



## 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](mailto:parksrec@newark.de.us) for more information. Packages are available on the City of Newark web site:

**[www.newarkde.gov/play](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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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.

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## **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](http://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](http://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.

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

