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**City of Newark's Annual Liberty Day Celebration and Fireworks**

**Newark, DE** (June 25, 2013) – With live entertainment, food, fun, and a pyrotechnic show that gets better every year, the annual Independence Day celebration draws approximately 18,000 people while the fireworks are viewed by an estimated 40,000 people in the area. The University of Delaware Athletic Complex fills with activities for everyone and has plenty of space to lay down a blanket and enjoy the sun and then the fireworks. Fine arts and crafts booths are available to browse and games abound for the kids.

Live musical entertainment begins with Howard Valentine and The Prophets of Love taking the stage at 6:00 p.m. The Juveniles takes over at 7:45 p.m. performing classic rock hits.

Free parking is available in the University of Delaware Athletic Complex lots. Pets should be left at home and secured safely during the fireworks display because fireworks tend to scare many pets and many animals are lost during Independence Day celebrations.

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 4  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Fireworks begin at dusk; *rain date: Friday, July 5, fireworks only*

**WHERE:** University of Delaware Athletic Complex

This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to nurturing and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

If there is questionable weather, call the leisure time hot line at 302-366-7147 for rain date information or cancellation. For additional information, please call the Newark Parks and Recreation Office at 302-366-7060. Please note that Municipal offices and Alderman's Court are closed on July 4 and 5.

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