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**Downtown Newark Represents Delaware on list of Main Streets Across America**

*East Main Street highlighted for thriving economy, historical preservation*

Newark, DE - Recognized for its rich history, strong community connection and bustling business district, East Main Street in Newark was selected to represent Delaware on the National Life Group list of the [2016 Main Streets Across America](#).

"We are honored to be recognized with other thriving communities across the country," said Newark Mayor Polly Sierer. "For decades, business owners and community members have worked to make Downtown Newark a great place to live, work and play, and this recognition is a reflection of their efforts."

Main Streets Across America is a celebration of streets in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia that reflect strong main street values, play a central role in the communities in which they are located and have great stories to tell. [East Main Street](#) was chosen based on four primary categories of community attributes: a strong local business presence, local gathering spots and community spaces, celebrations of history and traditions and diverse social and cultural activities.

"Downtown Newark is more than just a location, it serves as an economic and cultural hub of activity within our community," said City Manager Carol Houck. "It combines the innovative atmosphere of a college town, with a diverse business district and countless cultural offerings for all ages."

This recognition builds on previous accolades awarded to the City of Newark. In 2011, The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Newark a [Great American Main Street](#), and just last year NerdWallet listed Newark among the [100 best small cities in America](#).

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