

### **Senior Center Subvention Recommendation**

The 2015 budget proposes a replacement of the \$50,000 subvention payment to the Newark Senior Center with \$60,000 in electric service credits. The increase from \$50,000 to \$60,000 is being recommended to provide additional support to the Senior Center to help offset reduced funding sources from grants and state aid. The introduction of an electric credit in lieu of a subvention payment serves to shift the burden of the support from the general fund to the electric fund. The changes to the treatment of the Senior Center's subvention are not mutually exclusive. Our recommendation is to increase the support from \$50,000 to \$60,000, regardless of payment method. Likewise, our recommendation is to shift the expense to the electric fund, regardless of the amount. Two other utility accounts are handled in the manner being recommended for the Senior Center. The City currently provides utility services at no charge to Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company (electric, water and sewer) and the tennis courts at Newark High School (electric).