



# Councilwoman Diller's Community Corner

5th District, New Castle County Council

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## The Holidays Are Here!

Now that the holiday season is upon us, which seems to come quicker each year, we look forward to joyous gatherings with friends and family. We spend our time searching for the perfect gift that shows our appreciation for those we love, and the holiday Grinch is often waiting for the right moment to steal your joy and the priceless gifts you have to give. The New Castle County Police have reported an increase in calls involving stolen packages delivered to homes, home burglaries, vehicle thefts, and telephone scams throughout New Castle County. Oftentimes, we are enjoying a moment, not fully aware of our surroundings, and unknowingly leave ourselves open to a criminal's intent. As you enjoy this holiday season, please remember to remain vigilant and take steps to protect yourself, your credit, and your precious holiday deliveries from those who are lurking nearby to snatch them from you.

### Package Delivery Safety Tips:

- For a small fee, you can add a signature confirmation for your delivery.
- Delivery tools are available through UPS and FedEx, which allows you to schedule your delivery for a convenient time.
- Some post offices, equipped with mail receiving rooms, allow you to have your packages delivered to your local mail office and they provide convenient pick-up times.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to be on the lookout for your package and have them store it for you.
- If your employer approves, have the package delivered to work.

### Thefts from Homes and Vehicles:

- Always lock your car doors, and do not leave packages or valuables in open view.
- Always walk and park in well-lit areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Promptly report suspicious persons or activities to the police.
- Keep the windows, garage doors and entrance doors of your home locked.

### Telephone Scams:

- Be alert to the signs of scams with phrases such as - "You've been specially selected", "You'll receive a free bonus", "You've won big money", "You have to decide right now".
- Law enforcement agencies and court systems will not solicit immediate payment by phone or by pre-paid money cards.
- The IRS will not demand payments to be made over the phone.
- Do not provide personal information to any callers that you do not know.

***In progress emergency calls dial, 911; Non-emergency calls dial, 302-573-2800.***

## Mark Your Calendar

- **First Friday With Councilwoman Lisa Diller** - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - December 1st, at the Newark Senior Center's Evergreen Room.
- **City of Newark's Winterfest** - Friday, December 1, 2017, Time: 6 - 8 p.m. Location: Main Street and Academy Street, Academy Building Lawn. (Rain date: Saturday, December 2).
- **Newark Free Library Friday Films**- Friday, December 1st. Featured film: Dunkirk. 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- **Holiday Open House at Rockwood Park** - Friday, December 1, 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, December 2, 5-9 p.m. Tree lighting Friday Night at 6:15 p.m. Rockwood Park, 4651 Washington Street Extension, North Wilmington.
- **Snack with Santa and Santa's Secret Shop** - Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m., George Wilson Community Center.
- **Newark Free Library Build Your Own Gingerbread House** - Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy decorating your own gingerbread house between 10am-1pm. Ages 2-12. Registration is limited. Register at 302-731-7550.
- **First State Bell Ringers** - Friday, December 8, 2017, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave, Newark, DE 19711.
- **Glasgow Park Tree Lighting** - Friday, December 8th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m. Tree lighting at 7:00 p.m. Glasgow Park Bank Barn, US Route 40 and DE Route 896, Bear, DE. New this year: Festive Holiday Market featuring gifts, local foods, holiday decorations and more.
- **Newark Free Library Bilingual (Chinese) Story Time** - Saturday, December 9, 2:30 PM-3:00 PM, Bilingual story time in English and Chinese. Ages 5-9 yrs.
- **Newark Free Library Teen Cooking & Culture Club (Cookie Decorating)** - Friday, December 15, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Teen group that meets once a month to focus on the food and culture of a different country. Ages 12+. Register at Adult Reference Desk or by calling 302-731-7550.
- **Newark Free Library Bilingual (Spanish) Story Time** - Saturday, December 16, 2:30 PM-3:30 PM. All ages. Hora de cuentos bilingues en espanol y en ingles. Bilingual story time in English and Spanish.
- **First Friday With Councilwoman Lisa Diller** - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - January 5th, at the Newark Senior Center's Evergreen Room.