



Councilwoman Diller's Community Corner

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Smart911.com

Smart911 is a free national service that was launched in New Castle County by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety last year. The Smart911 service is a program that allows you to create a profile for your household including vital personal and medical information you would want emergency response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Once you create a secure profile, your information will be accessible to first responders when you dial 9-1-1. When an emergency strikes, the Smart911.com program allows the emergency team to assist you faster and more effectively by saving time and perhaps even your life. **YOUR INFORMATION IS 100% PRIVATE**, only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders in the field, and only when you or your family members dial 9-1-1.

Summer Crime Safety

- ATM Safety & Security - Criminals focus on unprepared and unaware victims. Walk with purpose; Give the impression that you are aware of your surroundings; Follow your instincts.
- Alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Have your mail and newspaper stopped when you go away for vacation, and consider putting a timer on a lamp in your home.
- If you must leave valuables in your car, lock them in your trunk.
- Be aware of home repair scams. Don't allow solicitors into your home.

Summer Sun Safety

- Summer heat safety begins with awareness. Know the signs of heat stroke - Red, hot dry skin; Rapid pulse; Throbbing headache; Confusion; and Dizziness are some of the tell tail signs.
- Sun safety is an important step to help avoid skin cancer, eye damage, immune suppression, and premature aging. Use an SPF of 15 or higher, wear a wide brimmed hat, and keep a source of water with you to avoid dehydration.
- On those really hot days, stay indoors as much as possible with the air conditioner on. If you don't have an air conditioner, no problem, head to the library or shopping mall to keep cool in the heat of the day.

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Councilwoman Diller's Community Safety and Information Meeting** - Thursday, October 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Delaware School for the Deaf, 630 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE 19713. Please come and join us to discuss ways to improve your overall safety while at home, or away from home, with our New Castle County Community Policing Officer. Additionally, representatives from code enforcement will be present to explain and discuss the County's violation process. Delmarva Power, Artesian Water, and United Water will present information on how you can conserve energy and water in order to reduce your monthly bills. For additional information please contact Councilwoman Lisa Diller at, 302-395-8345; 302-395-8365, or email any questions to, Susan Moore, slmoore@nccde.org. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Events

- **First Friday With Councilwoman Lisa Diller** - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - September 5th, and October 3rd, at the Newark Senior Center. Please join Councilwoman Diller on the First Friday of each month to discuss topics that are important to you and your community.
- **Art Exhibit** - The Newark Municipal Building hosts an art exhibit each month to display a new artist's work. Displays are free and open to the public weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Christiana School District** - Back to School! The school year begins the week of August 25th. Please refer to www.christinak12.org, or call 302-552-2600 for specific grade level and site starting dates.
- **Scottfield Civic Meeting** - Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Gauger Cobb Middle School. Scottfield Civic Meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August when the association takes a break for the summer.
- **44th Annual Newark Community Day** - Sunday, September 21st, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. University of Delaware Green. Food, vendors, entertainers, crafters, and fine artists. For additional information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (302) 366-7060. If the weather is questionable, please call the Leisure Time Hot line at, (302) 366-7147.
- **Newark Arts Alliance** - 4th Friday Drum Circle 2014. Every 4th Friday through October 31st, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a drum, or other percussion instrument, and melody instruments such as flute and clarinet are also welcome. Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711. This is a free event and advanced registration is not required.
- **Newark Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat** - Sunday, October 26, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Main Street, Newark. Plan now to be a part of this special Halloween event, complete with marching bands, floats, antique automobiles, costumed characters, and much more. If you simply wish to come in costume and walk in the parade, pre-registration is not necessary. Check in at the information booth at George Read Park by 2:30 p.m. on parade day. Please refer to www.cityofnewark.org for more information.