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New Trash Policy Instituted in Newark Parks

Newark, DE (April 8, 2013) – The Newark Parks and Recreation Department is asking that all park users adhere to their new trash procedures citing more efficient use of parks staff and equipment, especially with the recent opening of the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail and the development of Curtis Mill Park and two skateboard facilities later this year. Much like the Delaware State Parks’ “carry-in, carry-out” policy regarding trash, Newark Parks and Recreation is requiring that users carry their trash to a container located near the park’s parking lot or adjacent street.

Parks trash collection will be taken over by the Refuse Division of the City’s Public Works and Water Resources Department utilizing their automated refuse trucks while on their normal trash collection routes. Previously the trash containers were emptied manually, which was a strain to maintenance workers. The trash containers will be located near parking areas or streets that are easily accessible to the trucks and their mechanical lifting arms.

Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department will discontinue its pilot recycling program it began in December 2011 at certain City parks. Blue recycling containers were placed at certain City parks, and after analysis of the recycling efforts, it was discovered that the program diverted less than 1,450 pounds of recyclables at a cost of nearly \$15,000. Much of the weight was attributed to liquids left in the plastic and glass bottles that were placed in the recycling containers. Recycling at community events will continue.

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