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## Changes coming to lots



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Lot 1, located behind the Main Street Galleria, will be converted to metered parking within a few weeks, a year earlier than previously planned.

### Council approves controversial plan to convert lots to metered parking

By JOSH SHANNON

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Big changes are coming to the way downtown Newark visitors pay for parking in municipal lots.

City council on Monday unanimously approved the controversial changes, which could start within the next few weeks.

Under the plan, the parking gates will be removed, and the lots will instead be controlled by several multi-space parking kiosks. Upon parking in the lot, drivers will input their license plate number into the electronic kiosk and submit payment or pay through a smart-phone app.

Under the current system, drivers park for as long as they wish and pay as they leave. However, under the new plan, they will have



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Mayor Jerry Clifton (left) watches as officials from Integrated Technical Systems demonstrate a multi-space parking meter kiosk the city plans to install in city lots and on Main Street.

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## Christina seeking \$100M to repair schools

District takes first step toward potential referendum

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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The Christina School District has identified facilities needs costing nearly \$100 million, and on Tuesday, the school board took the first step toward a potential referendum to raise funds to support the projects.

The school board voted unanimously, with Angela Mitchell absent, to approve a certificate of necessity, which is the first step in beginning the complex process of a capital referendum.

Moving forward with a capital referendum, however, is contingent on approval by the Delaware Department of Education. If approved, the earliest a vote could be expected would be February.

Different than an operating referendum – which raises taxes to pay for everyday expenses like salaries and supplies – a capital referendum asks voters for the authority to borrow money to complete major facilities projects. If successful, taxes would go up to cover the cost of paying off the bonds.

The state would fund 60

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# The week ahead

**Pop-up beer garden:** Today, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m., at Olan Thomas Park, 89 Paper Mill Road. Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen will offer craft beer and food for sale. Rainbow Records will spin records on Saturday, and Empowered Yoga will offer free classes on Sunday. Local musicians will perform acoustic sets. Takeout from nearby Wood Fired Pizza will be available, as well. Free parking is available at Curtis Mill Park and Old Paper Mill Park.

**Fire and drum concert:** Tonight, 7:30 p.m. at Pencader Heritage Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Road. A Revolutionary War-era fire and drum band will perform. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Free.

**Vigil:** Sunday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, 215 East Delaware Ave. In response to the recent mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, the Newark faith community will hold a vigil on the front lawn of Calvary Baptist Church. Community members are welcome to bring signs of peace and positive messages. Parking available at Calvary Baptist Church, Newark United Methodist Church and Newark United Church of Christ.

**City council:** Monday, 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. Council will begin discussing the 2020 budget.

**Traffic committee meeting:** Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. The committee will discuss installing a traffic light at Wyoming Road and South Chapel Street.

**TNP meeting:** Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Oasis Room in Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Drive. The governing board will discuss the TNP operating budget, operations policies from executive committee and a business networking event at Bloom.

**Rodney site meeting:** Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. This public workshop will inform residents on the demolition process of the Rodney dorms and also provide updates to the planned pond and park amenities.

**Concert:** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area, 880 New London Road. Monkeephiles will perform as part of the park's weekly summer concert series. Free, but park fees apply.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

This former frozen foods warehouse in Interchange Business Park was annexed into the city on Monday and could eventually house Newark Charter's middle school.

## City annexes property for future Newark Charter School expansion

By JOSH SHANNON  
and BROOKE SCHULTZ  
Newark Post

City council on Monday approved the annexation of a property that Newark Charter School plans to use for a future expansion.

The 7-acre property, which contains an old warehouse, is currently part of Interchange Business Park and backs up to NCS' Patriot Way campus, which houses the primary and intermediate schools as well as athletic fields.

NCS bought the property from Delaware Freezers last year.

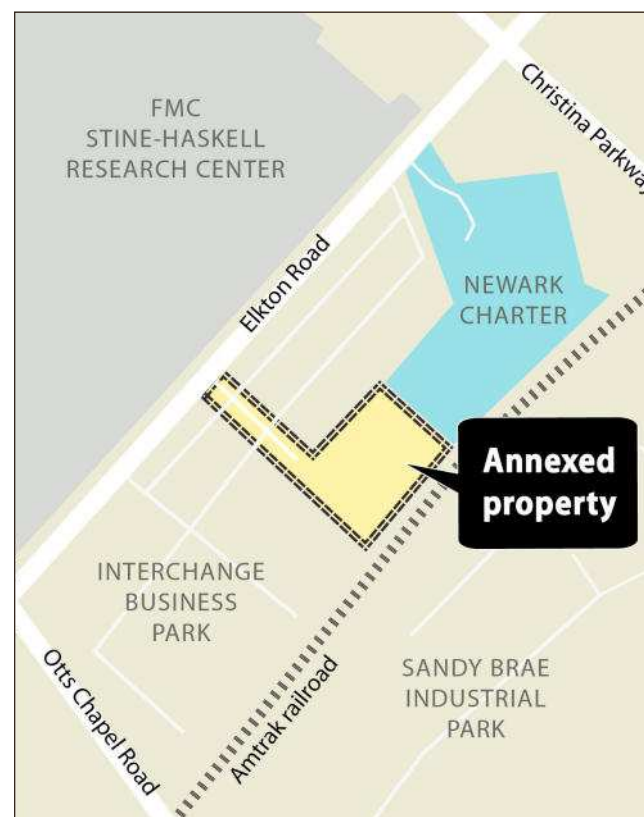
In the near-term, the school plans to use the property to build a dedicated bus entrance to the school. The school will build a new road that loops around an athletic field, goes past the old warehouse and connects to Elkton Road through the industrial park. Officials say that will reduce congestion in the school's parking lot and allow buses to exit at a traffic light rather than at the unsignalized Patriot Way intersection.

The school's board is also weighing a plan to renovate the warehouse and use it to house the middle school, which currently shares space with the high school a couple miles away on McIntire Road. That would allow NCS – which had 3,300 students apply for 190 openings this fall – to add students to each grade level.

NCS recently received \$550,000 from the Delaware Department of Education, which is part of a \$10.4 million federal grant awarded Delaware to strengthen the state's charter school system.

Grant money was awarded to five schools in the state – including Las Americas ASPIRA near Newark, which is also planning an expansion – based on the schools' goals to increase academic achievement for all students, collaborate with district and charter schools, engage the families of educationally disadvantaged children for school choice and partner with local agencies to enhance school services.

Newark Charter's expansion,



NEWARK POST GRAPHIC BY JOSH SHANNON

which would require the approval of the state board of education, is part of an ambitious strategic plan being developed by the board. Frank Newton, the former board chairman who took over as school director after Greg Meece retired earlier this summer, said the plan will be finalized and made public this fall.

"We're excited, as you can imagine, to have the support of the Department of Education, and certainly the state and I think our local community as well," Newton said. "If you really talk to any of the educators in Delaware, we're all actively working to make sure that every kid in Delaware has great education. So

that's certainly our goal."

Board meeting minutes indicate that long-range plans under consideration include a commons building between the primary and intermediate schools for centralization of shared functions, converting athletic fields to artificial turf, new auditoriums and a second gym at the high school.

City council voted unanimously to annex the property and rezone it from manufacturing office research to residential, which matches the zoning of the rest of NCS' property. While the property will be tax exempt, the annexation does mean that it will be subject to the city's stormwater fee.



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# Pop-up beer garden to open in Newark park this weekend

## Concept could become regular event series next summer

By JOSH SHANNON  
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Olan Thomas Park, the normally quiet park at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Paper Mill Road will be transformed into a pop-up beer garden this weekend as part of Newark's new Parks on Draft initiative.

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with local businesses for the event, which is intended to capitalize on the trend of outdoor beer gardens, highlight the city's park system, support businesses during the Main Street construction and raise money for the parks department.

"We need to attract a younger audience into town," Mayor Jerry Clifton said. "We need to attract a 25-to-45-year-old who's going to come into town, see the great value of living in a town as vibrant and dynamic as Newark is and want to actually buy a house here."

The beer garden opened Thursday and will continue today from 4 to 8 p.m. as well as Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free parking is available at Curtis Mill Park and Old Paper Mill Park.

Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen will offer craft beer and

food for sale. Rainbow Records will spin records on Saturday, and Empowered Yoga will offer free classes on Sunday. Local musicians will perform acoustic sets. Takeout from nearby Wood Fired Pizza will be available, as well.

City Manager Tom Coleman called Olan Thomas Park a "hidden gem" and said it's an ideal place for the event because it's close to Main Street and has few residential neighbors.

If the event is successful, Newark officials hope to make it a regular event series next summer that would rotate between the city's various parks and partner with different businesses at each location.

The concept is modeled after Philadelphia's Parks on Tap program, which started in 2016 and is now held at different parks each weekend throughout the summer.

Coleman told city council Monday that an obvious concern is that the event could get out of hand, but he said there are many ways to control it. Grain's staff will check IDs and issue wristbands, and the area where alcohol is served will be fenced in.

"As JT would say, this is chill, but this is not a par-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALBERT YEE/PHILADELPHIA PARKS AND REC  
Newark officials are planning a pop-up beer garden in Olan Thomas Park this weekend. The event is modeled after Philadelphia's popular Parks on Tap program, pictured here.

ty," Coleman said, drawing laughs as he displayed a photo of John "JT" Parr, the comedian turned "party advocate" who flew in from California to satirically protest Newark's unruly social gathering law in March. "The goal for this is not what you see in the backyards on Chapel Street or Wilbur Street."

He said the city wants to create a family-friendly environment that appeals

to families, young professionals and "other laid-back patrons." He pointed to Constitution Yards at the Wilmington Riverfront and the Victory Beer Garden at Longwood Gardens, which have a similar vibe.

"I feel confident we can do this, because there are so many successful examples nearby," Coleman said.

Lee Mikles, co-owner of Grain, said he plans to serve craft beer, not "\$2

beer," as well as more sophisticated food options such as chicken-brussel-and-apple skewers and burgers with mushrooms, Swiss cheese and fig jam.

"These are all things attractive to families," Mikles said. "There are other ways for troublemakers to get in trouble."

Alcohol is banned in city parks, but on Monday, city council passed an ordinance allowing it to be sold

**Parks on Draft**  
Olan Thomas Park, 89 Paper Mill Road

**Schedule**  
Today: 4 to 8 p.m.  
Saturday: 1 to 8 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 to 8 p.m.

**Entertainment**  
Today: Singer-songwriter Hanna Paige  
Saturday: Rainbow Records DJ at 1 p.m.; Country singer-songwriter Katelyn Christine at 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Free Yoga in the Park by Empowered Yoga at 2 p.m.; Indie pop songwriter Marielle Kraft at 4 p.m.

**Menu**  
Chicken-brussel-apple skewers with bacon vinaigrette  
Burgers with mushrooms, Swiss and fig jam  
Sausage sandwiches with broccoli rabe and roasted peppers  
Grilled marinated sweet peppers

during special events approved by council.

"Main Street is open for business, but we can't get away from the fact there's been some harm because of the construction," Clifton said. "This is just one more way to say, 'Here we are.'"

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The proposed plan for trails behind the former orphanage property on East Chestnut Hill Road include multiple opportunities for looping, with a variety of access points for the communities nearby to the land.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

A series of proposed trails, slated for the wooded area behind the former Our Lady of Grace orphanage property, remains in limbo despite having state funding.

# Proposed trails for former orphanage lot remain in limbo

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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For the second year, trails proposed for the wooded land behind the former Our Lady of Grace Orphanage are stuck in limbo.

The trails, which would be funded by the state, are intended to let residents of surrounding neighborhoods – such as Scottfield, Breezewood, Todd Estates, as well as the future residents of the neighborhood being built at the orphanage site – enjoy the property.

The project, however, remains stalled after the developer decided against signing an easement that would make the wooded area open to the public.

The issue relates to the 181-acre property at 487 E. Chestnut Hill Road, east of Newark.

Work is underway on the 260-home Chestnut Hill Preserve neighborhood, which drew fierce opposition from neighbors, who wanted the site to become a park instead. State and county officials approached the Felician Sisters, which owned the property, but the deal fell through.

“Initially, we thought the area was in need of a county park and that’s why Sen. Bryan Townsend and I did pursue that route with the county,” said State Rep. Ed Osienki. “When that did not happen, we thought that the surrounding communi-

ties would still be interested. There are some trails back there that have developed over the years.”

The wooded area on the property contains seasonal ponds and vernal pools, the largest of which is referred to as Ogletown Pond. Vernal pools are temporary bodies of water, usually devoid of fish, that provide a safe breeding ground for amphibians and insects.

Having official walking trails would help protect the environment by keeping residents from forging their own paths through sensitive areas, as well as deter littering, illegal dumping and tent camps created by homeless populations, Townsend said.

With that in mind, the

state allocated \$500,000 for fiscal year 2019 to fund the development and maintenance of trails.

The trails, which were recommended to be 5 feet wide and made of crushed stone, would have nearly 20 access points.

Osienki said that after the money was allocated last year, he and Townsend began reaching out to the developer, Bob Sipple, and had a meeting with Delaware State Parks and Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control, which would maintain that portion of the land.

The group met and did a walk-through of the property together.

“We walked back in the

trails. And it was just gorgeous back there. The way the light comes through the canopy, it really is gorgeous. But we wanted to show him kind of what we were thinking,” Townsend said.

To go through with the trails, a resubdivision plan would have to be filled out with the county land use department, explaining how and by whom the trails would be maintained, prior to the first lot being sold.

Ultimately, Sipple decided not to sign the easement due to the changes it required, according to emails obtained by the Newark Post. Sipple did not return a request for comment.

Osienki said that he was disappointed that Sipple de-

cided not to move forward, but he and Townsend are holding out hope for trails.

This year, the state again allocated \$500,000 for the project, with the hope that the eventual homeowner’s association will approve the project and easement. A homeowner’s association, however, won’t take over until after the last lot is sold.

“I think we want to try to keep it for these trails, and if that doesn’t work out, then I think we would have a conversation with the other parts of the Route 4 corridor about what kind of local investments might be helpful to people, ideally from an environmental and leisure perspective,” Townsend said.

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# 'I just want people to know they're not alone'

## Newark woman pens book about the pain of losing a child

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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When Natalie Scott sat down to write her memoir, she wanted her daughter's life to have a lasting impact.

Scott's book, "The Sun Will Rise," was published earlier this summer and is available online through WestBow Press and Amazon, or locally at the Barnes & Noble University of Delaware Bookstore on Main Street and Hockessin BookShelf.

Scott, a Newark native and writer for Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, writes in the book about her pregnancy with her and her husband's first child, Eleanora. Born in 2011, Eleanora only lived for five days.

"I wanted to share my story so other people know they are not alone in losing a child and it shouldn't be a taboo thing to talk about," she said. "And I've always, always talked about Eleanora."

Scott explained that when she was 27, she woke up one day feeling like she was ready to have a baby. Though her husband took a little more time, the couple eventually decided to start a family.

Her pregnancy went smoothly – minus some morning sickness – and she gave birth to Eleanora full-term, she said.

However, five days after she was born, Eleanora turned yellow, and they rushed her to the emergency room.

"I was holding her and she was fine one minute and, what felt like the next minute but was like an hour later, she was gone," Scott said, adding that an autopsy was inconclusive on the cause of death.

Scott said that after the couple lost Eleanora, she felt isolated and was drawn to write about her experience.

"When I lost her, I had this feeling that I needed to write her story and share it with the world so that her impact wasn't just five days," she said, adding, "I wanted other people to know that they're not alone in the loss. Because when I lost Eleanora, it was very isolating."

When Scott began writing, she didn't quite know what she wanted the final product to be, other than sharing her own story. Over the years, the emotional task of writing about the experience, along with work and caring for her two younger children – Pierce, 7, and Everett, 5 – would lead to her taking breaks from the manuscript.

As she would write, she would take the pieces of inspiration that came through poetry or songs on the radio.

"I included some of those in there. So I would use what inspired me in life as it was going," she said. "I really feel like it was meant to take that amount of time because even in the last couple of months, I added stuff that I wouldn't have had I published right away. And I also have years of experience. Eleanora is 8 now."

Through the book, Scott hopes to help others feel hope.

"Hope for so many things – not just to have another baby, because that doesn't always happen for people. That's my story, but that's not everyone else's," she said. "But I want them to have hope that their baby has a purpose. And I want them to know that there are other people out there. I want them to feel camaraderie with me and other readers and other people."

She added that she hopes the book will give solace to anyone dealing with loss, not just those who have lost a child.

"I just want people to know they're not alone," she said.



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Natalie Scott poses with her children, Pierce and Everett. Scott recently published a book that deals with the loss of her first child, Eleanora.

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# Newark Police preparing to roll out body cameras

By JOSH SHANNON

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The Newark Police Department may be close to rolling out body cameras to its officers.

The department recently released a formal request for proposal asking vendors to bid on providing 60 body cameras, as well as new dash cameras for the department's vehicles, new cameras for the police station interview rooms and a data storage system.

After the bids are received, city council will vote on the proposed purchase in late September or early October, with the cameras expected to arrive later in October if council approves them.

The city budget approved last fall includes \$780,000 over the next five years for the cameras and storage, some of which will be covered by a federal grant.

Body cameras – which clip onto an officer's uniform and record his or her interactions with the public – have been adopted by many police departments over the past few years.

The Newark Police Department said the cameras will strengthen police accountability, prevent confrontational situations by improving officer professionalism as well as the behavior of the people being recorded, help supervisors in-

vestigate complaints filed against officers, allow the video to be used for training purposes and provide additional evidence for prosecutions.

In 2015, then-Attorney General Matt Denn called for every officer in the state to eventually be equipped with a camera. Some departments, like New Castle County Police and University of Delaware Police, are using cameras, but other departments have been slower to adopt the technology, which is expensive and requires policies for how to store and review the footage.

At the time, Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan said NPD would take a wait-and-see approach and allow other agencies and the Delaware Police Chiefs Council to develop best practices.

"We don't want to rush into it, but it's definitely something we're interested in," Tiernan said in 2015.

The Newark Police Department first experimented with body cameras in 2014 using its civilian parking enforcement officers, rather than sworn police officers. The one-year trial was instituted because "there were some complaints about parking enforcement officer demeanor," a police spokesman said at the time.

After that, though, parking of-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A Newark parking officer wears a body camera during a pilot program in 2014. Now, the Newark Police Department is looking to equip its sworn officers with body cameras.

icers were transferred out of the police department and stopped wearing the cameras as city officials rebranded the officers as

"parking ambassadors" and tried to give them a softer, friendlier image.

Last year, NPD quietly pilot-

ed body cameras again, with a handful of sworn officers testing out models from different manufacturers.

## Local organization raises funds to send child to Disney



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

The Ramos family will be heading to Disney World as the 24th annual beneficiary of the Sunshine Scramble Golf Tournament.

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Sitting at the Newark Country Club on Monday, it was "kind of unreal," to see the community pull together to support her son, Jacqueline Shweda said.

"It's amazing that people can come together for an event like this for my son," she said. "Or for any child who has special needs."

Shweda's son, 6-year-old Liam Ramos, was the beneficiary of the 24th annual Sunshine Scramble Golf Tournament. The Sunshine Foundation raises money to support the dreams of chronically ill, physically challenged and abused children from income-limited families.

Through the Sunshine Founda-

tion, the family can enjoy Disney World and Florida for a week, with no expense to the family.

Liam, a first-grade student at Leasure Elementary in the REACH program, is diagnosed with severe autism, global developmental delay and microcephaly. The funds raised on Monday night at the Newark Country Club will support Liam, his mother, father Jose Ramos and twin sister Mila in their trip, during where they'll stay in the Sunshine Foundation Dream Village.

Liam, Shweda noted, is a big fan of the "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse" television show.

"Disney is a huge thing," she said. "This will be all about Liam."

After the golf tournament,

Liam and his family were gifted a "Dream Box" by the foundation's 2011 recipient, Shane Turulski.

"I went through what he's going to go through, and I know it felt very good when people helped me," Turulski said. "I know he's going to have a blast."

Turulski also went to Disney due to the Sunshine Foundation's efforts.

"It was great because I went to a dream place of mine," he said. "I can't really put it in words. I'm very grateful for the Sunshine Foundation."

Since 1976, the Sunshine Foundation has answered more than 40,000 dreams with the help of all-volunteer chapters around the country.

"It's outstanding," Shweda said. "We feel so thankful."

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# Four apply for vacant school board seat

## Board will interview applicants behind closed doors, then choose one to appoint

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Four people have thrown their hats into the running for a seat on the Christina School Board.

Looking to fill the seat are Naveed Baqir, a software developer; Katie Gifford, an assistant policy scientist at the University of Delaware; Tim Kim, assistant director of student life for UD's English Language Institute; and Claire O'Neal, a visiting associate professor at UD.

The school board will appoint one of the applicants to serve until the next school board election in May 2020. Then, voters will select someone to serve the remaining four years of the vacant term.

To fill the vacancy, the board put out a call for applications last month. The search brought in five applicants, four of whom were eligible to serve.

The board announced Tuesday it plans to interview the applicants behind closed doors, with a public vote on who to appoint tentatively scheduled for the September board meeting.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Catherine Hegedus, who quit the board just minutes after being sworn in July 9.

Hegedus, who ousted two-term incumbent John Young in May, announced during her campaign that she would

not be able to serve should she be elected, due to family health issues that arose after the filing deadline passed. However, Hegedus decided to leave her name on the ballot to give voters a choice. Had she dropped out, the election would have been canceled, and Young would have automatically received a third term.

Voters weren't deterred by the unusual circumstances, electing Hegedus by a landslide. The election saw the highest turnout for a Christina board election in the last 10 years, with Hegedus earning the most votes of any single candidate in that time frame.

### Naveed Baqir

Baqir, 41, is a resident of the Westover Woods neighborhood and has lived in Delaware for about a decade. He comes from a family of educators, as his mother and father served as principals, and his wife is principal of a local parochial school.

"I've seen the problems that the school communities face and the solutions being devised for those problems," he said. "I think the children in the schools in the district, parents of the children, and the residents in Christina School District, they deserve a school district that everybody is proud of."

He highlighted economic development and the role

schools play in that.

"It defines the property value, which is an obvious thing for everybody to understand, but it also impacts employment opportunity, because good employers, usually one of the criteria for them to move into a community is the quality of schools, the quality of workers that they're going to get," he said.

He noted the district has a strong group of faculty, staff and students but said that there needs to be more co-operation to address the challenges the district faces.

"My action items would be to involve parents, involve community, involve community leaders, build consensus and build a spirit of cooperation, and try to solve the struggles not as an individual," he said.

### Katie Gifford

Gifford, 41, of Devon, decided to apply because of her dedication to the community, she said. She noted that she was born and raised in Delaware and is familiar with the landscape of education.

"It's not uncommon for kids in the same neighborhood to be going to different schools," she said, noting that is frustrating. "If more people trusted local public schools could provide kids with a safe setting and good education, I think we'd have more families sending kids to their feeder school, and the

result would be a stronger community."

With her background in research, she said that she is accustomed to taking complex issues and understanding it through data. She noted, however, that kids aren't numbers.

"You have to be empathetic and understand the different backgrounds and situations," she said.

She noted that her son, now at Newark Center for Creative Learning, started his education in West Park Elementary but eventually the family "went in favor of another local option," she said.

"In a sense, I could walk away from some of these issues," she said. "I don't want to just walk away. I want to be part of that solution. I can bring that viewpoint and tell you what it would have taken to keep us there."

### Tim Kim

Kim, a 2001 graduate of Glasgow High School, said he was prompted to apply because of his history with the district.

"It's always been something that I've been considering, just somehow giving back," he said.

With his work at the UD, Kim, a 36-year-old resident of Brookside, said he has had experience with administration, has worked with students coming to the university from regional high schools

and has acted as an academic advisor for at-risk students.

That, he noted, has given him a lot of insight.

"It helps me understand the challenges and maintain compassion," he noted.

His interest in serving doesn't only come from his experience in the Christina schools as a student, he added.

"I do want to raise my future family here," he said. "I see not just my personal history, but my future, is here in the Newark area."

He noted that there are "big picture items" facing the district, with renewed discussion about redistricting and the structure of Delaware's referendum system.

"I'm hoping to learn very quickly, to dive headlong into research to understand what the challenges are, but to bring really a willing, level-headed approach to the challenges," he said.

### Claire O'Neal

O'Neal, 40, was one of several district parents who spoke out prior to the May election, saying that the district needed a change from Young and urging voters to vote for Hegedus so the board could appoint a new member.

O'Neal said the recent election showed her the need for community members to step up and serve.

"The decisions of the

school board affect me as a community member, a property owner and also as a parent of two CSD students," she said.

O'Neal, a resident of Devon, said both her sons attend Christina schools – Shue-Medill Middle School and Newark High School – and that she has been involved with the PTAs at her sons' schools.

"I feel that my active volunteerism as a parent in Christina schools has helped me to understand what our schools do well, and what could be points of growth," she said. "My work with the PTAs has most importantly taught me how important it is for CSD to communicate clearly with parents and community stakeholders."

She identified the recent failed referendum as a challenge for the district, and noted that she hopes the district can improve communication between itself and the community to build support for public education.

"Having children in the district, I can readily see what wonderful and positive things are happening in our schools," she said. "As a board member, I would look forward to engaging and working with local and state officials as we seek to solve together much larger issues with state education that affect our district, including funding."

## Out of the Past

*The Pencader Heritage Museum has been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes and shares excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column. The museum, at 2029 Sunset Lake Road, is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

August-September 1948: Phillips Packing was allowing waste from its operation to enter a stream.

Action would be taken against a few properties still not connected to sanitary sewer. Sewer serving Nottingham Manor was emptying into headwaters of Christina Creek. W. Hamilton was appointed to the Charter Committee and Assessment Board.

Tyre Avenue needed grading. Clarification was needed on road construction in the Kadow Development. A sump pump was pur-

chased for \$52. Temporary storage permitted in front of Methodist Church, area not to exceed length of two automobiles. Ray Elliott won contract to supply premium gasoline to city for three months at .29 cents/gallon. Regular gasoline to be purchased from George Martin at 19 cents per gallon.

Better street was lighting needed on Annabelle Street and in George Read Village. Andres Hackett of

New London Road was permitted to tap into water line. Council was to discuss the city pension plan at a special meeting. Dr. Musselman, a dentist, recommended fluoridating city water to aid in tooth decay prevention. A complaint was entered against George Roberts for adding to his house on Courtney Street without a permit. Council would furnish Herman Wollaston with sewer service on Wa-

ter Works Lane, at his expense, should he purchase said property from Mrs. Mary Richards.

Mr. Noble of Bassett Place asked relief from flooding problems during heavy rain. The city bought a new police car from Fader Motors. Miss Fader's Gift Shop received permit for interior and exterior alterations. Mr. Soule was appointed to committee to draft a building code for city.

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# PARKING

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to pay in advance for the time they think they will use, and those who return to their car late will be fined, just like at an on-street parking meter. No refunds will be offered for drivers who leave early.

Parking enforcement officers will enforce the parking by driving around the lots in vehicles equipped with automatic license plate readers. When the license plate reader finds a car that has exceeded its time, the system will alert a second officer to respond on foot to issue a ticket.

Lot 1, located behind the Main Street Galleria, will be converted to meters within a few weeks – a year earlier than initially planned. City Manager Tom Coleman said one of the parking gates was damaged recently, and the city decided to expedite the conversion rather than repair the gate – a fact not made public until just minutes before Monday's vote.

Lot 3, which will be split in two and reduced in size by the soon-to-be-built Lang Development Group hotel, will be converted before hotel construction begins in October.

Lot 4, located behind Walgreens and Panera Bread, will be converted next year, though that could be delayed depend-



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Drivers will pay for parking by typing in their license plate number at kiosks like this.

ing on what happens with a proposal for a second hotel there.

Meanwhile, council re-

jected a proposal that would have banned motorists from backing into parking spaces and imposed a fine on those who did. If cars back in, their license plates cannot be read by the license plate readers, meaning they will have to be checked by officers on foot. However, council members expressed concern that backing in is safer for some drivers, especially those in large pick-up trucks.

Council also voted to restore the option to pay for parking in half-hour increments, an option the city had removed in 2017. In other words, the rate will be 50 cents per half hour rather than \$1 an hour, meaning that, for example,

## Article highlights

- Municipal parking lots will be converted to pay-by-license-plate kiosks, as will existing on-street parking on Main Street.
- A proposal to ban vehicles from backing into spaces was rejected.
- The city restored the ability to pay in half-hour increments.
- The 10-minute grace period in the lots will be eliminated.
- Approximately 150 parking spaces will be added on side streets and elsewhere.
- The lot conversion will begin with Lot 1 (behind the Main Street Galleria) in a few weeks.

someone who parks for 90 minutes would pay \$1.50 instead of \$2.

However, the city will eliminate the 10-minute grace period, which has long allowed a customer to make a quick stop to pick up a takeout order or grab a cup of coffee without paying for parking.

## Changes part of a broader plan to add parking

The changes in the downtown lots are part of a broader parking plan that will add new spaces on several side streets – including Haines Street, Lovett Avenue and Center Street.

The city will also install kiosks in Lot #2 behind Central Perk and Honeygrow that is currently used for monthly permit parking. The lot is used mostly during the day, and the new kiosks will allow it to be used for hourly parking at night and on weekends.

The approximately 150 new parking spaces are intended to offset spaces lost during the Main Street construction and due to the planned Lang Development Group hotel.

"We're trying to give you more parking, more convenient parking," Mayor Jerry Clifton said.

Because the city is planning to use the multi-space kiosks for the new parking areas, it makes sense to move toward that same system for the existing parking areas as well, according to Parking Supervisor Courtney Mulvanity. The city also plans to remove the existing single-space meters on Main Street and replace them with several kiosks placed in strategic locations.

"Moving to a single, uni-

fied parking system for municipal parking has major advantages in many areas," Mulvanity said in a prepared statement.

The new kiosks allow people to pay for parking or add additional time via a smartphone app. The system is tied together, so people can add time to their meter using any of the kiosks, not just the one nearest their vehicle.

"The city understands that any change to any system that people have previously used is going to be a minor annoyance. People are habitual, but we wouldn't make the change if we didn't believe the system we are moving to is a move in the right direction," Mulvanity said. "Admittedly, the new style of payment will take some getting used to for someone who parks daily, but the industry and nearby parking entities have been moving in this direction for some time due to its numerous benefits."

The University of Delaware has converted its garages to a similar system over the last few years, and other towns in the area have done so as well.

"The paradigms are shifting," Clifton said. "Other communities are shifting with us."

The new system, including kiosks for Main Street, the side streets and the lots, will cost approximately \$500,000, but officials expect to recoup those costs within two years.

The system will save \$200,000 per year in personnel costs, and putting meters on the side streets will generate new revenue.

The city's parking lot attendants have been informed their positions will be eliminated, but they will be given an opportunity to apply for other jobs in city government.

Mulvanity added that the city does not have an estimate for how much additional fine revenue will be collected in the lots.

"Unfortunately, there are too many variables to answer a question like this," he said.

## Lot changes draw criticism

The parking lot changes drew criticism from AAA Mid-Atlantic.

"One of the primary reasons a driver utilizes a paid lot is the convenience and assurance that they can spend as little or as much time enjoying Newark's amenities without having to worry about a parking

violation. A paid lot enables motorists to be flexible and only pay for what they use," Jim Lardear, regional director for public and government affairs, wrote in a letter to council. "A metered spot, restricts a motorist to a set time limit. By making all downtown parking similar to metered street parking, Newark could be impacting local businesses as motorists might forgo extra consumer spending activities for fear of exceeding an arbitrary time limit this proposed system would require."

AAA also expressed privacy concerns regarding the use of automatic license plate readers.

No residents attended Monday's meeting to weigh in on the lot changes, but an earlier Newark Post article about the issue prompted a barrage of online complaints about the proposal.

"This is a short-sighted plan. People will most likely spend less money in businesses rushing to go refill the meters. In addition, this will drive people away from Main Street, so businesses go under left and right, eliminating jobs and taxes," Aniela Meinhardt wrote.

"The whole reason for parking in a lot is so you can have as much time as you want to dine or shop, even both," Tim Alexander added.

"So...you either leave before your meter is up (free money to the city/parking authority) or you get a ticket (free money to the city/parking authority). It really is a terrible decision for the business and the consumer alike," Nick Turner wrote.

Councilman James Horning Jr. acknowledged that he heard from constituents concerned about the plan.

"For some people, they really enjoy the idea of coming downtown and not having to guess how long they're going to be somewhere," Horning said, adding that he hopes people get used to the new system. "I think as people get more comfortable, maybe they will see the benefits."

Councilman Stu Markham proposed delaying the conversion of lots #1 and #4 until the city gets a better sense of how people are adjusting to the kiosks in other areas of downtown, but his idea did not have the support of his colleagues, who voted to proceed with the full plan.

"There's some tradeoffs, but it will overall be a positive move for the city," Councilwoman Jen Wallace said.

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# Program offers discounts on energy-efficient light bulbs, appliances

By JOSH SHANNON

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A new program promoted by the city of Newark and its electric supplier aims to help Newarkers save money while reducing their electricity consumption.

The Efficiency Smart program will provide residents rebates for buying energy-efficient appliances, with savings ranging from \$15 for a ceiling fan to \$250 for a water heater.

The program will also partner with yet-to-be-determined local businesses to sell LED light bulbs, which use only a fraction of the

energy required for traditional incandescent bulbs. The program will provide the bulbs to the businesses for free, and the businesses will sell them for 99 cents each and keep the profits.

City officials said that replacing 10 frequently used light bulbs with LEDs could save a homeowner up to \$100 per year.

In addition, the program provides discounts on advanced thermostats and energy-saving power strips.

Businesses are also eligible for rebates and other programs that help them reduce their energy use. Meanwhile, Efficiency Smart

will use "proprietary software" to help the city of Newark identify customers with high energy use so officials can help the customers troubleshoot ways to reduce their electric consumption.

The program, which will cost \$1.1 million over three years, will be funded by the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEM-EC), which supplies electricity to Newark and other municipalities in Delaware. DEMEC officials say the program will save money in the long run because reducing electric consumption will allow the utility to delay capital infrastructure investments and avoid buying

expensive power during times of peak usage.

Newark taxpayers will not bear any costs of the program, officials said.

Over three years, the program is expected to reduce Newark's power consumption by 3,306 megawatt hours, equivalent to the annual energy usage of 408 homes.

Four towns in Delaware – Clayton, Milford, New Castle and Seaford – are already using the Efficiency Smart program, which is based in Ohio and administered by American Municipal Power, Inc.

"The Efficiency Smart program is an opportunity that will bring

value to the entire city," Mayor Jerry Clifton said in a prepared statement. "We're proud to join other towns in Delaware in helping our residents and businesses reduce energy consumption, save money on their electric bills, and learn best practices. Together, we can help build a smarter, more efficient Newark – not just today, but into the future."

To learn more about how to take advantage of the program, visit [www.energysmart.org/newark-delaware](http://www.energysmart.org/newark-delaware) or call Efficiency Smart at 877-889-3777. The discounts are only available to city of Newark electric customers.

## SCHOOLS

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percent of the cost, said Robert Silber, chief financial officer for the district.

It's up to the state to determine which specific projects will move forward for a referendum.

Silber said that in the early stages, with so many variables, it is hard to estimate the exact impact the projects could have on taxpayers. However, if the DOE approves all the projects, a successful referendum could result in an 8.5 cent increase per \$100 of assessed property value. For the average homeowner, that equates to a \$53 tax hike, phased in over three years.

"Ultimately, as a taxpayer, we need to know that [rate]," Silber told the board Tuesday. "But I think the board cannot lose sight of what its responsibility is. Your responsibility is to raise the capital to make sure that these buildings are in the appropriate conditions. If we start worrying about what the rates are going to be, if we start worrying about what the fiscal impact is going to be, I'm going to ask a question of the board: What projects are you not planning on doing to hit a certain budget?"

The district identified needed improvements at 12 schools, including Christiana and Newark high schools and Downes and West Park Place elementary schools.

George Wicks, director of facilities, said the projects each represent an immediate facilities need. Some of the work includes security upgrades such as secure entrance vestibules, and other projects

further the high school reimagining that the school board approved last year.

Improvements are mostly tied to infrastructure – such as new HVAC systems, roofs, lighting – but the list also includes more notable projects, such as:

- \$730,000 for auditorium upgrades for Newark High School, which will become the School of Arts and School of Innovation, including replacement of light fixtures, stage lighting and an upgrade of the sound system.
- \$650,000 for new stadium

lights for Newark High School, which used temporary lights for its Friday night football games last year and this year will schedule day games for the first time in 30 years

- \$750,000 for science lab renovations at Christiana High School, which will become the School of Agricultural Sciences and School of Health Science
- \$1,346,1500 for a four-classroom addition to Downes Elementary School

Meanwhile, a second referendum in the future

would ask the community and state to support a replacement or large-scale renovation of Shue-Medill Middle School as well as significant upgrades to Newark High School.

The district is currently developing a districtwide assessment of buildings, which will identify additional facilities needs. That assessment will likely be complete by the end of September, and those costs could be included in that second potential referendum.



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Under proposed facilities upgrades, Newark High School would see improvements to its auditorium to align with the district's high school reimagining project. Newark High is among 12 schools in the district identified as having facilities needs that would require funding support.

### Project costs by school

Christiana High School: \$23,157,627

Newark High School: \$1,043,900

Kirk Middle School: \$9,736,362

Brader Elementary School: \$10,829,562

Keene Elementary School: \$8,100,521

Downes Elementary School: \$2,239,023

Jones Elementary School: \$6,934,356

Leasure Elementary School: \$8,456,886

Maclary Elementary School: \$4,759,898

Marshall Elementary School: \$9,417,694

West Park Place Elementary School: \$2,036,892

Christina Early Education Center: \$6,542,250

### Love of Christ Church Builds Second Campus Debt-Free

On August 3, Love of Christ Church held a groundbreaking celebration to build the permanent home for its second campus at 316 Warwick Road in Middletown. The church currently has two campuses, a permanent facility in Bear, and a temporary Middletown location, which meets at

Middletown High School. The Middletown Campus launched in 2015, and the new facility will be paid in full when it opens in late 2019 or early 2020.

Pastor Stephen Harvell, a former DuPont Senior Financial Analyst, who founded Love of Christ Church in 1991 with his wife Pastor Barbara Harvell, has always embraced a debt-free strategy. "It enables us to be more effective in carrying out our vision: 'To love our communities until they experience the life-changing power of Christ,'" he says. Last year alone Love of Christ Church gave nearly \$200,000 to help people in the community experiencing financial hardship and to support other local ministries on the front lines of meeting practical needs. In addition, they give monthly offerings to national and international missions.

But it's more than just wise financial stewardship that has helped Love of Christ Church accomplish their goals. "It's because of God's power and grace, and the faithfulness of the people who love, serve and give together as the family of God," says Pastor Harvell.

The new campus will be situated on 10-acres of land and have 16,500 square-feet of space, including a sanctuary that seats 475. For more information, visit [LoveOfChristChurch.org](http://LoveOfChristChurch.org).

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Pastoral staff and trustees of Love of Christ Church during Groundbreaking Celebration in Middletown.

# NHS begins practice with new coach, new division and no lights

## Buzz from the Hive



An insider's look at Yellowjacket football

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This year might mark the most changes heading into a Newark High football season than ever before.

There's a new head coach. One of the longest-tenured assistant coaches in school history has retired. Newark is making the change from Division 1 to 2 and Flight A to B. And, in likely the biggest change, the Yellowjackets won't play regular night games for the first time in three decades.

### New coach in town

Jody Russell has moved into the head coach's office in The Hive after serving as an assistant last season. Russell is no stranger to the football tradition at Newark, having played for the Yellowjackets in the early 1990s under Butch Simpson. He was an all-state athlete and a three-sport star at Newark and then went on to play tight end at Delaware under another

coaching legend, Tubby Raymond.

Russell is no stranger to the head coaching position either, having served as the head coach at the Tatnall School for 15 years. As he prepared to open up pre-season camp on Monday, Russell pointed out more similarities than differences between the Hornet and Yellowjacket programs.

"I feel like the numbers that we have are similar in many ways to my Tatnall teams," he said. "I have structured practice this preseason to give the guys ample time to recover. With less players, you get more reps throughout practice. More rest will hopefully get us through preseason with fewer injuries."

### A solid summer

The Yellowjackets are coming off a solid summer of workouts, both in the weight room and competing in seven-on-seven games.

"Summer conditioning and seven-on-seven was consistent," Russell said of attendance. "We had the core group of kids working hard all summer to get bigger faster and stronger. Seven-on-seven, as I told the guys, was not about the wins and losses but

our growth throughout the summer. It was about learning the new offense and new defensive changes. We definitely improved as the five weeks progressed."

### Preseason underway

Now that summer conditioning is over and preseason begins, Newark will have traditional two-day practices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with single-session practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays. With school starting after Labor Day this year for the first time in years, the team has an extra week of double sessions to prepare for the opening game on Sept. 6.

### Only one game under the lights

The Friday night opener will be the only night game at Newark this fall as the Yellowjackets will officially rename the field in honor of former coach Butch Simpson in a special ceremony prior to the 7 p.m. kickoff. Portable lights will be brought in for the game against Glasgow as a way to recognize the fact that Simpson coached most of his home games at Newark on a Friday night under the lights.

"That will be a tremendous night with a lot of buzz," Russell said.

Newark will play three of its four remaining home games on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The Oct. 5 homecoming game against Dickinson is set for noon.

"Everyone has been good with the changes," Russell said. "I hope that we transition and learn how to play at the early start time."

The permanent lights at Hoffman Stadium were removed in spring 2018 due to safety concerns. Last season, the district rented 12 generator-powered temporary lights at a cost of \$5,000 per month. The stadium was noticeably darker than previous years, and the low angle of the lights created shadows on the field and caused glare when looking toward them.

A \$650,000 project to install new permanent lights is tentatively scheduled to be included in an upcoming capital referendum, but it wouldn't happen until next year at the earliest.

### Move to Division 2

One other significant change is that Newark is playing in Division 2 for the first time in school history. Eight of Newark's games will be against Flight B op-

ponents, with the other two games also against Division 2 teams, St. Mark's and Lake Forest.

"The move to D-2 will help us in many ways," Russell explained. "First, it rekindles rivalries with our district schools [Christiana and Glasgow]. It also puts us on a level playing field as far as number of players. The schools in D-2 resemble us in size of schools [in terms of enrollment], which should have a positive effect from week to week."

### Experienced coaching staff

Russell has assembled a coaching staff with a vast mix of experience. However, longtime assistant Mike Brogan, a mainstay in Newark athletics for four decades, is not among them. Brogan coached several different positions during the early part of his career, but spent the last 25 years as the team's defensive coordinator and was an integral part of seven of the nine state championships won under Simpson. He will remain with the program as a special advisor, Russell said.

Tyran Rice, whose experience includes serving as

head coach at The Charter School of Wilmington, takes over for Brogan as defensive coordinator. Darren Brodie, a longtime offensive coordinator at A.I. du Pont, will serve in the same role for Newark.

Jordan Biscoe (offensive line), Paul Oakes (defensive line), Justin Watson (running backs/defensive backs), Mike McCann (RBs/linebackers), Cameron White (RBs/LB) and Steve Selk (wide receivers/DL) round out the coaching staff.

### Scrimmages

Newark will take part in a scrimmage play day on Saturday at William Penn High School. Other scrimmages include games at Wilmington Friends on Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. and at Tower Hill on Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

*The Buzz from the Hive will be posted online each Monday morning during the high school football season and also in Friday's print edition. It will include some game analysis and exclusive quotes from Newark High football coach Jody Russell and select members of the team after they've had a chance to watch game film, evaluate their performance, and begin preparation for the next game.*

# Local schools prepare for fall sports season

By JON BUZBY

JonBuzby@hotmail.com

The fall sports season is officially underway with local high school teams reporting to practices this past Monday.

The biggest "old" news is that Newark High School will play in Division 2 and the Blue Hen Flight B conference for the first time in school history. The Yellowjackets join school district members Glasgow and Christiana, which made the move to D2 several years ago.

Also, there will be no more Friday night lights at Hoffman Stadium, at least this season. The one exception is the opening game on Sept. 6 against Glasgow, when the school is having temporary lighting installed so that the ceremony naming the field after former coach Butch Simpson can be done on a Friday night under the lights.

"We are excited to be able to have this game played at night, as a day game to rename the field for Butch Simpson just doesn't seem to fit," athletic director Ja-

son Bedford said.

It's a fitting and very nice move by the Yellowjacket higher-ups.

Butch Simpson Field was sodded with Bermuda grass and, according to Bedford, went through its final phase of a three-stage process in late July so should be ready for the opening game. Three of the remaining home games are scheduled for Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., and the Oct. 5 homecoming game is at noon. The complete schedule is at [www.yellowjacketssports.com](http://www.yellowjacketssports.com).

Jody Russell is the new

head coach, taking over for Barry Zehnder, whom he coached under last season. Russell was a three-sport all-state athlete in the 1990s and no stranger to being a head coach having served in that role for 15 years at the Tatnall School.

The only other coaching change for fall sports at Newark is girls soccer coach Mike James has taken over the boys squad.

Down the road at Glasgow High, Jeremy Jeanne has resigned as athletic director to take the same position at Delaware Military Academy.

"I will never forget what we built ... continue to be great," Jeanne wrote in an email to the Glasgow staff.

Jeanne served in many roles while at Glasgow including French teacher, head boys basketball coach, Vice President of Delaware Association of Athletic Directors, National Interscholastic Athletic Association of Athletic Administrators Section 2 Delaware delegate, National LTI instructor for the NIAAA and member of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association board of directors.


During his tenure, Dragon teams won four Flight B conference championships, and the athletic department was honored with the DIAA State Sportsmanship award three times. Initiatives started under Jeanne's direction included the Glasgow Cares community service program, Sportsmanship Student Advisory Committee, end-of-year athletic award ceremony and the Special Olympics Unified and E-

Sports programs. Glasgow also upgraded its weight room and built a team film room.

Ernest "Tank" Cunningham is the new head coach for the Dragons' football squad, taking over for Michael Richardson. Cunningham comes to Glasgow after serving as an assistant for several years in South Jersey. Cunningham's son, Ja'saan, starred on the 2016 Glasgow team that won the Flight B championship.

Glasgow volleyball player Andrea Boyer was one of six student-athletes selected to represent Delaware at the National Student Leadership Summit, which was hosted by the National Federation of State High School Associations on July 22-24 in Indianapolis. Boyer also attended the 2019 DIAA Student Leadership Conference held in Lewes.

At Christiana High, Mike Kinlaw is the new football head coach, replacing Virgil Rush, who coached the Vikings for six seasons.



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# Former Hen Scarff off to strong start with Ravens

Scarff joins former Delaware tight end Nick Boyle in Baltimore

By SEAN GROGAN

sgrogan@cecilwhig.com

**OWINGS MILLS, MD.** — When Charles Scarff was not drafted back in April, he had a few options as to where he could try to make an NFL roster.

The former Delaware tight end knew he played a position that the Ravens' offense valued as much as any other team. The numbers were favorable, too, as Baltimore did not draft a tight end or sign one in free agency.

So, Scarff decided his best option was to sign as an undrafted free agent with the Ravens.

"It's a great opportunity here. The team loves their tight ends," Scarff said after a practice during his first NFL training camp.

Camp has been "long and exhausting," he said, much more grueling than pre-seasons were in college.

Only three teams used multiple tight end sets more than the Ravens in 2018. The use of these



CECIL WHIG PHOTO BY SCOTT SERIO

Former Delaware tight end Charles Scarff, right, works against linebacker Silas Stewart in a drill during Baltimore Ravens training camp practice at Owings Mills. Scarff is battling to make the Ravens' roster as an undrafted free agent.

packages should only increase as last year's tight ends coach, Greg Roman, transitions to offensive coordinator.

Three tight ends are locks to make the 53-man roster, one fewer than the Ravens kept a year ago.

"Last year, they traveled four," Scarff said. "It's a big, tight end-friendly offense. This is a good opportunity. There were other opportunities, but I thought that this one was the best one. It's been a good fit."

Of the three tight ends already in Baltimore, Scarff had a connection with two. Fifth-year tight end Nick Boyle is a fellow Blue Hen and Scarff shares an agency with 2018 first-round draft pick Hayden Hurst.

"I saw him a couple times at Delaware, but I just knew of him mainly," Scarff said of Boyle. "He's just a good guy that everyone talks about at Delaware."

Hurst told Scarff how much he enjoys being a part of the Ravens organi-

zation when they met prior to the draft.

"I got to see him before the whole process started happening. I just knew this was a good place to go, and this was the best spot for me," Scarff said. "He said he liked it here and he said they love their tight ends. He was here, so I knew there was be some good guidance."

If the Ravens again keep four tight ends on their 53-man roster, Scarff will battle with fellow undrafted rookie Cole Herdman (Purdue) for the last spot. Ahead of the first preseason game, Scarff would appear to be in the lead, displaying an impressive set of hands along with an early chemistry with the Ravens' quarterbacks.

In college, he was one of Delaware's best receiving threats and a force in the red zone. Scarff caught 67 passes for 732 yards and 12 touchdowns in three seasons in Newark. The big-bodied (6-foot-5, 250 pounds) tight end began his collegiate career at Rutgers.

As a senior last fall, Scarff scored seven touchdowns as the Blue Hens earned their first FCS Playoffs berth since 2010. He recorded 498 yards on 43 receptions while earning first-team

All-CAA and third-team All-American honors.

Boyle was not in college at the same time as Scarff, but he was glad to learn another dominant Delaware tight end would be joining him.

"I heard we were maybe getting a Delaware tight end. That was pretty exciting," Boyle said. "He looks really good."

Scarff has also turned the head of tight ends coach Bobby Engram.

"Charles is a big, physical guy at the line of scrimmage who has to continue to play with better pad level," Engram said. "He also does some things really well in the pass game."

Tight ends have been the favorite target of second-year quarterback Lamar Jackson. He had an especially strong on-field connection with fellow rookie Mark Andrews.

Scarff studies Andrews' route-running. He tries to emulate Boyle's blocking. As he tries to find his own niche with the Ravens, Scarff is happy to learn from the more experienced tight ends in his unit.

"I'm still trying to find my role," he said. "I'm learning more stuff each and every day, learning from every one of them — learning the

run blocking game from Nick and Hayden, then a lot of the passing game from Mark. I'm just learning a lot and I'm just trying to get better."

Boyle was set to become an unrestricted free agent following the 2018 season. If he had hit the open market, the two Delaware products may have never united just a short drive down I-95 from their college campus.

But the Ravens were intent on keeping Boyle, signing him to a new three-year, \$18 million contract before the start of free agency.

"He's the best blocking tight end in the league," head coach John Harbaugh said at the time. "There's no question in my mind about that."

With the new deal, Boyle, 26, suddenly became the old man of the unit and the role model for another Delaware tight end trying to make it onto the Ravens' roster.

"I lean on them all, but I would probably say Nick a little bit more because he's an older guy," Scarff said. "And he's a Delaware guy. I've been learning from him about everything. They love him, he's a great player and he's the best at what he does. He's a good guy to kind of lean on."

## Out of the Attic

### Bruce Springsteen at Stone Balloon – 1974

This week's Out of the Attic item is a Newark Weekly photo of Bruce Springsteen performing at the Stone Balloon 45 years ago this week.

The Boss came to Newark in August 1974 for a show that "blew life into the tavern's time-tired crowd and by show's end left many gasping for breath," as Newark Weekly reporter Jeff Crossan described it in a review of the concert.

Springsteen, then 24, had two critically acclaimed albums behind him but was still early in his career and would not release his breakthrough album, "Born to Run," until the following year.

"Springsteen and his five-piece band hit the Balloon stage like a thunderbolt, igniting the capacity crowd to a hand-clapping, foot stomping rage with the opener of "Spirit of the Night," perhaps

the band's most widely recognized recording," Crossan wrote. "And Springsteen managed to rekindle the emotional blaze song after song for his entire up-tempo, two-hour set."

The show left the crowd wanting more.

"I'm going to miss work tomorrow, but that was one helluva show," one attendee told Crossan.

*Out of the Attic* is produced in partnership with the Newark Historical Society. The Newark History Museum, located in the old train station under the South College Avenue overpass, is open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. For more info, visit [www.newarkdehistorical-society.org](http://www.newarkdehistorical-society.org). Do you have an old photo to share with Newark Post readers? Contact editor Josh Shannon at 443-907-8437 or [jshannon@newarkpostonline.com](mailto:jshannon@newarkpostonline.com).



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DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
DANE WINSTON DONALD HALIDAY  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
ELISHA WINSTON DONALD HALIDAY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SOPHIA MCLEAN-HALIDAY  
intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for  
the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change  
his/her minor child's name to ELISHA WINSTON DONALD HA-  
LIDAY.  
SOPHIA MCLEAN-HALIDAY  
Petitioner  
Dated: 8/25/2019  
np 8/16,23,30 2863686

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF  
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
SEAN MICHAEL DERMOTT  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
ELIZA MICHELLE DERMOTT  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEAN MICHAEL DERMOTT  
intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the  
State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/  
her name to ELIZA MICHELLE DERMOTT.  
SEAN MICHAEL DERMOTT  
Petitioner  
Dated: 7/30/2019  
np 8/9,16,23 2862430

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF  
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
MORGAN ASHLEY MORELLI  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
MORGAN MORELLI PATEL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MORGAN ASHLEY MOREL-  
LI intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for  
the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change  
his/her name to MORGAN MORELLI PATEL.  
MORGAN ASHLEY MORELLI  
Petitioner  
Dated: 8/2/2019  
np 8/9,16,23 2863102

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np 8/16 2864164

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF  
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
PATRICIA G. MORRISON  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
PATRICIA A. GIMA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PATRICIA G. MORRISON in-  
tends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the  
State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/  
her name to PATRICIA A. GIMA.  
PATRICIA G. MORRISON  
Petitioner  
Dated: 8/1/2019  
np 8/9,16,23 2863032

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF  
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
ANGEL MIGUEL COLON  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
ANGEL COLON FAZAL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUBY FAZAL intends to pres-  
ent a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Del-  
aware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her minor  
child's name to ANGEL COLON FAZAL.  
RUBY FAZAL  
Petitioner  
Dated: 8/5/2019  
np 8/9,16,23 2863124

**Public Notice**  
Ole Tapas Lounge LLC has on August 12, 2019, applied with the Al-  
coholic Beverage Control Commissioner to extend its current restau-  
rant license for the sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premise consump-  
tion, located at 1126 Capitol Trail, Newark, DE 19711, to include an  
additional 1,675 square feet, into the adjoining unit, 1128 Capitol Trail,  
Newark, DE, (formerly Unit D). It is, also, adding eight (8) bar stools  
to the extension and 32 seats at tables. Persons who are against  
this application should provide written notice of their objections to the  
Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hear-  
ing to consider additional input from persons against this application,  
the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a  
total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located  
within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated area located with-  
in 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alco-  
holic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State  
Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The  
protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before  
September 11, 2019. Failure to file such a protest may result in  
the Commissioner considering the application without further notice,  
input, or hearing.  
np 8/9,16,23,30 2862875

**CITY OF NEWARK  
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CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE**  
**August 26, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.**  
Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter, notice is hereby  
given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in  
the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 South Main  
Street, Newark, Delaware, on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00  
p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading  
and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:  
Bill 19-21 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administra-  
tion, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, Re-  
garding Locations of Meetings of City Public Bod-  
ies  
Bill 19-22 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Sewers,  
Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Ex-  
panding the Sanitary Sewer Service Territorial  
Limitation  
Renee K. Bensley, CMC  
City Secretary  
np 8/16 2864315

**CITY OF NEWARK  
DELAWARE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE**  
**August 26, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.**  
Pursuant to Chapter 27-20(b)(5) of the City of Newark Subdi-  
vision and Development Regulations, notice is hereby given of a  
Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Build-  
ing, 220 South Main Street, on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 7:00  
p.m., at which time the Council will consider the request of Kan-  
dra Group, Inc., for the minor subdivision with site plan approval  
of 0.47+/- acres of property located at 511 Valley Road, in order  
to demolish the existing single-family home, divide the existing  
parcel into two parcels and construct a semi-detached structure  
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9,000 square feet)  
Re nee K. Bensley, CMC  
City Secretary  
np 8/16 2864321

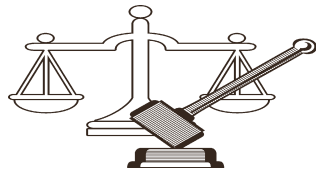
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Travis Smith –  
New Castle, DE

np 8/9,16

2863354



# PUBLIC NOTICES

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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
ERIN G. SMITH  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
ERIN G. ZEISLOFT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERIN G. SMITH intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to ERIN G. ZEISLOFT.

ERIN G. SMITH  
Petitioner

Dated: 6/6/2019

2853824

np 8/9,16,23

# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
JUDITH WAIRIMU LALONDRIZ  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
JUDITH WAIRIMU GACHINGIRI

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JUDITH WAIRIMU LALONDRIZ  
Petitioner

Dated: 7/19/2019

2860327

np 8/9,16,23

# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
RICHARD MARCELL GLOVER  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
MARCELL MARSHALL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RICHARD MARCELL GLOVER intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to MARCELL MARSHALL.

RICHARD MARCELL GLOVER  
Petitioner

Dated: 7/25/2019

2861202

np 8/2,9,16

# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
KEVIN ANTHONY MUHAMMAD, JR.  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
ELIAS SABUR MUHAMMAD, SR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KEVIN ANTHONY MUHAMMAD, JR. intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to ELIAS SABUR MUHAMMAD, SR.

KEVIN ANTHONY MUHAMMAD, JR.  
Petitioner

Dated: 7/20/2019

2861570

np 8/2,9,16

## CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 19, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. – CC

There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

### SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

\*1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (Ending June 30, 2019) (10 minutes)

\*2. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. FY2020 Budget Overview Presentation – City Manager/Finance Director (30 minutes)
- B. FY2020 Alderman's Court Budget Presentation – Clerk of the Court (10 minutes)
- C. FY2020 Electric Department Budget Presentation – Electric Director (35 minutes)
- D. FY2020 Parks and Recreation Budget Presentation – Parks and Recreation (35 minutes)

\*3. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Council Members: None
- B. Others: None

\*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Posted – August 12, 2019

np 8/16

2864305

### LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, James David Brown Jr., residing at 15 Wynclyff Lane, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

James David Brown Jr.

8/13/19

2864418

np 8/16

### LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Elizabeth Marie Brown, residing at 15 Wynclyff Lane, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Elizabeth Marie Brown

8/13/19

2864416

np 8/16

### LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Christopher B. Thomas, residing at 1206 Janice Drive, Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Christopher B. Thomas

8/7/19

2863654

np 8/16

### LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Justin Michael DelCollo, residing at 19 Tiverton Circle, Newark, DE 19702, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Justin DelCollo

8/13/19

2864412

np 8/16

## THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
ARTHUR WAYNE ALLEN  
Petitioner(s)

TO

ARTHUR WAYNE CROSS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ARTHUR WAYNE ALLEN intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to ARTHUR WAYNE CROSS.

ARTHUR WAYNE ALLEN

Petitioner

Dated: 8/8/2019

2863869

np 8/16,23,30

## PUBLIC AUCTION SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

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A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

**Unit #103 - Rocco Dicarlantonio** - Bags, Sewing Machine, Suitcase, Totes

**Unit #4005 - Jacquelyn Massey** - Boxes, Clothing, Fishing Equipment, Tiller, Tools, Shelving, Suitcase, Folding Table, Totes, Browning Gun Safe, Rolling Tool Box, Deer Head, Work Bench, Hand Truck, Framed Deerskin, Generator, Swords

**Unit #3029 - Ann Tynes** - Boxes, Kitchen Chairs, Dining Table, Totes, Camping Grill, Bathroom Sink, Laptop, Printer, Van Backseat, Trundle Bed, Hope Chest

1100 Elkton Road  
Newark, DE 19711  
(302) 731-8108

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 9/11/2019 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

**Unit #1009 - Katherine Reed Stokes** - washer-dryer-shelving, unused boxes

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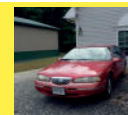
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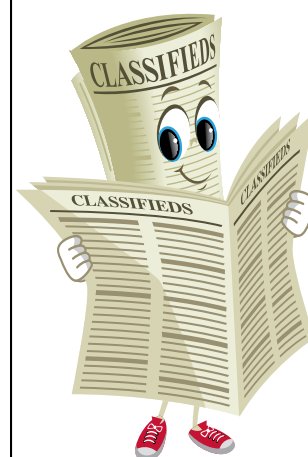
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# Newark bar battle raises \$7,200 for charity

The annual Battle of the Bars fundraiser, held last Friday night at the Courtyard by Marriott, raised nearly \$7,200 for the Newark Police Department K-9 fund and other charities.

Ten Newark bars and restaurants battled to raise the

most money and competed in other challenges throughout the evening.

A team of Drip Cafe employees and Fusion Racing volunteers won the competition, earning the Paco Cup, a trophy named in memory of NPD's first K-9.



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Employees of Drip Cafe and volunteers from Fusion Racing serve up drinks at the Battle of the Bars. The team picked a timely theme for its booth: road construction.



Robbie Jester, chef of Stone Balloon Ale House, takes his turn in a dunk tank.



Bartenders from Greene Turtle serve up drinks at the Battle of the Bars.



Bartenders from Santa Fe Mexican Grill dance with attendees at the Battle of the Bars.



Bartenders from Deer Park Tavern serve up drinks at the Battle of the Bars.



Attendees enjoy the Battle of the Bars at the Courtyard by Marriott.



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