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### Upcoming Events in Newark Offer Fun For the Whole Family

Newark is proud to offer to all residents and visitors a full annual calendar of fun events for the whole family. Spring is a particularly busy time, as the weather warms and the great outdoors, including Newark's hundreds of acres of parkland, miles of walking, running and biking trails, and our vibrant downtown bloom with activity. We hope that we see our friends and neighbors out and about. The below event listings are some of the highlights of major activities in the coming weeks, but we encourage everyone to visit [www.cityofnewarkde.us/calendar](http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/calendar) to see the full array of community events on any given week.

**5/7-6/25 (Thursdays) Spring Concert Series:** Every Thursday evening in May and June, the Academy lawn comes alive with a variety of musical acts from the Newark area and beyond. Performers range from steel drums to blues acts, so there's certainly something for everyone! For more information, including a schedule of performers, please visit [www.cityofnewarkde.us/parks](http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/parks)

**5/15 Bike to Work Day:** Join us to celebrate Newark's renewal of "Bicycle Friendly Community" designation as well as the City's achievement this year of becoming a "Bike Friendly Employer," one of only 161 nationwide! Celebrate our regionally renowned off-road trails as well as our on-road bicycle amenities at Mentor's Circle between the hours of 7:30-9:00AM. For more information, visit the Newark Bicycle Committee's page at <http://www.wilmapco.org/bikenewark/>

**5/15 K9 Koncert:** Beginning with Newark Police Department K9 demonstrations on the Academy lawn at 4:00PM, then continuing with a benefit concert starting at 5:00PM in the upstairs of Klondike Kate's, this fundraiser gives the public an opportunity to meet our friendly K9 officers and their human handlers. For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/FriendsofNewarkK9Officers](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofNewarkK9Officers)

**5/16 Mayor's Ride:** Following Bike to Work Day, Mayor Sierer will lead a 5-mile family ride around Newark as we celebrate all the riding opportunities in Newark, promote bike safety, and raise awareness of the Newark Bicycle Plan. The event is free for participants, but registration is required. For more information, please visit [www.cityofnewarkde.us/mayorsride](http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/mayorsride)

**5/17 Memorial Day Parade:** Now in its 80<sup>th</sup> year, Newark's annual celebration of our service members and veterans will begin with a ceremony at the University of Delaware Green at 1:00PM, including drills, the presentation of flags and patriotic music. Immediately following, at 2PM, the parade will begin at South College Avenue and continue to Chapel Street, with units from all branches of service represented, as well as veterans' organizations, schools and community organizations. For more information, please visit [www.cityofnewarkde.us/parks](http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/parks)

**5/30 UD Graduation:** Graduates from the Class of 2015 celebrate all their accomplishments and the beginning of a new chapter of their lives. Expect heavy traffic in the area around the Athletic Complex on South College Avenue. For more information, please visit [www.udel.edu](http://www.udel.edu)



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**6/3-24: Newark's Got Talent Open Mic Nights:** This year, our talented youth (ages 6-17) will have the opportunity to take the stage on Wednesdays in June, the very same stage used by performers in the Spring Concert Series on the Academy Lawn. Another free event, this also requires registration, and we can't wait to see the singing, dancing and performing of your younger individuals and groups! For more information, please visit [www.cityofnewarkde.us/openmic](http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/openmic)

**6/5-6/7: Alumni Weekend:** Thousands of Blue Hens flock back to campus for a weekend full of events, including the Friday night Dela-bration on the Green, a 5K, lectures, and countless other opportunities to see old friends. For more information, please visit [www.udel.edu/alumniweekend/2015](http://www.udel.edu/alumniweekend/2015)

**6/6: Tri-State Marker Trail Dedication and Celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mason Dixon Survey:** On June 5, 1765, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon placed an oak post to mark the point where Maryland met the three lower counties of Pennsylvania, later to become Delaware. The current marker was placed in 1849. For more details, please visit [www.friendsofpaWCCP.org](http://www.friendsofpaWCCP.org)

**6/1:3 New Night Downtown:** Newark's premier street festival returns after the last of the Blue Hens fly home to roost. Take the opportunity to walk down East Main Street free of vehicular traffic from 3-9:00PM with your friends and neighbors. Take in music in three locations and sample the very best from our shops and restaurants - it's a night you won't want to miss! For more information, please visit [www.enjoydowntownnewark.com](http://www.enjoydowntownnewark.com)

Each of these events are made possible through the devoted time of our volunteers, community partners and City staff. We take pride in highlighting everything that our community has to offer and hope that you can join us as we take in the warm weather.

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