. Non-residents will pay the regular fee for the programs.



CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE | PRE BALLET

AGES 4 – 7

ZOE READ

Young children love music and dance! Enhance your child's sense of rhythm and coordination with this beginner dance program. Through creative movement exercises set to music, your child will learn creativity, motor control, balance, and self-confidence all while having a blast! Required attire: Any color leotard, tights, and ballet shoes.

Activity #: 0010-305 Fee: \$95 RDF: \$80
Dates: Sep. 25 - Dec. 18 Days: Thu.
(No class 10/2, 10/23, 11/27) Hours: 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

DANCE | WORLD CULTURE

AGES 6 - 9

ZOE READ

Enhance your child's dance experience and appreciation of dance culture with this Egyptian folklore course! Egyptian folk dance is deeply rooted in tradition and represents the diverse communities of the country. Each region (and era) of the country has its own unique music and dance style. In this class, students will learn a couple folk dance genres, and strengthen their characterization and expression, rhythm and technique. Attire: Any color leotard, and dance shorts or leggings. Bare feet.

Activity #: 1014-305 Fee: \$150 RDF: \$135
Dates: Sep. 25 - Dec. 18 Days: Thu.
(No class 10/2, 10/23, 11/27) Hours: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

DANCE | BALLET

AGES 7 - 10

ZOE READ

This ballet class will help children develop their grace and elegance as dancers, focusing on beginner to intermediate ballet techniques. Through a well-balanced, progressive curriculum, students will develop technique and skill safely, while gaining self-confidence and discipline. Increasingly complex barre and center exercises are taught and jumps and turns are developed to increase strength. Attire: black leotard, tights, and ballet shoes.

Activity #: 1012-305 Fee: \$150 RDF: \$135
Dates: Sep. 25 - Dec. 18 Days: Thu.
(No class 10/2, 10/23, 11/27) Hours: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center



CURTAIN'S UP THEATER - ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

AGES 8 - 14

RACHEL BARTON

Our popular stage performance program gives the opportunity to perform a classic children's play on stage while learning the acting skills and techniques for a believable performance. This Fall we proudly present the popular classic "Anne of Green Gables", the story of Anne Shirley, an imaginative orphan who is mistakenly sent to live with Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert at their farm, Green Gables, on Prince Edward Island. Initially intending to adopt a boy, Anne's arrival brings unexpected joy and challenges. Student actors will explore developing characters, scenes, and interact with others as well as learn projection and stage movement while developing self-confidence and positive interaction. A fully scripted stage performance will be given for family and friends on Friday, Nov 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Activity #: 1074-305

Fee: \$180 RDF: \$165

Dates: Sep. 26 - Nov. 21

(No class 10/31)

Days: Fri.

Hours: 4:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Location: George Wilson Center



AFTER SCHOOL THEATER

AGES 8 & OVER

RACHEL BARTON

Is your child bursting with creativity and imagination? Do they love to tell stories and explore new worlds? Then this fun acting program is the perfect class where they can explore the exciting world of improvisation where creativity and spontaneity come alive each week. Learn how to think quickly, develop listening skills, work as a team through positive interaction, develop characters and relationships, and act unscripted. Each week students will participate in fun theater games to develop these skills and create comedy sketches and skits. Come laugh each week in this fun afterschool program.

Activity #: 1074-315

Fee: \$180 RDF: \$165

Dates: Sep. 15 - Dec. 15

(No class 9/22, 11/10, 11/24)

Days: Mon.

Hours: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Downes Elementary



REGISTER

ONLINE

www.newarkde.gov/play

WALK IN & MAIL

Newark Parks & Recreation
220 S Main St, Newark, DE 19711
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

OPEN POTTERY STUDIO

AGES 18 & OVER

The Open Pottery Studio is a time for those to challenge their creativity and explore different styles of creating pottery. Participants must currently be enrolled in classes offered at the George Wilson Center and work independently. This time may also be used to complete a piece of work that you may need some time on from a class!

Activity #: 3122-305 Fee: \$80 RDF: \$64
Dates: Sep. 16 - Oct. 21
Days: Tue. Hours: 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

ADULT POTTERY

AGES 18 & OVER

HANNAH JACOBSON

All students will learn a variety of hand building and wheel techniques commonly used in ceramics to create pinch pots, coil pots, and slab building with low fire earthenware clay. Students will be creating pieces that are both sculptural and functional. All glazes are safe for dishware. Wearing old clothing, along with an apron is recommended. All clay, tools, kiln firings, and instruction are included in the price.

Activity #: 3120-305 Fee: \$194 RDF: \$172
Dates: Sep. 10 - Oct. 15
Days: Wed. Hours: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #: 3120-315 Fee: \$194 RDF: \$172
Dates: Oct. 29 - Dec. 10 (No class 11/26)
Days: Wed. Hours: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

POTTERY WHEEL - ALL LEVELS

AGES 18 & OVER

KELLY CROUCH

This 3-hour class introduces students to the pottery wheel. Students will learn to wedge, center, throw, trim, and alter various sizes of shapes and pots. Students will be creating pieces that are both sculptural and functional. Previous clay experience preferred. All glazes are safe for dishware. Wearing old clothing, along with an apron is recommended. All clay, tools, kiln firings, and instruction are included in the price.

Activity #: 3121-305 Fee: \$231 RDF: \$208
Dates: Sep. 11 - Oct. 16
Days: Thu. Hours: 6 - 9 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #: 3121-315 Fee: \$231 RDF: \$208
Dates: Oct. 30 - Dec. 11 (No class 11/27)
Days: Thu. Hours: 6 - 9 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

HOMESCHOOL POTTERY

AGES 7 -12

HANNAH JACOBSON

Hand building with clay and working on the potter's wheel will be taught. Students can then explore their area of interest. Returning students may continue at their own pace. Clay, glazes and firings included.

Activity #: 2120-305 Fee: \$130 RDF: \$110
Dates: Sep. 8 - Oct. 27
Days: Mon. Hours: 9 - 10:45 a.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

HOMESCHOOL COOK & PLAY

AGES 7 -12

DANIELLE MEDINA

Join us for Cook N Play's exciting hands-on cooking class that takes young chefs on a global culinary journey! Kids will explore the cultural history behind the recipes, practice measuring math, and discover how to plate their food like edible art. Each week, we'll dive into healthy, plant-powered recipes that are as delicious as they are beautiful—while learning the basics of kitchen safety, teamwork, and nutrition science.

Cook N Play has a playful and educational approach to blending nutrition education, creativity, and movement with hands-on cooking.

In every class, children will:

- Travel the world through food with fun culinary stories
- Practice math skills while measuring ingredients
- Learn to build balanced, plant-powered meals
- Plate food like chefs and artists
- Take home recipe handouts to try with their families
- Connect movement and wellness with short mindful activities

Activity #: 1304-305 Fee: \$250 RDF: \$225
Dates: Sep. 8 - Oct. 27
Days: Mon. Hours: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center





CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL INTEREST

FISHING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS

ALL AGES

Enjoy an evening of fishing with first responders at Hillside Park! Prepackaged snacks will be available. Limited number of fishing poles and bait will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing pole, chair, bait and a picnic to enjoy while fishing. This event provides an opportunity for the community to spend quality time and ask questions in a relaxed setting. It also gives an opportunity for police officers to get to know the community. The program is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required by 12 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled program.

Activity #: 3605-305 Fee: FREE
Dates: Sep. 12
Days: Fri. Hours: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: Hillside Park

MIGRATORY BIRD WALK

AGES 12 & OVER

SHEILA SMITH

Join Delaware Master Naturalist Sheila Smith at Phillips Park for a Birds and Wildflowers Walk. This spot offers a look at a unique urban woodland with surprising diversity of habitat and plant life. Binoculars are encouraged but not required. The trail can be wet. Wear suitable shoes. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on the previous business day. Park in the Phillips Park parking lot and meet at the Hall Trail on Apple Rd. In case of inclement weather please call the Leisure Time Hotline at (302) 366-7147 after 7 a.m. for program cancellation information.

Activity #: 3420-305 Fee: FREE
Dates: Sep. 13 (Rain Date: Sep. 14)
Days: Sat. Hours: 8 - 10 a.m.
Location: Phillips Park

CPR / AED & FIRST AID

AGES 12 & OVER

PATTI REYNOLDS

Learn to recognize and respond confidently to cardiac and breathing emergencies. This essential, hands-on course teaches participants how to provide immediate care for someone who is suddenly ill or injured—until professional help arrives. Participants will gain practical skills in CPR and AED use for adults. Infant/Child CPR can be included for those who require it. Whether for work, volunteering, or personal preparedness, this course equips you with life-saving skills that truly make a difference.

CPR ONLY

Activity #: 3332-305 Fee: \$105 RDF: \$90
Dates: Oct. 5
Days: Sun. Hours: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

CPR/AED & FIRST AID

Activity #: 3332-315 Fee: \$135 RDF: \$121
Dates: Oct. 5
Days: Sun. Hours: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center



CHess CLUB

GRADES 1-5

RICHARD PRICE

Unlock your child's full potential through the power of chess! Chess Club makes learning the game fun, exciting, and rewarding. Kids will explore essential chess tactics and strategies while building valuable life skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and good sportsmanship. Our 4-week program also introduces students to chess tournament clocks, helping them develop strong time-management skills. But it's not just about the game—it's about growing confident, focused, and resilient thinkers. Whether your child is new to chess or looking to sharpen their skills, everyone wins at Chess Club. Leading the program is Richard Price, a dedicated coach with over 10 years of experience teaching children. Coach Richard believes that the mindset built through chess equips kids to compete not just in games, but in life. Come make your next move with us—because learning chess is not only smart, it's a lot of fun!

Hours: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:	Location:
FEE: \$89 RDF: \$75			
1380-315	Sep. 10 - Oct. 1	Wed.	Newark Senior Center
1380-325	Oct. 8 - Nov. 5	Wed.	Newark Senior Center (No class 10/22)
1380-335	Nov. 12 - Dec. 10	Wed.	Newark Senior Center (No class 11/26)



SECOND SATURDAY TOUR OF NEWARK'S EAST END

ALL AGES

DR. JIM JONES

When the 18th century village of Newark began to grow, it filled in along Main Street between Chapel Street and New London Road. Then the Pomeroy railroad arrived, and development shifted east. Join Dr. Jim Jones for a one-hour walking tour that includes the home of Newark's richest industrialist, its oldest business, and the sight of its biggest accident, plus tales of water systems, traffic flow and other efforts to adapt to the effects of industrialization. All routes are ADA accessible and cover approximately 0.5 miles. This is a rain or shine event, free and open to the public. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required for this event.

Activity #: 3414-305

Fee: FREE

Dates: Sep. 13

Days: Sat.

Hours: 10 - 11 a.m.

Location: Pomeroy Trail Pavilion on the north side of E. Main Street (next to Trek Bicycles)

GHOST TOURS OF NEWARK

ALL AGES

NEWARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY GUIDES

Historical walking tours typically focus on old buildings and how they got there, but in October volunteers from the Newark Historical Society will show you where "the bodies are buried" in Newark. Join us for a one hour, family friendly (but spooky) tour full of stories about the spirits of people who frequent the dark spaces in downtown Newark. These tours are offered in partnership with the Newark Historical Society. All routes are ADA accessible and cover approximately 0.5 miles. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Preregistration is required for this event. This is a rain or shine event.

Fee: \$8 RDF: \$5

Hours: 7 - 8 p.m.

Location: Tours will begin at the steps in front of Munroe Hall (48 W. Delaware Ave.) between the UD parking garage and Delaware Avenue.

Activity #:	Dates:	Days:
3417-305	Oct. 29	Wed.
3417-315	Oct. 30	Thu.

RAISING PRIMARIES

SEEDLINGS (6-18 MONTHS WITH A PARENT)

Give your little one the gift of nature from the very start! Our Seedlings program is designed for babies and toddlers ages 6–18 months and their caregivers, blending gentle sensory exploration with the joy of community. The season runs for 9 weeks.

What we'll do each week:

Sensory nature play to engage the senses and spark curiosity. Finger plays & seasonal songs to boost early language development. Activities that support brain growth, coordination, and social skills. Connection time for mothers and caregivers to share and support each other.

Classes are held rain or shine (provided it is safe to do so). We encourage dressing for the weather and embracing the season!

Parents are required to stay with their children for the duration of each class.

Days: Friday

Hours: 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Location: Hillside Park

9 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$273 RDF: \$247

Activity #: 0510-305 Sep. 12 - Nov. 14

6 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$185 RDF: \$165

Activity #: 0510-315 Sep. 12 - Oct. 24

3 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$98 RDF: \$82

Activity #: 0510-325 Sep. 12 - 26
Activity #: 0510-335 Oct. 3 - 24
Activity #: 0510-345 Oct. 31 - Nov. 14

SPROUT SCOUTS (18 MONTHS - 8 YEARS)

This fall, we're celebrating "Roots & Wings"! A season of growing strong inside and out — tending our bodies, minds, and hearts as we welcome the golden days of fall. Our Sprout Scouts program combines nature play, seasonal rhythms, and social-emotional learning in a warm, Waldorf-inspired environment. The season runs for 9 weeks. Each class includes:

Nature-based movement & sensory play, seasonal crafts and activities, storytelling, songs, and community building, and focus on emotional awareness + regulation in the great outdoors.

Classes are held rain or shine (as long as it is safe to do so). We encourage dressing for the weather and embracing the season!

Parents are required to stay with their children for the duration of each class.

Days: Friday

Hours: 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location: Hillside Park

9 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$301 RDF: \$273

Activity #: 0511-305 Sep. 12 - Nov. 14

6 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$207 RDF: \$185

Activity #: 0511-315 Sep. 12 - Oct. 24

3 CLASS OPTION: Fee: \$120 RDF: \$103

Activity #: 0511-325 Sep. 12 - 26
Activity #: 0511-335 Oct. 3 - 24
Activity #: 0511-345 Oct. 31 - Nov. 14



WEATHER?

For updates on activity cancellations call the leisure time hotline **(302) 366-7147.**

ENJOY THE HARVEST! HOW TO EAT LOCAL ALL YEAR

ALL AGES

REBECCA NORTHROP

Join Rebecca Northrop of Flying Plow Farm for an engaging discussion and local food tasting event. Explore the rich diversity of foods grown, raised, and produced in our area. The event will cover the seasonality and availability of fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, and meats. Discover the many benefits of eating local foods and learn everything you need to know about becoming a locavore

Activity #: 1411-305 Fee: \$20 RDF: \$10
Dates: Sep. 25
Days: Thu. Hours: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Newark Senior Center

THANKSGIVING PIES

AGES 12 & UP

REBECCA NORTHROP

Intimidated by pie crust? Don't be! Together we will make a pie with local apples that you can take home and bake. We will also have some pie already made so we can sample! Learn how to choose the right fat and flour for the pie of your dreams (including vegan options without palm oil) and ditch the store-bought crust with questionable ingredients. We will also explore how to source locally grown and produced pie ingredients, including locally grown and milled flours. This class is taught by Rebecca Northrop of Flying Plow Farm.

Activity #: 1411-315 Fee: \$37 RDF: \$23
Dates: Nov. 22
Days: Sat. Hours: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

KARATE - GOJU SELF DEFENSE

AGES 12 & OVER

MASTER PETE CLAUDIO

Reach your physical fitness goals while empowering yourself with self-defense techniques including kicking, punching and take downs. This class is taught by Master Pete Claudio with over 30 years experience in the traditional Goju Senkotiros program. This 6-week program will be an excellent form of cardio and strength training while helping master balance, power and flexibility for male and female participants. No experience necessary, all levels welcome.

Activity #: 3323-305 Fee: \$175 RDF: \$150
Dates: Sep. 22 - Oct. 29
Days: Mon. & Wed. Hours: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #: 3323-315 Fee: \$175 RDF: \$150
Dates: Nov. 3 - Dec. 15 (No class 11/26)
Days: Mon. & Wed. Hours: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

COCOA & CONSTELLATIONS

ALL AGES

DELAWARE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Join members of the Delaware Astronomical Society for a tour of the fall night sky atop the Newark Reservoir. We will be pointing out different constellations and discuss how those objects move through the sky. Jupiter and Saturn will be gracing the night sky as well! We will also keep our eyes open for satellites and meteors.

We will have members from the DAS working the telescopes, so there will be plenty to see!

Activity #: 3502-305 Fee: FREE
Dates: Nov. 21
Days: Fri. Hours: 7:30 - 10 p.m.
Location: Newark Reservoir

FREEBIRD CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP SIP & POUR: A COZY CANDLE-MAKING EXPERIENCE

AGES 18 & OVER

SONJI HUBBARD

Create your own custom fall scented candle while enjoying great vibes and fall-themed refreshments and hot drinks. No previous experience required, just bring your curiosity and creativity! First, we pour the wax as you sip on a warm fall beverage. This is not your average candle making class! You will have a fun experience that's a total vibe! The experience lasts for about 1.5 hours, and you leave with two of your very own unique candles! This event is a great idea for a date, girls/guys get together, team building and self care. Seating is limited.

Activity #: 3279-315 Fee: \$55 RDF: \$45
Dates: Sep. 20
Days: Sat. Hours: 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

Activity #: 3279-325 Fee: \$55 RDF: \$45
Dates: Oct. 25
Days: Sat. Hours: 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center



NYC BUS TRIP

**Sat.
Dec. 6
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
\$79 RDF: \$69**

Enjoy the holiday season 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.

1. Register at www.newarkde.gov/play or in the office. No phone registrations will be accepted.

2. Trips will depart from the City Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street and will assemble in the rear parking lot.

3. You will be dropped off near Radio City Music Hall.

4. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

6. Refunds cannot be given unless seats can be resold.



Socials

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Website

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CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Vendor Packages for Community Day are now available. Please call 302-366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us for more information. Packages are available on the City of Newark web site:

www.newarkde.gov/play

These programs are 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. For additional information on arts activities in Delaware Division of the Arts web site: www.artsdel.org

Anyone interested in performing at the 2025 Parks and Recreation events, including Community Day and Winterfest are asked to submit a demo (CD or electronic link) and a letter of interest.

Email: kwheatley@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.

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

THURSDAY, SEP. 11

9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

OLAN THOMAS PARK

Patriot Day is Thursday, September 11. Join the City of Newark in volunteering at Olan Thomas Park in honor of this day. 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. There will also be lots of information on how to sign up for our Fall Volunteer Opportunities! For additional information or to register, please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.



COMMUNITY DAY

SUNDAY, SEP. 21
RAIN DATE SEP. 28
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
UD GREEN FROM MEMORIAL HALL TO DELAWARE AVENUE

The City of Newark's Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the University of Delaware, and the Christina School District present the area's premier fall festival on Sunday, September 21. This exciting event features fun for the entire family.

The Green provides the perfect outdoor venue for local musicians and demonstration groups. A food court will have a variety of foods. Fine Art and Homemade Craft vendors will be displaying and selling their creations. The Children's Area is always a big hit with Scarecrow Making and more. Community Information booths and activities are supplied by a variety of local businesses and organizations.

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in the heat and crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home.

This event is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.

Vendor packages are available at www.newarkde.gov/play. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

PARKS ON DRAFT

SATURDAY, SEP. 13
5 - 8 P.M.
NORMA B. HANDLOFF PARK

One of fall's biggest treats is back! Parks on Draft will kick off September 12 at Norma B. Handloff Park featuring Deer Park Tavern and music by Charrity and John. The event is open to all ages, 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!

FEE: FREE to enter (food & beverage purchases at vendor's price)

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, OCT. 11
9 - 11 A.M.
NEWARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Grab your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and help keep Newark beautiful. Join us at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday, October 11 from 9 - 11 a.m. Individuals and volunteer groups are welcome. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information or to volunteer for the clean-up, please call the Newark Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT GWC

AGES 3 - 12
Boo! Get ready to kick off Halloween week with our annual Halloween Costume Party at the George Wilson Center! Join us for a night filled with festive Halloween crafts and activities, delicious refreshments, spine-chilling storytelling, a thrilling costume contest, and even a haunted room to explore—if you dare! Come out for a ghostly good time and plenty of fun! Pre-registration is available but not required; simply pay \$5 at the door.

Activity #: 1510-315 Fee / RDF: \$5
Dates: Oct. 23
Days: Thu. Hours: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: George Wilson Center

TRICK OR TREAT MAIN STREET

SUNDAY, OCT. 26
4 - 5 P.M.

Ghosts and goblins, fairies and princesses join in the fun of Trick or Treat Main Street. The event is paired with the Halloween Parade for twice the fun. There will be goodies from many stores and downtown businesses, and much more. Bring a camera and have your picture taken in the Pumpkin Patch. All municipal lots will offer free parking to cars during the events. For the safety of the children, Main Street will remain closed throughout Trick or Treat Main Street. There is no rain date for this event.

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in the heat and crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home.

For additional information, please call the Newark Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7000. For cancellation information, please call (302) 366-7147.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH • 3 - 5 P.M. • MAIN STREET

Newark's annual Halloween Parade is drawing near. Plan now to be a part of this special Halloween event, complete with marching bands, floats, antique automobiles, costumed characters and much more. The parade begins at Tyre Avenue and Main Street and marches west on Main Street, to College Avenue.

Parade Categories (Pre-registration is necessary)

Marching Bands or Musical Groups - Any marching band or musical group. High School and Junior High Marching Bands must have a minimum of 25 musicians and be preregistered for the parade in order to qualify for a donation.

Floats - Floats will be judged on their Halloween theme, and monetary prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Large Marching Group - Must include a minimum of 10 individuals with at least 2 adults (if children are 12 or under, there must be 1 adult per 5 children). Awards will be presented for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Small/Family Marching Group - Must have an overall theme and consist of at least 5 members and fewer than 10 members. Awards will be presented for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Vehicles - Antique automobiles with or without costumed drivers/riders.

**** Pre-registration is not necessary if:** You simply wish to come in costume and walk in the parade. A special line up space will be provided. Check in at the information booth at George Read Park by 2:30 p.m. on parade day.

**** Note to Politicians or Political Groups:** If you wish to march in the parade, you must be in costume and pre-register. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in the heat and crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home. There is NO RAIN DATE for this event. For cancellation information, please call 366-7147.

Please note the following road closures during the event:

Main Street (Library Avenue to North College)
Tyre Avenue/Delaware Circle
Delaware Avenue (Chapel Street to Library Avenue)

The City reserves the right to determine eligibility of participation in the parade.

Register online at www.newarkde.gov/play by **Friday, October 17 at 5 p.m.**

For additional information, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 366-7000

Or fill out the application below and return to the Recreation Office to register your group.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, GROUP, OR INDIVIDUAL: _____

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE): BAND ☐ FLOAT ☐ LARGE GROUP ☐ SMALL & FAMILY GROUP ☐ VEHICLE ☐

MARCHING PEOPLE: _____ # OF VEHICLES: _____ LENGTH OF FLOAT: _____

MUSIC: YES ☐ NO ☐ POLITICAL: YES ☐ NO ☐ OVERSIZED VEHICLE: YES ☐ NO ☐

THEME (IF KNOWN): _____

NOTES: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE #: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____



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TURKEY TROT - RUN & WALK

SATURDAY, NOV. 22
9 - 11:30 A.M.
HANDLOFF PARK

Join us for Delaware's oldest consecutive road race, the Turkey Trot! The 5K and 10K Runs and 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, November 22 at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road in Newark.

Pre-race shirt and number pick up at the Parks and Recreation office will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. for those registered by Nov. 19. This is a rain or shine event. For additional information, please call the Newark Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7000 or the Hotline at (302) 366-7147.

\$30.00 pre-registration (On or before November 19)
 \$35.00 November 20 & 21

Trophies for overall winners and age group winners. Both courses (5K and 10K) have been certified. There will be 10 men's and 10 women's divisions in each run. The first 500 registrants will receive a long sleeve T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to overall winners, as well as winners in age group categories for each run. Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given for the 5K Walk. Be sure to list your age on race day so we can accurately place you in the appropriate division. There will be drawings for other prizes during the awards ceremony, following the 5K. All winners must be present during the ceremony in order to collect their award.

This year's online registration will be taken on the Races2Run website (www.races2run.com) for your convenience. You may still fill out our standard registration form for the race and mail or walk in your registration. Registrations must be received by Wednesday, November 19. Part of the proceeds go towards the James F. Hall Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance to youth who would otherwise be unable to participate in activities and programs through Newark Parks and Recreation Department.

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in crowds of large events so, for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home.

EVENT	START TIME	FEES:
10K Run	9 a.m.	\$30 pre-registration (on or before November 19)
5K Walk/Run	10:30 a.m.	\$35 on November 20 & 21 \$5 Second Race

39TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, NOV. 27
8 - 10:30 A.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

Enjoy Thanksgiving Day morning in the company of Newark neighbors and friends. The Parks and Recreation Department, area merchants and volunteers celebrate our 39th year of gathering together to offer this special breakfast. Our mission is to create a warm and caring atmosphere among community members, older adults and area students who are unable to share the holiday with family members or a companion. Join us for a hearty breakfast and a little fellowship. This year's menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice, and tea. People over the age of 60 MAY ATTEND AT NO COST. Advanced registration is encouraged. There will be an optional food drive for the Delaware Food Bank. Please bring a canned item including fruit, vegetables, meat or tuna. Volunteer Assistance is needed for the day of and Wednesday prior to the event. Interested volunteers must contact (302) 366-7000 for more information. Volunteer positions are not guaranteed and fill up fast!

FEE: \$3 in advance, \$6 at the door. Ages 60 & over are free



WINTERFEST & HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

FRIDAY, DEC. 5
6 - 8 P.M.
ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN

Winterfest and a Holiday Artisan Market promise to be a wonderful addition to the holiday season. Holiday entertainment, caroling, tree lighting, ice carving demonstrations, and local artisans and small businesses showcasing their holiday treats will fill this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family. The combination of these community activities will celebrate our community's rich cultural heritage and showcase the unique talents of local artisans, small businesses, and nonprofits. The rain date for this event is December 6. Winterfest is a joint effort by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, the University of Delaware and The Newark Partnership. The Delaware Special Olympics will be holding their Annual Reindeer Run in conjunction with Winterfest (www.sode.org).

SANTA'S SECRET SHOPPE

SATURDAY, DEC. 6
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

Children are invited to participate in Santa's Secret Shoppe at the George Wilson Center. This unique and cost-effective holiday event gives children the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends with a pint-sized price tag. All items will be priced \$10.00 and under and will be gift wrapped for free. Volunteers will be on hand to assist children with shopping. Vendors, crafters or local businesses that wish to participate in the Santa's Secret Shoppe should call (302) 366-7000 or stop by the Recreation Office to obtain an application.



REGISTER

ONLINE

www.newarkde.gov/play

WALK IN & MAIL

Newark Parks & Recreation
220 S Main St, Newark, DE 19711
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SNACK WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC. 6
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
GEORGE WILSON CENTER

The holidays are coming! Get into the spirit by joining Santa for snacks, crafts, games and a relaxed visit at the George Wilson Center. We encourage you to bring your camera to capture some special moments. Come and start the season off right! Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. No pre-registration required – pay at the door.

Activity #: 1511-315

Fee / RDF: \$3

Dates: Dec. 6

Days: Sat.

Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: George Wilson Center





CITY OF NEWARK PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

RESPONSIBLE ADULT

FIRST NAME

M.I.

LAST NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

BIRTHDAY (M, D, Y)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

WORK PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

☐ **RESIDENT** - YOU PAY CITY OF NEWARK TAXES

☐ **NON-RESIDENT** - YOU DO NOT PAY CITY OF NEWARK TAXES

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

BIRTHDAY (M, D, Y)

AGE

SEX

ACTIVITY NUMBER

ACTIVITY NAME

ACTIVITY FEE

ACTIVITY NUMBER

ACTIVITY NAME

ACTIVITY FEE

Please note: The activities offered by the Newark Parks & Recreation Department are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If there are any reasonable accommodations that we might need to make for the participant to fully participate in our activities, please call the Parks & Recreation office to discuss the matter.

FEE TOTAL:
\$

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Does participant have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

Does participant have any physical or mental conditions that may require special attention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

EMERGENCY RELEASE WAIVER • MUST ACKNOWLEDGE AND SIGN

I or in my legal capacity as the parent/guardian of the minor named hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in Newark Parks and Recreation activities comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with Newark Parks and Recreation participation, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) aquatic injuries, (3) athletic injuries, and (4) illness, including exposure to and infection with viruses or bacteria. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement.

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 WARNING & DISCLAIMER

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a mean to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in Newark Parks and Recreation programs or accessing City of Newark facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The City of Newark in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Newark Parks and Recreation programs or accessing City of Newark facilities.

WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION & COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of participation in Newark Parks and Recreation programs, events and activities I, the undersigned participant or parent/guardian of minor(s) named agree to release and on behalf of myself, and the minor(s) named, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE the City of Newark, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives and insurers ("Releasees") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, and including, inter alia, claims stemming from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, which I, the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against Newark Parks and Recreation on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of City of Newark facilities/equipment or participation in Newark Parks and Recreation programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

In consideration of my or the named minor(s) participation in Newark Parks and Recreation programs, I, the undersigned participant or parent/guardian of named minor(s), agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my or the named minor(s) participation. I hereby certify on behalf of myself and the named minor(s) that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in Newark Parks and Recreation participation and that I, on behalf of myself and the named minor(s) am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I and the named minor(s) will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, I or the named minor(s) sustain while participating in Newark Parks and Recreation programs and that by signing this agreement I on behalf of myself and the named minor(s) HEREBY RELEASE Releasees from all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that I and the named minor(s) are in good health and have no conditions or impairments which would preclude safe participation in Newark Parks and Recreation programs. I understand that the City of Newark provides NO insurance coverage for this activity. I give permission for myself and/or named minor to be photographed while participating and/or attending a Newark Parks & Recreation activity. I understand that photos may be used in future publicity.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE.

220 SOUTH MAIN STREET, NEWARK DE, 19711 • (302) 366 7000 • FAX (302) 366-7169 • PARKSREC@NEWARK.DE.US

CITY OF NEWARK PARKLAND AREAS

REFER TO PARKS MAP

NOTE: Lighted courts will be available for evening play until 10 p.m. from early March to early December

	MAP LOCATION	ACRES	TENNIS COURT *(NO LIGHTING)	TENNIS PRACTICE WALL	BASKETBALL COURT *(NO LIGHTING)	BASEBALL-SOFTBALL FIELD	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	SWIMMING POOL	PICNIC TABLES	COMMUNITY CENTER	NATURAL AREAS AND TRAILS	PARKING	SHELTER	SOCCER	RESTROOM YEAR ROUND	HORSESHOE COURTS	VALLEY STREAM ACCESS	STREET HOCKEY COURTS	SKATE PARK
COLEMAN 42 Country Hills Dr.	1	5.7									•								
COVERDALE 371 Paper Mill Rd.	2	16.8									•						•		
CURTIS MILL 225 Paper Mill Rd.	3	7							•		•	•					•		
DEVON 46 Cornwall Dr.	4	4.6					•		•										
DOROTHY P. MILLER 111 Capitol Trail	5	7.28									•						•		
DOUGLAS D. ALLEY 420 Douglas D Alley Drd	6	.9					•		•										
EDNA C. DICKEY 60 Madison Dr.	7	8.2			2	1	•	•	•			•	•			6		•	
ELAN 2 Blue Hen Dr.	8	6.7			*1		•		•			•	•						
FAIRFIELD 491 Stamford Dr.	9	7.0	3		2	1	•		•			•	•	•					
FAIRFIELD CREST 20 Winfield Dr.	10	3.7	1		1		•		•			•							
FOLK PARK 98 Welsh Tract Rd.	11	34.6	1*		*1	1	•		•		•	•	•			1			
GEORGE READ 315 Delaware Cir.	12	2.8				1	•		•			•							
GEORGE WILSON CENTER 303 New London Rd.	13	4.8	1		1	1	•	1	•	•		•	•		•	1			
HIDDEN VALLEY 120 W Mill Station Dr.	14	6.5			*1		•		•		•						•		
IRON GLEN, Elkton Rd.	15	12.4		Future Development															
JAMES F. HALL TRAIL	16	1.76									•	•							
HILLSIDE PARK 151 Forest Lane	37	7					•		•		•	•	•		•				
KARPINSKI 345 Old Paper Mill Rd.	17	8.0									•						•		
KELLS 201 Kells Ave	18	5.2		1	2	1	•		•		•	•	•	•	•				
KERSHAW 197 Paper Mill Rd.	19	2.0			2						•	•					•		
LEWIS 727 Academy St.	20	4.2	2				•		•		•	•	•						
LUMBROOK 100 Woodlawn Ave.	21	5.9	2		2	1	•		•			•	•						
LEROY C. HILL Barksdale & 1001 Casho Mill Rd.	22	6.3				1						•							
MARGARET ALLEN MEMORIAL PARK On the corner of Brent & Briar Ln.	38	0.43									•								
MCKEES 100 McKees Ln.	23	4.0															•		
NEWARK RESERVOIR 240 Old Paper Mill Rd.	24	113					•				•	•			•				
NORMA B. HANDLOFF 1000 Barksdale Rd	25	15.8	3	1	2	2	•		•			•	•		•				•
OLAN THOMAS 89 Paper Mill Rd.	26	4.3																	
OLD PAPER MILL PARK 219 Old Paper Mill Rd.	27	12.3			Future Development												•		
ORVILLE A. CLARK 10 White Clay Dr.	28	.8																	
PHILLIPS 101 B St.	29	13.7	3		2		•		•		•	•	•		•				•
PRESTON'S PLAYGROUND 250 Old Paper Mill Rd.	24						•		•			•							
POMEROY TRAIL	30																		
RAHWAY 922 Rahway Dr.	31	.9					•										•		
RIDGEWOOD GLEN Shenandoah Dr.	32	12.4					•				•								
RITTENHOUSE 228 West Chestnut Hill Rd.	33	45.9					•		•		•	•	•				•		
STAFFORD 420 Stafford Ave.	34	1.8					•											•	
WHITE CHAPEL 300 White Chapel Rd.	35	10			1		•		•				•						
WM M REDD, JR 500 Paper Mill Rd.	36	68.5					•				•	•							

OTHER FACILITIES USED FOR PROGRAMS

A. DOWNES SCHOOL
220 Casho Mill Road

B. MCVEY SCHOOL
908 Janice Drive

C. NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL
750 Delaware Avenue

D. NEWARK SENIOR CENTER
200 White Chapel Drive

E. PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE
220 SOUTH MAIN

F. WEST PARK SCHOOL
193 West Park Place

G. NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL

2001 Patriot Way

H. NEWARK CHARTER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
200 McIntire Drive

