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**Police** car

hits child

A sign on Capitol Trail urges city council to vote against the proposed Florida T traffic configuration prior to last week's meeting.

# **Council rejects Florida T**

Dozens of residents voice opposition

> **By JOSH SHANNON** jshannon@chespub.com

After two years of consideration and four hours of debate last week, city council rejected a proposal to install a Florida T traffic configuration at the intersection of Woodlawn Avenue and Capitol Trail.

Cheers rang out among the audience as Councilman Luke Chapman cast the deciding vote against the proposal Nov. 2, which was fiercely opposed by residents of Stafford, Windy Hills, Lumbrook, Prestwick Farms, Laura's Glen and Capitol Trail. More than 120 people packed into Aetna Fire Hall -

where the special council meeting was held to accommodate the large crowd - and nearly three dozen opponents railed against the idea during a public comment session that lasted almost two hours.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

"Maybe this will produce benefits to the traffic flow on Woodlawn Avenue,

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# Council members propose layoffs

Reduction in management positions sought

> **By JOSH SHANNON** ishannon@chespub.com

A handful of city of Newark employees could lose their jobs next year if a few council members get their way.

The staff reductions which would only affect management-level employees - were brought up Monday during a hearing on the city's 2018 budget.

"It's not easy, it's not popular, but it's necessary," Councilman Jerry Clifton said.

Council rejected the pro-posed budget Monday, citing concerns over the size of city government and a proposal to finance capital projects through debt financing.

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# The week ahead

Veterans Day ceremony: Today, 10 a.m., on the University of Delaware Green near Memorial Hall. A ceremony will honor the sacrifices made by recent generations of American veterans.

Art gallery reception: Tonight, 6 to 8 p.m., at Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St. A reception will introduce NAA's exhibit, "Ordinary Objects." The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 17. Free.

Free car washes: Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Blue Hen Car Wash, 1008 Capitol Trail. Veterans and current military personnel can receive a free car wash as part of a nationwide initiative involving 3,600 car wash businesses.

Second Saturday Nature Crafts: Saturday, 12:30 to 2 p.m., at Glasgow Park Bank Barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Attendees can create decorative items using natural materials like seed pods, grasses, twigs and more. Depending on available time and weather, sessions may include a quick walk in the park where attendees will learn about the many natural materials they can use to make crafts of all types. Minimum age is 10. Free

Veterans apple pie social: Sunday, 1 p.m., at the Judge Morris Estate, 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road. Hear firsthand what being a veteran means and how to honor them for their service. Coffee and apple pie will be served. Free. Call 302-368-6900 to register.

**City council meeting:** *Monday, 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St.* Council will discuss the search for a city manager and award a contract for auditing services

Stormwater fee information workshop: Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Drive. Residents can stop by to learn more about the monthly stormwater fee that will go into effect next year.

Energy conservation workshop: Thursday, 6 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. Two workshops will teach attendees ways to conserve energy and, in turn, save money on their utility bills. Workshop attendees will receive an energy conservation kit (one per household) that includes LED light bulbs, a sensor nightlight, caulk and a caulk gun. RSVP by calling 302-366-7000. Free

History Quiztory: Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Glasgow Park Bank Barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. A historian will give a presentation about the modes of transportation in New Castle County in 1830, including the C&D Canal and the New Castle/Frenchtown railroad. The session concludes with a quiz. Participants are encouraged to join teams and compete to win prizes. Free. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/history-quiztory-at-glasgow-bankbarn-tickets-30140569254.

Author talk: Thursday, 7 p.m., at The Independence School, 1300 Paper Mill Road. Dr. Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, a UD professor and author of the New York Times bestseller, "Becoming Brilliant: What Science Tells Us About Raising Successful Children," will speak and sign copies of her book. Free and open to the public.

For more events, visit newarkpostonline.com/calendar. To submit listings, go online or email news@newarkpostonline.com. Information runs in the print edition as space is available.

# **Students: Kindness makes** community a better place

Downes Elementary 4th-graders win essay contest

**By JOSH SHANNON** jshannon@chespub.com

What makes a good neighbor?

Approximately 40 local kids weighed in on the topic of kindness and its impact on the community as part of a recent essay contest sponsored by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. The contest was part of NAWC's annual Good Neighbor Day celebration Oct. 28, which also included the group's well-known bean soup mix sale.

On Tuesday, the winners received a visit from Mayor Polly Sierer and Good Neighbor Day coordinator Katie Hughes, who presented them with gifts card from the Downtown Newark Partnership.

winner First-place Natali Gogoladze, a fourth-grader at Downes Elementary School, wrote about a neighbor who is teaching her to speak French.

"I think she does it for free because she sees how much I enjoy it," Natali wrote. "To make it up to her, in the winter we sweep the snow from her car and my senior neighbors' cars.'

Kindness can make a big difference in the world, she added.

"For example, if you donate clothes or toys like I do, you can make someone so happy," she



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Downes Elementary fourth-graders Natali Gogoladze (left) and Audrey Nelson pose with Mayor Polly Sierer after winning the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Good Neighbor Day essay contest.

Instead of talking or texting ple who frequent the area, such on a phone, talking in person. It can make your friendship stronger, plus you will be happier because you may not have seen each other in a while."

Runner-up Audrey Nelson, also a fourth-grader at Downes, wrote about going to Main Street and seeing people show wrote. "Here is a different one. kindness to the homeless peo-

as giving them a bottle of water or a restaurant allowing them to keep warm inside.

"I think when people do things like when restaurants give them something to eat or drink, it will make more kindness," Audrey wrote. "When we choose kindness, we make our community a better place to live."



# Patrol car strikes toddler in front of police station

#### **By JOSH SHANNON** jshannon@chespub.com

A Newark Police officer driving an unmarked squad car struck a toddler being pushed on a tricycle last week, police said.

The crash happened at 1:17 p.m. Nov. 2 in front of the police station on South Main Street, said Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. The officer was leaving the station in an unmarked Chevrolet Caprice via Veterans Lane and attempting to turn left onto South Main Street.

While making the turn, he struck a 2-year-old girl being pushed on a tricycle

by a woman, Nelson said. The woman and child were crossing from the Park N Shop toward the police station.

The girl was treated at the scene by paramedics and then flown by helicopter to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. She was conscious and alert, and was released from the hospital the same day after being treated for minor injuries, Nelson said.

The woman, 22, was taken to Christiana Hospital to be treated for a minor cut on her foot. The officer was not hurt.

Nelson identified the officer involved only as a male corporal but would not re- PCraig@newark.de.us.

lease his name or describe his specific role at NPD. The officer was not responding to an emergency at the time of the collision.

NPD's traffic unit is investigating the crash. Under department policy, officers involved in crashes return to normal duty, Nelson said. An officer would be put on administrative leave only if criminal actions are suspected.

As of press time, police had yet to release additional details about how the crash occurred.

Anyone with information about the crash should contact Cpl. Patrick Craig at 302-366-7100 ext. 3416 or

# After daughter's diagnosis, Newark chef aims to raise awareness of rare genetic condition

#### **Bv JOSH SHANNON** jshannon@chespub.com

Sitting on her dad's lap and playing with her beloved teddy bear Sunday afternoon, Michaela "Mickey" Merrill seemed to not have a care in the world.

Sadly, though, the happy-go-lucky 3-year-old was diagnosed two months ago with Sanfilippo Syndrome, a fatal genetic disorder. Mickey is in the early stages of the disease but will gradually lose her ability to speak, understand, walk and eat. The life expectancy of a child with Sanfilippo is 10 to 20 years.

With that in mind, Mickey's parents, Donny and Molly, are in a race against time to help find a cure for the rare disorder, which affects only 1 in 70,000 kids. They recently launched a website, www. savemickey.com and are planning a number of events to raise money and awareness for Sanfilippo research.

"The first thing we were told is to make people find out about it," said Donny, the owner and executive chef at Skipjack Dining in the Shoppes at Louviers. "Nobody knows anything about it. Even the doctors have to look it up to treat her.'

Children with the disorder lack an enzyme essential to clearing metabolic waste out of their cells. Over time, the cells in their brain die from the accumulation of this waste

Sometimes referred to as "chil-



Three year-old Michaela "Mickey" Merrill, shown here with father Donny, mother Molly and baby sister Maya, recently was diagnosed with Sanfilippo Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. Maya, 4 months old, tested negative for the condition.

Alzheimer's disease," dren's Sanfilippo causes children to gradually lose their abilities and eventually slip into a vegetative state before dying, usually in their teenage years.

There is no treatment or cure for Sanfilippo, though there are some clinical trials in the works, including gene therapy and enzyme replacement therapy, according

to the nonprofit Team Sanfilippo Foundation.

Like most kids with Sanfilippo, Mickey was born happy and heathy but began to show developmental delays at around 18 months old, Donny and Molly said. Initially, doctors blamed the delays on hearing and vision difficulties.

"There was always a reason be-

hind it," Molly said, explaining that she and her husband never realized there was a more serious underlying cause.

Two months ago, though, additional testing returned a diagnosis of Sanfilippo.

After the diagnosis, the Merrills decided to find ways to raise money and awareness. Donny has been in the restaurant business since he was a teenager washing dishes at the Rusty Rudder in Dewey Beach, so naturally he turned to what he does best: cooking.

On Dec. 4, he will team up with several other Newark-area chefs to host a benefit dinner at Skipjack. Pat Niland of Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen, Damian Durnin of Evero Spezia, Robbie Jester of the Stone Balloon Ale House and Sean Howell of Two Stones Pub, as well as Donny, will all contribute dishes to the \$125-a-plate dinner.

"I just figured I'd use the re-sources I have," Donny said.

He said the chefs agreed to help immediately, several members of his waitstaff volunteered to work that night for free and many regular customers have bought tickets.

"The community around here has been fabulous," Donny said. "The way you see people come together when somebody is in need is incredible."

"Everybody jumped in and want-ed to do something," Molly added. In addition, Donny plans to reunite his former band, Fat Daddy HasBeen, for a Dec. 2 benefit show at Kelly's Logan House in Wilmington. He and Molly are also organizing a gala, a 5K walk, a silent auction and other fundraisers. Most of the money raised will go to the Team Sanfilippo Foundation, with some set away for travel expenses in case the family has to travel to get treatment for Mickey. For more information about the events, visit www.savemickev.com.

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It's unclear if the thefts are

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He said detectives are in-

vestigating whether the bur-

glary is connected to a simi-

lar incident that happened

overnight between Oct. 27

In that case, the thief en-

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Police have not released

surveillance footage or a

suspect description in either

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# Man, 19, charged with assaulting four UD students

#### **By JOSH SHANNON** jshannon@chespub.com

A 19-year-old Middletown man is in custody after being charged with as- cers also recognized him saulting four University of as fitting the description Delaware students

in two separate incidents, police said. The most recent

incident came at approximately 2 a.m. Saturday when Kvair Benson and another person were denied access

Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department

Benson followed three students who were leaving the area of the party and attacked them a block away, taken to Christiana Hospinear the corner of East Park Place and South College Avenue, Bryda said.

One of the victims, a 20-year-old man, was admitted to Christiana Hospital to be treated for serious injuries to his head and face. The other two, both 18-year-old men, were treated at the scene

#### Unlocked car burglarized in George **Read Village**

Someone stole loose change from an unlocked car parked in the George Read Village neighborhood this week, police said.

The incident happened da said.

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earlier assault and found enough evidence to charge him in that case as well.

second That case dates back to around 2 a.m. Sept.

BENSON 10 when a group of to a party, said Sgt. Gerald five men were harassing a woman walking on Prospect Avenue. A 23-year-old student walking with her told the harassers to stop, and they attacked him, Bryda said. The victim was tal to be treated for injuries to his face and head.

Benson was charged with two counts of third-degree assault, three counts of offensive touching and one count of conspiracy. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$3,000 secured bail.

between Monday night and Tuesday morning in the 300 block of Delaware Circle, according to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. thief rummaged The through the car but only stole a handful of coins, Bry-



Police believe this man stole merchandise from the College Square Acme.

# Police seek man who stole from College Square grocery store

Police are asking for the public's help identifying a man who stole \$370 worth of merchandise from a grocery store in College Square Shopping Center last week.

The theft happened at approximately 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Acme, according to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Surveillance footage shows a man stealing multiple hygiene products from the store. Police released a surveillance image but did not provide a detailed de-

Anyone with information tact Cpl. Daniel Burgess at 302-366-7100 ext. 3473 or dburgess@newark.de.us.

#### Three bikes reported stolen in Newark

Police are investigating the theft of three bicycles in Newark over the weekend. The first thefts happened Saturday outside The Re-treat at Newark apartment complex, which surrounds Suburban Plaza on Elkton Road, said Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. The thief took a Kona Ci-

#### Newark church burglarized for second time in two weeks

Burglars hit a Newark church for the second time in less than two weeks, police said.

The latest break-in happened sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Lu-theran Church, 701 S. College Ave., according to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The burglar broke in through a window and stole

#### Newark man, 77, killed in East **Chestnut Hill** Road crash

A 77-year-old Newark man was killed Tuesday afternoon as he attempted to pull out of the Todd Estates neighborhood, police said. The crash happened just before 2:30 p.m. as the man was driving a 1975 Chevro-

let Corvette on Todd Lane, approaching East Chestnut Hill Road, according to Master Cpl. Michael Austin, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

Investigators

the man pulled directly into the path of a 2014 Kia Sorento that was heading east on East Chestnut Hill Road, Austin said. The Kia struck the driver's side door of the Chevrolet, causing the Chevrolet to spin around.

The Chevrolet driver, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken to nearby Christiana Hospital, where he died. The Kia driver, who was wearing a seatbelt, was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Police have not yet released believe the names of the drivers.

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NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON Master Cpl. Jay Conover hands out trading cards to Bella and Alexander Williams, ages 9 and 7, at the community policing center on Main Street in May. The center closed recently due to budget constraints.



The Newark Police Department recently closed its community policing center, which was located at the site of the former SAS Cupcakes on Main Street.

# **Newark Charter teacher** wins 'Oscars of Teaching'

#### POST STAFF REPORT

A Newark Charter School science teacher recently received the prestigious Milken Educator Award, sometimes referred to as the "Oscars of Teaching."

Mike Milken, co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation. surprised Tami Lunsford with the award and \$25,000 cash prize during an Oct. 25 ceremony at the school.

"Tami Lunsford's passion and energy in teaching inspires a love of learning – her students are immersed into a world that not only understands the science but embraces its awesome power and future applications," Milken said in a statement. "We know that science is the engine of prosperity so Tami's influence will be felt far beyond the classroom. We're confident the future discoveries of the students she inspires will change the world." Lunsford is among up to 45 honorees who will receive this national recognition for the 2017-18 Milken Educator Awards season. Educators cannot apply for this recognition and do not even know they are under consideration. Candidates are sourced through a confidential selec-

tion process and then are re-

Lunsford, who holds an en-

vironmental science degree

viewed by a panel.



Newark Charter School science teacher Tami Lunsford (right) reacts to learning she won the prestigious Milken Educator Award.

from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in marine science from the College of William and Mary, joined Newark Charter when its high school opened in 2013. Previously, she taught at UD's Associate in Arts Program, Newark High School and Howard High School.

Mullen said Lunsford is nurturing the next generation of scientists at NCS.

During one project, more than 50 students in her marine science classes learned about sustainability and marine pollution as they transformed plastic bags into more than 5,000 sleeping mats, which they donated to homeless shelters.

Lunsford takes every opportunity to ensure that learning is an adventure. Her students travel annually to Cape Henlopen for horseshoe crab mating season and to the Marine Science Institute in Bermuda every other year.

# PD closes community policing center

#### **By JOSH SHANNON**

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After several months on Main Street, the Newark Police Department has quietly closed its community policing center.

"We just didn't have the money in the budget to con-tinue," NPD spokesman Sgt. Gerald Bryda said this week.

The center, which was located in the former SAS Cupcakes storefront at 134 E. Main St., opened in May just as the department was gearing up to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Modeled after a similar concept in Mystic, Conn., the center contained a large conference table for meetings, and the walls were decorated with photos and memorabilia from throughout NPD's history. Containers near the door held col-

stickers for young visitors, and blue lights in the window signaled when the facility was open.

The site was only open to the public when staffed by a sworn police officer and did not operate as a satellite police station, but rather a place for the community to interact with police. NPD used it mostly as a place to hold community engage-ment activities, like handing out free water ice and distributing trading cards to kids. It was also sometimes manned by NPD's special operations unit. "We're trying to make

the police approachable," Lt. Dennis Aniunas, who pitched the idea to police leadership and city council, explained earlier this year. "I think that's the problem with society today is people look at this uniform and oring books, crayons and they make a judgment for

better or for worse."

The community policing center was a partnership between NPD and George Danneman, who owns the building. Danneman allowed the police department to use the space rent-free as part of a pilot program.

The deal allowed NPD to use the space through the end of the year, but after deciding not to sign a lease for the property, the department agreed to vacate it earlier to allow Danneman to show it to potential tenants.

Bryda did not disclose how much it would have cost to keep the center running, but regardless of the amount, it would have been a tough sell in the current budget climate. On Monday, city administrators proposed a more conservative budget than in past years, and some council members are advocating making staff

reductions. Brvda said he considers the center a success and noted NPD would consider doing a similar concept in the future if the financial aspect could be worked out. The department prides itself on having a good relationship with

the community, he said. "Anything we can do to foster that great relationship, we will do," he added.

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# Handloff Park goes to the dogs for annual festival

Dozens of people and their pets attended the NewBark PawLooza event at Handloff Park on Saturday. Now in its third year, the dog-focused event was organized by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, and featured vendors, contests and a demonstration by the Newark Police Department K-9 unit.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON Anne and Robert Smith dressed their dogs, Lily and Bubbles, as Anna and Elsa from the Disney movie "Frozen" Lily pulled Bubbles in a carriage.



A volunteer from Brandywine Valley SPCA plays with a dog up for adoption at Saturday's NewBark PawLooza.



Kate Corigliano and her yellow lab, Joseph, participate in a talent show during Saturday's NewBark Pawlooza.

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have for Alder Creek, the

Newark Housing Authority

complex on Cleveland Av-

enue. DelDOT has agreed

to install a crosswalk near

the complex to make it saf-

er for residents attempting

If the Florida T was ap-

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However, without the Flor-

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further west, in a spot in

which people may be less

against low income com-

munities and having them

live in very dangerous pedestrian environments," Roe said. "I'm shocked by

the behavior I see here

tonight and I really think

that this meeting should

have been handled much

differently and that we

should be seeing and pri-

oritizing the issue of the

crosswalk and pedestrian

safety at the Alder Creek

affordable housing com-

Ultimately, council voted 5-2 against implementing the Florida T.

Chapman was joined in

opposition by councilmen

Jerry Clifton, Chris Ham-

ilton and Mark Morehead,

as well as Mayor Polly Sierer, who initially sup-ported the project but cast

a "no" vote after its fate

was already apparent. Only

Councilman Stu Markham

and Councilwoman Jen

Wallace supported the

munity.

"We are discriminating

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likely to use it.

### FLORIDA T From Page 1

Capitol Trail and Cleveland Avenue, but at what said Timothy expense?" Ferry, who lives on Giliberti Lane. "To the detri-ment of the people who actually live here.'

Under the plan, the Department Delaware of Transportation would have reconfigured the intersection to limit access out of Stafford and the other neighborhoods from Woodlawn Avenue. Only right turns in and out would be allowed, meaning residents could not use Woodlawn Avenue to turn

left onto Capitol Trail or DelDOT engineers. Under head straight to Cleveland Avenue.

Those seeking to go downtown would have had to exit via Anna Way and turn left to head into town.

result, however, The would have been dramatically improved conditions for other segments of the intersection, according to



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a Florida T configuration, the right-most lane of Capitol Trail heading out of the city would have a constant green light.

At rush hour, that would reduce backups by nearly 200 seconds, DelDOT consultant Matt Buckley said. "The benefits of a Florida T are pretty remarkable," Buckley said. "When you unkink the end of the hose, it will free flow traffic.

The Florida T was just one of several recommendations from a taskforce DelDOT and the city assembled to look at ways to improve safety and congestion in the Cleveland Avenue corridor. Other recincluded ommendations removing on-street parking on Cleveland Avenue, installing bike lanes, making part of Margaret Street one-way, and reducing the lanes on Cleveland Avenue while adding a center turn lane.

Despite false claims by some opponents of the Florida T, those measures were not dependent on last week's vote and, in fact, have already been approved. Only the placement of a new crosswalk near Alder Creek will be affected by the rejection of the Florida T.

Buckley called the Flor-da T "a double-edged ida T "a double-edged sword," acknowledging it would affect residents of the surrounding neighborhoods but arguing it is for the greater good.

opponents who The packed the council meeting, however, argued they should not have to suffer to make things better for other drivers.

"Neighbors are feeling pushed out and like they don't matter to the city leadership," Stafford resi-dent Maria Ruckle said.

Tom Parkins, who serves on the city's traffic committee, said that it's through-traffic, not local residents, that will benefit from reduced delays at the intersection.

'Who do you represent?,"

#### Man killed in Barksdale Road crash, Maryland police say

Police are continuing to investigate a fatal crash that happened early Saturday morning on Barksdale Road just over the state line in Maryland. William Allen Spry, 21, of Elkton, Md.,

was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lt. Michael Holmes, a Cecil County Sheriff's Office spokesman, said investigators determined that Spry - who was driving a 1993 Chevy Silverado

serious problem. The pro-Parkins asked council rhetorically. "You represent posal is a serious soluthe residents of Newark." tion," said Baumbach, who Former councilman Todd represents a large swath of Ruckle, who helped gal-Newark but not most of the vanize opposition to the affected neighborhoods. Florida T, said Woodlawn "Please separate fact from fiction. While the passions Avenue is a "gateway" to Newark for him and his are understandably high tonight, the facts are crys-tal clear. This proposal is neighbors. Without an easy way to head to downvery good for our city." town Newark, they would Amy Roe, representing the Newark branch of the be more likely to head the other direction on Capitol Trail and patronize busi-nesses outside the city. NAACP, advocated for the Florida T because of the

"They will not go to support the businesses on Main Street. They will not support the businesses on Cleveland Avenue," Ruckle said. "They will not support the city that does not want them to be a part of it."

A real estate agent by trade, Ruckle claimed taking away the exit will lower property values in the neighborhoods and suggested residents might file a class-action lawsuit against the city and Del-DOT to recoup lost equity.

"Where you see traffic patterns, I see people people who have invested their lives in their homes, people who have made that their primary investment," Capitol Trail resident Corinth Ford added. "Now you're devaluing our property."

Others described the Florida T as a safety concern, arguing that a constant green light would lead to increased speeds on Capitol Trail, where speeding is already a common problem. Additionally, they said, the steep exit on Anna Way is a hazard when covered with snow or ice.

"We're talking about trading time for safety and maybe death," said Kirk's Flowers owner John Mayer, who lives and works on Ash Avenue.

Only two members of the public spoke out in favor of the idea.

State Rep. Paul Baum-bach pointed out the Florida T would improve conditions for 96 percent of drivers in the area.

"The intersection is a measure.

crossed the center line as he traveled east on Barksdale Road near Catswamp Road around 12:40 Saturday morning.

The truck drifted into the oncoming lane when it appeared Spry overcorrected, causing the the truck to spin and roll and eject him. The truck then struck a utility pole, snapping it, and came to rest on the right side of the road with Spry partially in the driver's side wheel well

Holmes said a passerby pulled Spry from the wheel well just as first responders arrived.

### LAYOFFS From Page 1

It failed by a vote of 3-4, with Clifton, Chris Hamilton, Mark Morehead and Jen Wallace opposed. Acting City Manager Tom Coleman will make revisions to the budget and bring it back for a vote next month.

The \$87.4 million budget contains no tax hike or increases to water, sewer or electric rates. It does, however, include the monthly stormwater fee that was approved last month. Under the fee, residents will pay between \$1.77 and \$5.31 each month, which for the average resident is akin to a 7 percent tax increase.

"This is a conservative budget we feel will provide a solid foundation for the next city manager to build off as they develop their vision for where Newark heads from here," Coleman said, urging council to approve the budget Monday. He called this year the longest and most public budget process in the city's history, noting that it began in July when council began hearing budget requests from each department.

It quickly became apparent, though, that a majority of the council still had concerns.

A major sticking point was the cost of personnel. Salaries and benefits add up to \$32 million, or approximately 37 percent of the budget.

The 2018 budget includes no new positions, but personnel costs are up 4.4 percent from last year, mostly due to raises dictated by union contracts and an increase in the city's contribution to the pension fund.

The city's workforce has increased 6 percent - from 234 employees to 249 – in the past decade, Coleman said.

Clifton, who made concerns over growing personnel costs a central part of his campaign in April, said he would like to see the city cut at least \$300,000 in personnel costs from the budget.

In an interview Tuesday, he said he has four positions in mind, but declined to name them out of respect for the individual employees. Clif-

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Councilman Jerry Clifton said he has a plan to eliminate four

positions and redistribute those duties to other employees. ton said those positions are

"unique positions" that involve duties that can be reassigned.

They're unique enough that there are some good options for cross-training other people to do those jobs," he said.

He said the process of considering layoffs is "emotionally draining.'

"You're not out to hurt the employees; you're out to do the best thing for the city," he said.

Both Clifton and Morehead are targeting management employees, not those lower in the organizational chart.

"I'd like to put a stake in the ground and settle all the people who think they're going to lose their jobs tomorrow morning," Morehead said. We aren't talking about the front lines."

He noted that council can only directly affect management positions. He declined to provide a number of cuts he wants to see but said it is less than six.

"I'd like people to understand we aren't talking about the folks that are digging ditches and the folks that are keeping us safe and the folks that are pumping water and so forth," he added. "We're talking efficiencies and some redundancies."

However, Coleman warned that reducing the city's work-force would have consequences.

"There aren't people here that are just sitting around waiting for something to happen," he said. "If we reduce personnel, we're going to have to reduce service.

Councilman Stu Markham had similar concerns.

"People equal service," Markham said. "We always talk about 'committed to service excellence' and how great our people are. I worry how do we maintain that if we don't have the people."

Another concern from some council members was the proposal to change the way the city funds the capital improvement plan, which includes expensive projects meant to serve the city for many years. Rather than paying for the projects with cash in this year's budget, the city would use bonds and loans that could be paid off over a number of years.

The CIP is approximately \$14.7 million and under the proposal, \$7.7 million would be financed through bonds and loans, and \$1.4 million would be funded with current revenue, with the rest covered by grants, reserves and other sources. Last year's budget funded \$4.1 million of the CIP with current revenue.

Doing so would require taxpayers to approve a referendum authorizing the city to take on debt. The city is already planning a referendum on the Rodney stormwater project next June, and the CIP bonds likely would be placed as a second question on the same ballot.

The city has maximized its ability to utilize the 'payas-you-go' method of funding capital projects," Finance Director David Del Grande said. "It has come to the point where Newark's capital pro-

until we are able to use either secure bond financing and/ or the state's revolving loan program to provide fiscal relief to funding its long-term projects."

Several of the council members said they support using bond funding for big-ticket items like the Rodney stormwater project but not necessarily small items. Coleman's proposal uses bond financing for a number of smaller-scale projects, such as new playground equipment and updated surveillance cameras.

"My comfort level is a little wobbly with funding these smaller projects," Wallace said. "I'm concerned we're setting a precedent.'

Morehead compared bond financing to a resident taking out a bank loan, "which makes sense for things like my house, not for things like my grocery bill."

Clifton used a similar analogy.

You don't pay your food bill on credit card, and I see this as doing just that," he said. "I'm extremely uncomfortable."

Coleman also proposed monthly service fees of \$1 each on water and sewer bills as a way to recoup some of the fixed costs of providing the services, though the budget is not dependent on those fees.

Technology, the conservation of resources and education has led to lower consumption by those we serve, resulting in the inability to properly recover the revenues necessary to meet our expenses," Coleman explained at an earlier budget workshop. "Infrastructure needs to be there regardless of usage levels. Alternative energy users still rely on the city's grid."

He also proposed a \$1-perhomeowner fee to help increase the city's subvention payment to Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company from \$74,000 to \$224,000. Aetna is a mostly volunteer fire department and has seen its calls for service increase while its funding has declined.

Council will discuss the budget again during a spe-



#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Horace I. (Buddy) Bomar Jr. 1955 until 1980, when he

Horace I. (Buddy) Bomar transferred to the Kennedy Jr., 88, of Merritt Island, FL, passed away on October 31, 2017.

Buddy was born in Wartrace, TN, on Jan. 20th, 1929. He attended Wartrace High School and received a B.S. in Engineering from Middle Tennessee University. State He also served in the Tennessee State Guard and U.S. Army.

Buddy worked in the aerospace industry as a mechanical engineer for 39 years, all with Morton-Thiokol. His career began in Huntsville, AL, and led him to the Elkton, MD division, where he worked for 25 years. The family lived in Newark, DE, from

#### Loren J. Thompson

Loren J. Thompson, born Dec. 19, 1932, died peacefully on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2017, at Pikes Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs. Dr. Thompson was a

member of Christiana High School's first teaching staff when it opened in 1963 and was named Delaware's Outstanding Young Educator in 1965.

He became Christiana's assistant principal, leaving in 1969 to complete his

Space Center, where he retired in 1991. Buddy enjoyed fishing, woodworking,

board games, cooking and travel. Buddy is survived

by his wife of 69 years, Jennie Walker Bomar; son, Horace I. Bomar 3rd and wife Francine; daughter, Lynne Halleran Bomar and husband Kevin;

granddaughters: Jennifer Bomar Kellogg and husband Paul; Laura Bomar Eiszner and husband Jim; great-granddaughter, Quinn Evelyn Eiszner; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Tennessee at a later date.

doctorate. He went on to become the first principal of Gauger Middle School until 1974, when he was hired as the Director of Instruction for the Newark School District.

Loren is survived by his wife, Mary Anne; his daughter, Lisa (John); his son, Phil (Anna); six grandchildren: Whitney, Erick (Megan), Lauren (Mark), Kaitlyn (Angus), Sean (Anna); Erin; and great-granddaughter, Marion.

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#### **CITY OF NEWARK** DELAWARE <u>CITY COUNCIL</u> PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### November 27, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Sections 402.2 of the City Charter and Section 32-79 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, 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, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinance:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Requir-ing Proof of Contract for New Wireless Communi-Bill 17-47 cations Facilities Applications

> Renee K. Bensley, CMC City Secretary

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#### **CITY OF NEWARK** Newark, Delaware

#### **Traffic Committee** Meeting Notice

The Traffic Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the Police Department upper level confer-ence room to discuss the following:

- Review the speed study on Hidden Valley Drive due a speeding concern
- Review responses received by property owners in consid-ering the request to designate New Street as a special res-2. idential parking district.
- Request to eliminate parking on the west side of Center Street. (tabled at September 19, 2017 meeting) 3
- Review responses received by property owners in considering the request to eliminate parking on the east side Annabelle Street.

The Traffic Committee may add items to the agenda at the time of the meeting and make recommendations to the City Manager on all issues discussed.

Any questions regarding the above topics may be directed to Deputy Chief Mark Farrall of the Newark Police Department, at 366-7100, prior to the meeting. 2749165 np 11/10

DOPS, Inc. has on October 23, 2017 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for a wholesaler of beer, wine and spirits that purchases, stores, sells and delivers those products to retailers for a premises located at 825 Dawson Drive; Suite 10; Del-aware Industrial Park; Newark, Delaware. 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 the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this appli-cation, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents con-taining a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic 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 November 24, 2017. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office. matter please contact the Commissioner's Office. np 10/27,11/3,10 2745658



### CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 13, 2017 - 6:30 P.M. - CC

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

#### MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(4) for the purpose of a strategy session involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the
- litigation position of the public body Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(4) for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the bargaining position of the public body CWA Contract В.

(Executive Sessions to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Execitive Sessions after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

#### RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

#### SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- <u>PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:</u> (15 minutes per presentation; public comment [1 minute per speaker])
   <u>A. Resolution No. 17-\_\_</u>: Retirement of Serafino "Rick" Vitelli, Electric Director
   <u>B. Resolution No. 17-\_\_</u>: Retirement of Stephen Lawrence, Electric Superintendent \*1.

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- ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA: A. Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers B. University
  - - (1) Administration (5 minutes per speaker)
       (2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)
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- City Manager Council Members D. E.
- F. Public (3 minutes per speaker)

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- Public (Sminutes per speaker)
   APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

   Approval of Council Minutes October 23, 2017
   B. Approval of Council Special Meeting Minutes November 2, 2017
   C. Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes October 3, 2017
   D. Receipt of Planning Commission Parking Subcommittee Minutes September 27, 2017
   E. *First Reading* Bill 17-48 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Change the Title of a Management Position and the Salary Assignment Table *Second Reading* November 27, 2017
   F. *First Reading* Bill 17-49 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Amend the Departmental Organization Charts to Reflect Municipal Operations *Second Reading* November 27, 2017
   G. *First Reading* Bill 17-50 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Amend Management Vacation Leave *Second Reading* November 27, 2017
   H. *First Reading* Bill 17-51 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Update the Intersections Prohibiting U-Turns *Second Reading* November 27, 2017
   I. *First Reading* Bill 17-52 An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Development Plan by Changing the Designation of Property Located at 36 Benny Street *Second Reading* December 11, 2017
   J. *First Reading* Bill 17-53 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning from RD (One Family Semi-detached Residential) to RM (Multi-Family Residential Garden Apartments) 0.448 Acres Located at 36 Benny Street *Second Reading* December 11, 2017

#### ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING: None 4

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: None

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- SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: A. Third Quarter 2017 Pension/OPEB Report D+T Investments
- В. Discussion Regarding Council Rankings for City Manager Search Firm RFP and Determination of Final Interview Group -Acting City Manager
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- RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:
  A. Recommendation to Award RFP No. 17-05 Provision of Audit Services
  B. Approval of Increase in Funds for Wireless Facilities Ordinance Legal Fees
- FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (Ending September 30, 2017) \*8.
- \*9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING: None

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: None 10\*

- 11. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:** Council Members: None
- В. Others: None

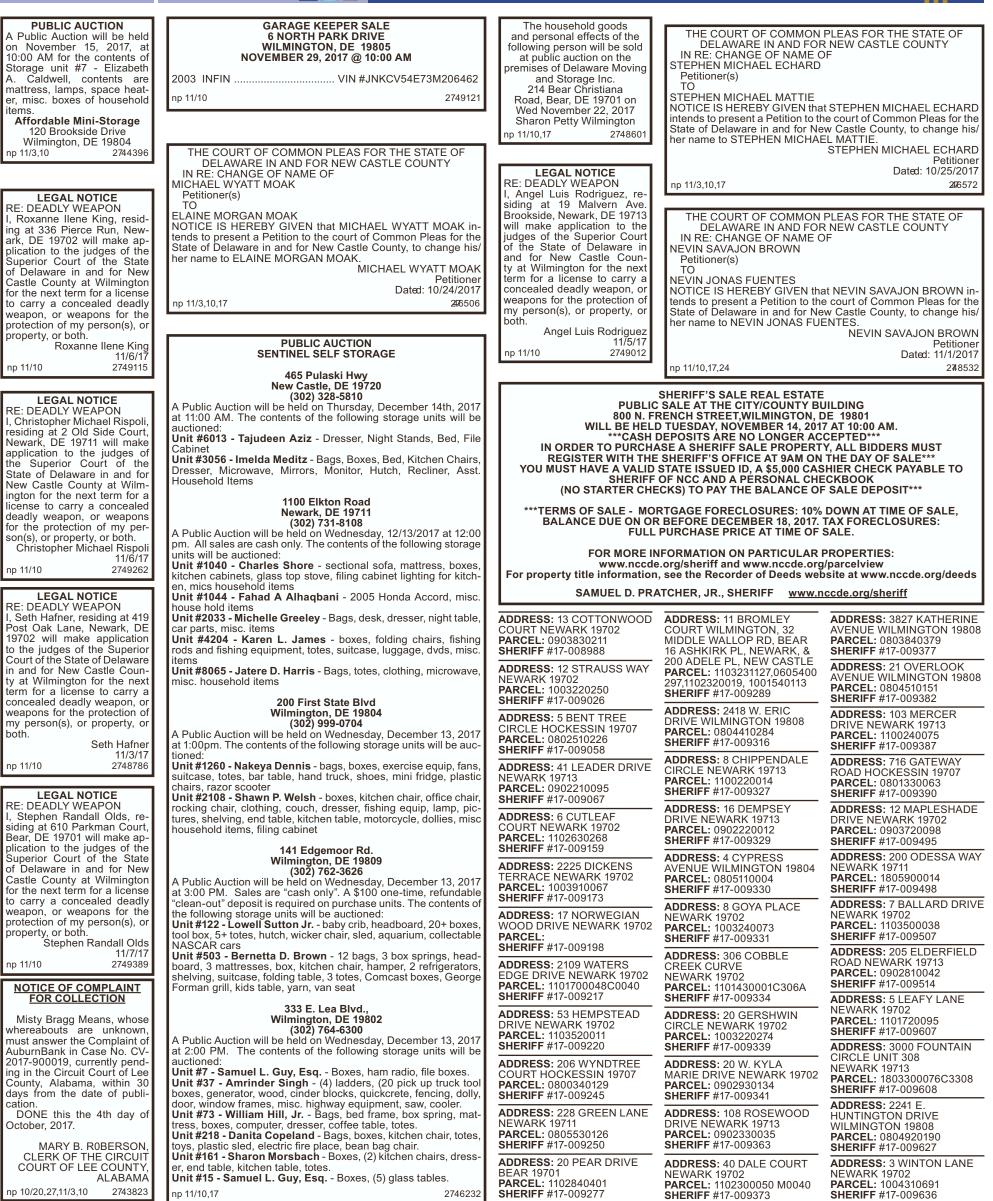
#### **OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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