

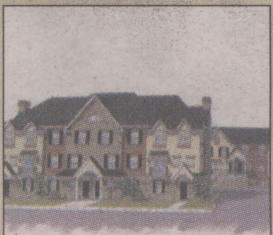
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Home for the holidays

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Rhonetta Wilmore sits on her couch with her 7-year-old son Jyair (right) and 12-year-old daughter Keaira (left). The family recently moved into a new apartment in Alder Creek, the new 56-unit housing complex built on the former Cleveland Heights property off Cleveland Avenue.

Alder Creek residents settle into their new homes

By KARIE SIMMONS

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A few years ago, Deandra Carter put her name down on the Newark Housing Authority waiting list, hoping to move out of a home she shared with her daughter and grandchild

and get a place of her own.

NHA was in the process of partnering with developer Ingerman to tear down Cleveland Heights, a 6.77-acre neighborhood off Cleveland Avenue built in 1967 that had become run down and plagued with crime by the

mid-2000s.

The housing authority, which provides rental assistance to low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities, was planning 13 three-story, townhouse-style apartment buildings with 56 units, a playground, gym and community center for low-income residents called Alder Creek.

In 2013, NHA and Ingerman, which agreed to lease the property from the housing authority and manage the complex, got approval for

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\$1 fee would support Aetna

City proposes monthly fire protection surcharge

By JOSH SHANNON

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In response to a request from Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co., city officials are proposing a monthly \$1 "fire protection surcharge" on city water bills.

The money — which would total an estimated \$108,000 annually — would go directly to the fire department to help combat rising costs.

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Newark High students reforest area of Curtis Mill Park

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Even though it was early in the morning on the first day of Thanksgiving break, Amani Thurman had no

complaints about being out in the chilly air digging holes to plant trees at Curtis Mill Park

"I'm terribly interested in saving the environment, and any opportunity to do that is

exciting," the Newark High School senior explained. "Being out here is a lot better than sleeping in. You feel better about yourself."

Thurman was one of approximately 25 NHS stu-

dents who spent part of Saturday planting trees along with other volunteers from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark youth group and the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park.

Together, the volunteers planted 100 trees, which were donated by the Friends group.

"This will reduce runoff, filter pollution and provide food for wildlife," explained Newark High biology teacher Bob McDowell who organized the project.

The park opened last year at the site of the former Curtis Paper Mill on Paper Mill Road. Considered a "passive park," the site includes a plaza with picnic tables and benches but largely consists of meadows and forest.

Saturday's effort concentrated on reforesting a grassy area on the south side of the property bordering White Clay Creek. A lot of trees there were lost during the environmental remediation done while converting the industrial site into a park.

"This reduces the just grass areas and puts back what used to be here," McDowell said.

He added that the project was a good experience for the students, many of whom are in his environmental science class or part of the Newark Nature Society club at NHS.



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Newark High School students Ashton Cleveland and Cami Borcky plant a tree at Curtis Mill Park on Saturday.

"It's a great hands-on lesson to learn about what a floodplain is and what a riparian buffer is," McDowell said.

It's also a good way for students to make a difference in their community, he said.

"They can come back in 50 years and say, 'I planted that,'" McDowell said. "The more connections people

have to where they live, that's a good thing."

He plans to repeat the reforestation project each spring and fall at different parks around the city.

NHS junior Alyssa Mason also was pleased to help out Saturday.

"I love nature," she said. "I love doing things to help the environment."

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International students get a taste of Thanksgiving

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Sondoss Elnegahy traveled from Egypt with her mother and son, Adam, three months ago to study linguistics at the University of Delaware and has been learning about American culture ever since.

Still, the 28-year-old yearned to experience Thanksgiving – a holiday she has seen played out on TV shows and movies all her life.

"I wanted to feel similar and see how it is and experience what I've seen in movies," she said.

Elnegahy heard about a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by UD's Office for International Students and Scholars and jumped at the opportunity to attend. The free event was held Sunday at the Embassy Suites on South College Avenue and drew approximately 375 people.

OISS Director Ravi Ammigan said the annual Thanksgiving dinner started several years ago with the goal to introduce international students to the American holiday and culture, as well as make them feel comfortable in their new environment.

UD hosts more than 4,200 international students, scholars and their families from over 95 countries.

"We want to create a home away from home for our international students," Ammigan said.

Ammigan is originally from Mauritius, a small island off the coast of South Africa near Madagascar, and came to the United States several years ago to go to college. As a former international student himself, he said he



Sondoss Elnegahy, 28, from Egypt, enjoys Thanksgiving dinner with her mother and son, Adam. The event was put on by the University of Delaware's Office for International Students and Scholars at the Embassy Suites on Sunday.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

knows how important it is to feel accepted.

"I've walked a mile in the shoes of an international student, so I can understand their needs," he said.

To help ease the transition and spread a little holiday cheer, OISS invited foreign undergraduates, visiting professors and scholars

to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, complete with turkey, cranberry sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing and apple pie.

For international students, Ammigan said, being included in an American holiday is huge.

"You feel like you matter," he said. "You feel like you belong."

Yuling Chen, 24, from China, was enjoying her Thanksgiving meal on Sunday with friends Joy Zhang, 21, Kixin Zhang, 20, and Yushan Jia, 22. She said she likes the meaning behind the holiday, which is to be thankful for life and appreciate loved ones.

"Usually you share it with your family, but our parents are in

China, so it's good we can still have that feeling here," Chen said.

Although Thanksgiving food is different than what she is used to eating back home, Chen admitted she liked the turkey.

"I heard turkey makes you tired, but I just think people eat too much," she said, laughing.

Elnegahy also said the food was a little unusual, but good.

"I like the stuffing," she said. "I didn't think I would like the bread this way, but it's very good with the mashed potatoes and the turkey."

After learning about the history of Thanksgiving and the meaning behind it, she said she now has a better understand of why Americans enjoy Turkey Day so much.

"I get the feeling," Elnegahy said. "Sharing food with the people you love or the people you are getting to know is a very good way of getting together."

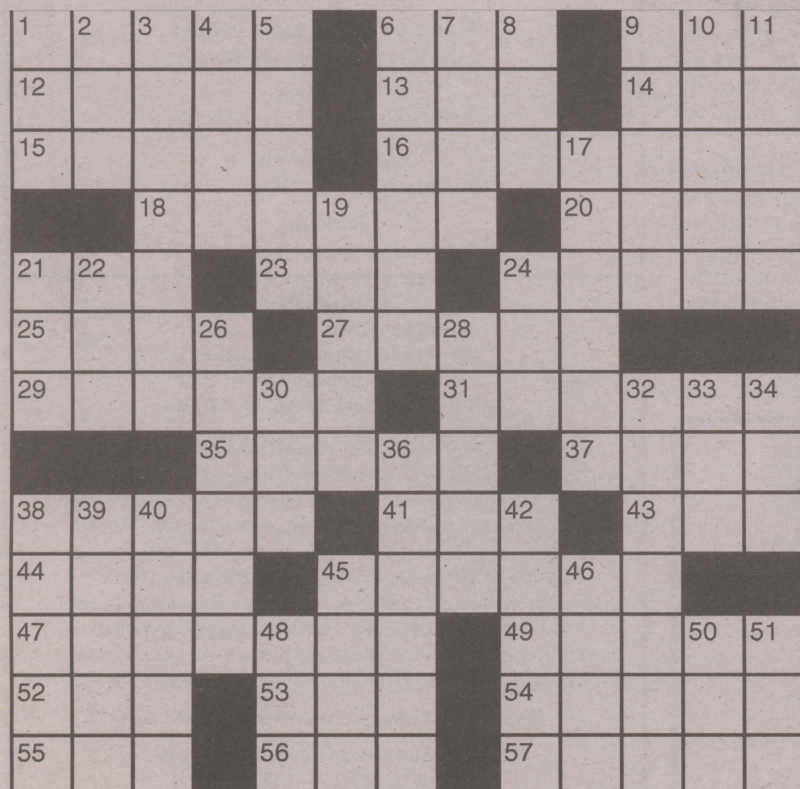
Aside from food and family, Elnegahy learned Thanksgiving is also about reflecting on what you are thankful for.

This year, she said, she is thankful for the opportunity to study in the United States and share the experience with her family members, who she wasn't sure would be able to come. She said she is finally following her dream of getting a masters degree in linguistics and plans to take what she has learned back to Egypt, where she teaches English to university students.

"I have a lot to be thankful for," Elnegahy said. "The fact that I'm here with my family is a big thing."

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UD professor charged with stalking co-worker

By JOSH SHANNON

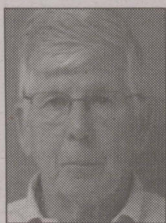
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A University of Delaware economics professor was banned from campus after being charged with stalking a co-worker.

William Harris, 66, of Churchville, Md., was arrested Nov. 19 following a two-month investigation, UD officials said. Police allege Harris repeatedly attempted to puncture the tires of the victim's vehicle while it was parked in UD's Center for the Arts Parking Garage on Orchard Road.

Harris is an associate professor of economics and serves as associate chair for undergraduate studies in the Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics. He joined the UD faculty in 1983 after a three-year stint at Louisiana Tech University. His areas of teaching include microeconomics and public finance.

Court records reveal that the inves-



HARRIS

tigation began Sept. 16 when a female UD employee contacted police to report that a masonry nail with its point sharpened had been placed under her tire in an attempt to puncture it on two separate occasions.

The woman told police she believed Harris to be the culprit, adding that the issue began nine years ago when she was helping him train for a marathon.

"The victim explained that she started to feel uncomfortable with Harris when he would talk about how he had guns and knives in his home," University of Delaware Police Department detective William Wentz wrote in affidavit of probable cause. "The victim advised she felt Harris began to develop feelings for her, at which time she stopped training him."

The woman further alleged that after she stopped training him, Harris called her at home several times.

"Soon after their professional relationship ended, the victim noticed she had been getting tire damage from nails sporadically over the course of 9 years," Wentz wrote.

For nearly two months, UDPD de-

tectives did surveillance in the garage, noting that Harris regularly parked there on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wentz wrote that after parking, Harris would "canvass the garage from the top of the garage down until he found the victim's vehicle, at which time he would stare at it or walk by, stop and stare at the vehicle." On five occasions, Harris put a nail under the tire, court records allege.

On one occasion, the woman drove over the nail, causing her tire to pop. Police used surveillance camera footage and swipe card access records to confirm that Harris had parked his Porsche 911 in the garage during that time, Wentz said.

The woman told police she "has trouble sleeping at night and feels like she is always looking over her shoulder," Wentz wrote, adding the victim is uncomfortable driving her car for fear of what Harris may have done to it.

Harris was charged with felony stalking and five counts of attempted criminal mischief and released on \$1,000 bail. He is on administrative leave and not permitted on campus property.

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Wallet stolen during brawl outside Grotto Pizza

A woman is missing her wallet after it fell out of her purse during a fight on Main Street on Saturday night.

According to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the incident began around 9 p.m. when the victim and a group of women had a brief altercation in Grotto Pizza, located in The Galleria on Main Street.

About an hour later, Bryda said, the victim was standing on the sidewalk outside Grotto Pizza when she was elbowed by one of the women involved in the altercation inside the bar. Words were exchanged between the two, and then another woman, described as a large "heavysset" white female with long brown hair, walked up and began to strike the victim with her fists.

Bryda said a fight broke out amongst the women and at some point during the scuffle, the victim's wallet fell out of her purse and was stolen. He said the brawl was over by the time police arrived

and the victim declined medical treatment.

Police are still investigating the incident have have no suspects at this time, Bryda said.

Man hit with glass beer mug at Klondike Kate's

A bar patron at Klondike Kate's suffered an injury to his chin after someone hit him across the face with a glass beer mug over the weekend.

According to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the incident occurred around 1 a.m. Saturday at the bar located at 158 E. Main St. Shortly after, officers were called to Newark Emergency Center where the victim was being treated for a 1-inch cut to his chin.

The victim told police he was sitting at a table inside Klondike Kate's when a white man between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 150 to 170 lbs with a thin build and brown hair walked by. Words were exchanged, and the suspect

threw a glass beer mug at the victim.

The victim was unable to identify the suspect and Bryda said police are still investigating.

Wallets stolen from car parked at Studio Green

Someone entered an unlocked car parked on Thorn Lane over the weekend and took two wallets.

According to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the theft occurred sometime between 2 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 a.m. Sunday in a parking lot of Studio Green, located in the 100 block of Thorn Lane.

Bryda said the thief entered the victim's vehicle, which police assume was left unlocked as there was no signs of forced entry, and removed two wallets containing cash and credit cards from the glove box.

The cards were later used to make approximately \$200 in purchases at area establishments.

Bryda said police are still investigating the incident

and have no suspects at this time.

iPhone stolen at The Greene Turtle

A customer at The Greene Turtle is missing her iPhone after she accidentally left it in the bathroom last week, police say.

According to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the incident occurred at approximately 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the bar and restaurant located at 250 S. Main St.

The victim told police she went into the bathroom and placed her iPhone 5s on the sink but forgot to grab it before she returned back to her seat. Shortly after, she realized she did not have her phone and went back to the bathroom to get it, but it was gone.

Bryda said the victim was unable to find the phone anywhere else in the restaurant and an attempt by police to track the phone was unsuccessful. He said officers continue to investigate the incident and have no suspects at this time.

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Urgent care center opens on UD's STAR Campus

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Glasgow Medical Center recently expanded to the University of Delaware's STAR Campus, bringing an urgent care center to the growing medical and business park.

The 5,500-square-foot facility includes 10 exam rooms, X-ray facilities, a trauma room and space that can be leased by other doctors. It opened Nov. 2 and is expected to treat upward of 20,000 people each year.

The company, which is affiliated with Christiana Care, opened its surgery center and medical aid unit near Peoples Plaza in 1990. Approximately 10 years ago, it opened medical aid units in Middletown and near Christiana Hospital.

The STAR Campus facility is the company's fourth, and Chief Operating Officer Mark Doughty said he expects it to become the busiest.

"It makes sense geographically," Doughty said. "We're right in the heart of Newark."

Open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the walk-in medical aid unit is intended for patients who need immediate medical treatment, but whose conditions are not serious enough to warrant a trip to the emergency room. A physician is on duty at all times.

"The goal of the medical aid unit is to keep people out of the ER," Doughty said, adding that common ailments treated include colds, flu, cuts and sprains.

"You never know what

will walk in the door," he added, noting the facility has an ambulance bay in the back in case a patient needs to be transferred to a hospital.

The medical aid unit is located in the renovated and expanded building along South College Avenue that used to serve as Chrysler's administration building. Approximately half of the building houses UD's College of Health Sciences and the other half houses commercial tenants, which also include Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics and the technology firm SevOne.

Kathleen Matt, dean of the College of Health Sciences, said Glasgow Medical Center is a good partner for UD.

"It's a perfect fit," Matt said. "We're excited."

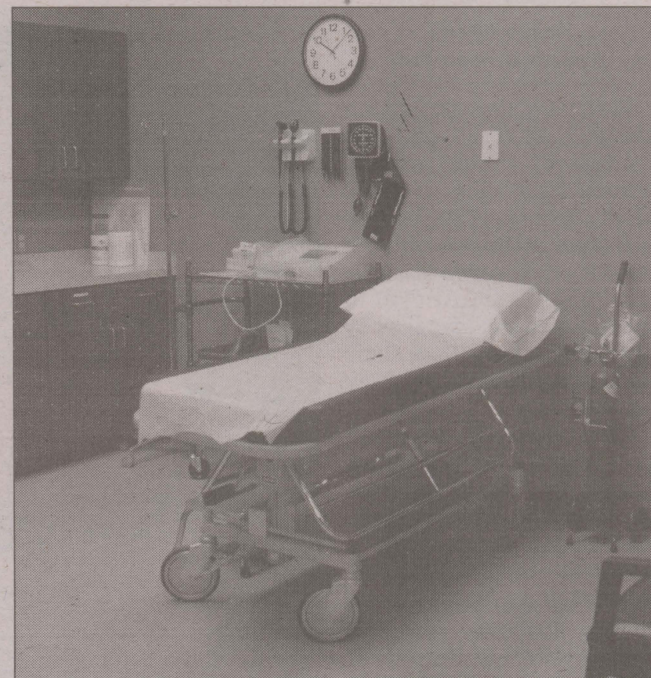
She noted that if a patient comes into the urgent care center and does not have a primary care physician, he or she can be referred to UD's Nurse Managed Health Center, which provides primary care for the general public.

It's also convenient for the growing number of people who work at the STAR Campus, Matt said.

"Rather than go off-site, they can just come here," she said.

The medical aid unit features several murals painted by Chris Raymond, the son of former football coach Tubby Raymond. Both father and son collaborated for a mural in the lobby that features local imagery.

"We're really trying to tie ourselves to the community," Doughty said.



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The Glasgow Medical Aid Unit at the STAR Campus includes a trauma room for treating more serious injuries.

'Fake' utility worker was legitimate, police now say

By JOSH SHANNON

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The "imposter" utility worker that police warned Newarkers about earlier this month turned out to be a legitimate Delmarva Power employee reading gas meters, authorities acknowledged Tuesday.

A "technical problem" meant that workers couldn't read the meters electronically like usual, said

Lt. Bill Hargrove, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. Instead, workers knocked on doors to request access to meters located in some residents' basements.

Earlier this month, police issued a warning to residents to be alert after two people reported receiving visits from a suspicious person portraying a utility worker. In the most recent incident, which came Nov. 12, the man told

an East Park Place resident he needed to check the gas pipes, and the resident let him go to the basement.

However, after the man left, the resident grew suspicious and called police. At the time, Delmarva officials told detectives they didn't have a record of any employee being at that address, Hargrove said.

After the alert was issued, police received several more calls

reporting similar incidents. In some cases, officers arrived to find legitimate Delmarva workers reading meters.

"Delmarva explained to Newark Police detectives that a technical problem led to employees having to manually read the meters, which is unusual in the city of Newark," Hargrove said.

He added that residents should still take precautions if someone comes to their door and claims to

represent a utility worker.

"Both Delmarva Power and city of Newark employees carry official company identification cards," Hargrove said. "These should be asked for every time someone asks to enter your home and if not produced, customers should call 911."

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Newark High student-athletes give back to local families

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With the day of "giving thanks" upon us and the "season of giving" quickly approaching, the Newark High School boys basketball team partnered with the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club to give back to local families by providing a basketball clinic and turkey basket giveaway on Saturday.

More than 20 boys and girls ages 7 to 13 turned out for the Hoops for Hunger event at Newark High. The event began with a one-hour basketball clinic conducted by Newark head coach Shannon McCants and members of the varsity team. The clinic was open to all kids, not just those from families receiving turkey baskets.

"I've always wanted to do something like this since I started coaching," McCants explained after the clinic. "I think it went excellent. I'm happy we were able to do this. It's important for the kids to learn the basics of basketball and important for my players to learn the value of giving back to the community."



Newark junior point guard Shannon McCants Jr. and his cousin, Amir McCants, work together at the Hoops for Hunger basketball clinic.

Families sat in the bleachers and cheered as the kids watched the high school team demonstrate drills that the kids then executed under the direction of the varsity players.

"I like to help kids," junior Chaz Knox, a returning starter for the Yellowjackets, said while overseeing a layup drill. "I think it's good for kids to get to know other

kids and make new friends." Junior point guard Shannon McCants Jr. found himself reflecting on his own similar youth experiences as he watched the kids moving from drill to drill.

"When I was little, I always liked being around people I looked up to, and I dreamed of one day being around people who looked up to me," he said. "It feels good

to give back."

Once the drills were over, the clinic attendees competed in a free-throw and 3-point shooting competition.

"I like shooting from 3-point range because it's harder," said John Knies, 12, who won the 3-point shooting contest after his final shot hit nothing but net.

Amir McCants, Shannon

Jr.'s cousin, won the foul-shooting contest in an overtime shootout.

"Foul shooting is my favorite," said a smiling Amir, who plays AAU ball for the Bottom Ballers.

As the kids, players and coaches gathered for a group photo, the true purpose of the day was unfolding in the background when the families who signed up for the turkey baskets stopped to pick up their feast from student members of the FCA organization.

"We have a great tradition of sports excellence at Newark, and FCA is working to enrich that tradition through teaching our students how to impact and influence the student-body and the Newark community through their faith," explained Kevin Scannell, a physical education teacher at Newark who is the sponsor of the student-led FCA group.

The student-athletes had pre-assembled the baskets that were donated by Parkview Assembly of God Church and included a turkey, stuffing, vegetables and other traditional Thanksgiving dinner fixings.

"The Newark community

has really stepped up to the plate," Scannell said. "We have a great support network. We were blessed to find a wonderful sponsor for our dinners. Parkview Assembly of God church has been so supportive of our FCA group."

Scannell was pleased with how the first-year event turned out.

"It has been so exciting to see the outpouring of kindness from the Newark community," he said. "I have had so many people from Newark High and the community reaching out and asking how they could help out our event. Hoops for Hunger has really pulled the community together. I hope next year we can help out even more people and get more students to our clinic."

It's safe to say those who attended will return, and most likely invite others to join them.

"I got some nice feedback from the families," Scannell said. "I heard people saying that they were impressed by how well run and organized the event was. They said how helpful and friendly the high school students were."

"The families also said how thankful they were."

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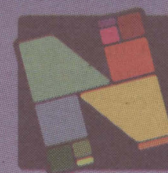
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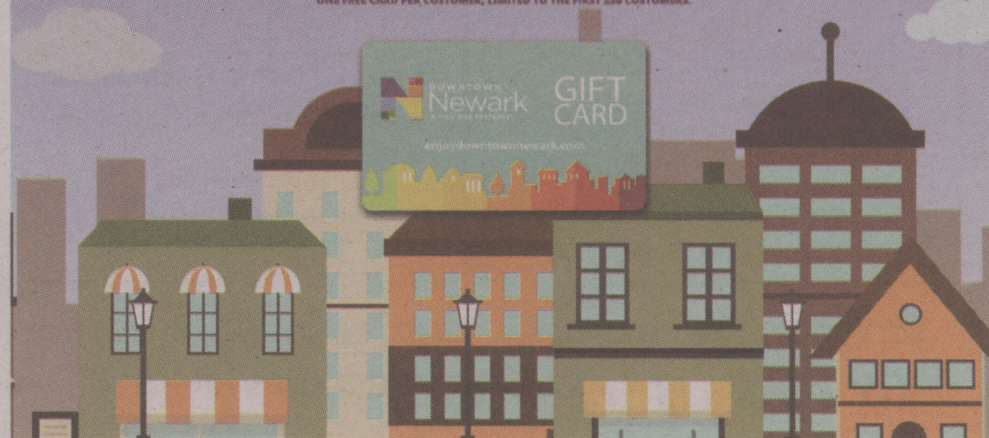
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The new parking lot equipment in Lot 1 includes a touchscreen and barcode reader.

New parking lot equipment installed behind Galleria

By JOSH SHANNON

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Motorists who park in the city-run Lot 1 behind the Main Street Galleria will notice new equipment for paying for parking.

The new equipment includes several additional features but the best feature simply may be that it works as intended.

"We'll have a system that's fully functional," city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said last week.

The old system was 11 years old and because it is no longer being manufactured, city workers have resorted to combing eBay for replacement parts. For months, the machines were unable to accept coins, and one of the intercom systems that allows drivers to contact parking staff if they have a problem was broken.

"The system we have has been patched together with bubble gum and duck tape," Nietubicz quipped.

Crews spent Sunday installing the new equipment, and the biggest change customers will notice is the way tickets and validation cou-

pons are read. The new system uses a barcode reader, rather than magnetic strips, which can be rendered unreadable if placed too close to a cell phone or other electronic device.

"This will be much more reliable," Nietubicz said.

Motorists entering the lot will be greeted by an entrance gate that has a digital screen and voice prompts to guide users through the system. Drivers will be issued a barcoded ticket that they will then scan at a touchscreen pay station. They can also pay by credit card at the exit gate.

Though the system is automated, the parking office will have staff members on hand to assist motorists with the new technology for the first few days.

This winter, Lots 3 and 4 — located behind the businesses on the north side of Main Street — will be upgraded with similar equipment. However, they will continue to have round-the-clock attendants rather than an automated system.

Leasing the equipment and software will cost the city \$425,000 over five years.

Discussion of possible parking garage stalls

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The idea of building a downtown parking garage has been talked about for years, even decades, and after Monday night's city council meeting, it looks like the conversation will continue to drag on a little longer.

Council decided not to take any action regarding city staff's recommendation to issue a request for proposal (RFP) soliciting interest for a public-private partnership to build the garage, and instead agreed to hold off until data from a recent parking study is fully understood.

The city has already invested money toward acquiring property on which to build a potential garage.

In June, the city paid Exponential Development Group \$1.2 million for a 13,000-square-foot portion of the parking lot behind The Galleria, a piece of land that would be a key part of a parking garage if the city decides to build such a structure.

City council approved the land acquisition in May 2014 with the stipulation that EDG could choose either the cash payment or a land swap, which would have given the company a city-run parking lot with 33 metered parking spaces farther east on Delaware Avenue.

Negotiations dragged on for more than a year, well past the original deadline, but the two parties could not reach an agreement, so EDG took the cash instead.

EDG owns the building next to The Galleria that houses Dunkin' Donuts on the first floor and the company's offices upstairs. Up until this past June, it also owned a portion of the parking lot, including the driveways used to enter and exit the lot, which it leased to the city for use as a pay-to-park facility.

Acquiring that land from EDG was important, city officials said, because it gives the city a rectangular-shaped parcel on which to build a garage. The city owns most of the lot already and will receive the rest through a previous agreement with the University of Delaware.

Such a project, which has been discussed for nearly two decades, would cost millions and likely require a referendum to allow the city

to take on debt. Or, the city could enter into an agreement in which a private developer would build a parking garage and retail space, and the city would lease and operate the garage.

City Manager Carol Houck said Monday night that the city was recently approached by two development teams who each expressed interest in a public-private partnership related to the Lot 1 site. She said issuing an RFP would allow those developers, and any other interested parties, to have an opportunity to present their ideas regarding a garage and some form of retail component.

A parking garage has been a controversial topic among council members in the past, with some in support and others firmly against the idea, but Houck urged the board not to think of the potential project as just a "normal garage."

"It could be much more interesting," she said, adding that an RFP would be a good opportunity to see what developers come up. "None of us should know at this time whether we're interested or not because none of us have heard any proposals."

Councilman Stu Markham agreed. "I'd like to see what this public-private partnership could bring," he said. "Maybe they come up with an idea we've never heard of."

Mayor Polly Sierer said that at the very least, issuing an RFP for the garage could be educational for council as well as city staff, and there is no pressure to move forward with proposals at the end of the process.

Still, Councilman Rob Gifford had his reservations. He said he would like more time to review the parking study recently conducted by Tim Haahs and Associates, Inc., a Pennsylvania engineering firm that specializes in designing parking garages that also contain residential or retail space.

Earlier this year, the city paid Haahs \$14,000 to study Newark's downtown parking supply, but when the firm presented its findings to council in May, several members challenged the methods. Haahs included the University of Delaware's Trabant garage and permitted downtown lots in their study, but excluded parking at the Newark Shopping Center and metered spaces on Main

Street east of Chapel Street.

Using data collected by counting the number of occupied parking spaces every two hours between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on April 10, the company determined the city is likely to experience a parking shortage in the future due to proposed development and impending growth. As a solution, Haahs suggested reducing demand through a major transportation program or increasing the supply with a parking garage in Lot 1 behind The Galleria.

A final parking report was submitted to the city on Nov. 12 and Gifford said he has not had enough time to look it over.

"Why don't we not issue an RFP until we understand the data we have in front of us," he suggested.

He made a motion to table the discussion until the data is fully understood "and put no effort toward it until that time," meaning no further work by staff to issue an RFP, he said.

The motion failed 2 to 4 with only Gifford and Councilman Morehead in favor of tabling.

Councilman Luke Chapman made a similar motion not to move forward with the RFP, but council was split and the motion failed.

"What's the harm of the RFP?" asked Councilwoman Marge Hadden. "I'm not getting the problem with the RFP because to me it does not signify any sort of commitment on my part."

Councilman Stu Markham said he would still like to see ideas from developers and made a motion to issue an RFP.

"That way we have advertisement that we have something to do in Lot 1," he said. "Right now, we have nothing that says, 'Come see us.'"

He later withdrew his motion before it was put to a vote and the board agreed not to give staff direction regarding the RFP.

According to city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz, that means staff will "take a pause" and give council time to examine the current parking data. He said city staff has no plans to issue an RFP without council approval and will continue to work with Haahs to revise the study of errors and set up future workshops and discussion with council.

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Council approves two apartment proposals, rejects third

By KARIE SIMMONS

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City council has given two developers the go-ahead to start building apartment complexes on Cleveland Avenue and North Chapel Street, but told a Main Street property owner he can't construct a three-bedroom apartment above Insomnia Cookies.

On Monday, John Tracey, an attorney representing Tsionas Management, presented council with his client's plan to add more apartments onto the side of Astra Plaza, the building on the corner of Main and North Chapel streets.

The project involves demolishing a single-family rental home at 21 N. Chapel St. in order to add six three-bedroom apartments to the right side of the existing building, which already has 12 two-bedroom apartments and houses Santa Fe Mexican Grill, MusiKtv and Hot Bagel Cafe as well as several other businesses. The addition would include parking on the first floor and two floors of living space above.

In order to construct the addition, Tracey asked that council rezone the 0.10-acre parcel at 21 N. Chapel St. from RM (multi-family residential - garden apartments) to BB (central business district) and amend the Comprehensive Development Plan to allow for higher density residential units. The applicant also requested a special use permit for apartments in the BB zone.

In August, the planning commission unanimously recommended council ap-



An artist's rendering of townhouse-style apartments slated for Cleveland Avenue to be called Cleveland Station.

prove the project, with several members stating that the addition was an improvement to North Chapel Street, and on Monday, council agreed.

The board was in unanimous support of the project, aside from Councilman Todd Ruckle who was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Stu Markham, whose district includes Astra Plaza, said he thought the addition would be good for the area.

"Part of the reason is that I know what Chapel Street looks like," he said.

Council also gave developer Kevin Heitzenroder the green light to expand on a previously-approved plan for townhouse-style apartments on Cleveland Avenue.

The original Cleveland Station project slated for 63 W. Cleveland Ave. was approved in 2013 but never acted upon.

Heitzenroder had intended to build six apartments on the site, but while crews

prepared for the construction, adjacent parcels at 53 and 57 W. Cleveland Ave., formerly the Elk's Club, and a single-family home at 56 Church Street became available for sale. He now plans to combine all four parcels and expand upon the approved six-unit plan by adding 11 additional apartments.

Tracey, who also represented Heitzenroder on Monday night, said that in order for the new Cleveland Station plan to move forward, the Comprehensive Plan for the area needs to be changed from light commercial (local shopping) and single family residential (medium density) to multi-family residential (medium to high density).

The properties also need to be rezoned to RM (residential multi-family—garden apartments), he said.

In addition to the overall plan, Heitzenroder also requested relief from several of the city's code requirements, including distance

between buildings, amount of open area, setbacks from existing lot lines, the size of side yards and other requirements.

In 2013, the planning commission recommended council deny the original Cleveland Station plan. However, council approved it 5 to 1, despite outcry from several neighbors who passionately pleaded with council to stop the project, which they said will harm the character of the historically African-American neighborhood.

The project came back to the planning commission last month and members unanimously recommended council approve the expansion.

Markham, who voted against the original plan in 2013, said Monday night that he was concerned about traffic turning left off Cleveland Avenue into the development. He suggested the developer have the plans reviewed by the Delaware Department of Transportation and the city's public works department and consider placing a "no left turn" sign on the roadway.

"I don't want to see this back up," Markham said. "Cleveland already has enough problems."

He said the main reason he voted against the plan two years ago was because of the residents who begged council not to approve it.

Unlike in 2013, there was no outcry Monday night from neighbors upset about Cleveland Station. Only two members of the public took to the mic to oppose the project, but neither was a resident of the city of Newark.

Donna Jackson, whose mom lives on Church Street, argued that turning onto New London Road is already difficult for her and her mother and she is concerned Cleveland Station residents will add to the congestion. She also agreed

with Markham that turning into the development from Cleveland Avenue would be dangerous.

"That left turn kind of scares me, too," she said.

Council unanimously voted in favor of the Cleveland Station expansion, making the proposal the second approved apartment project of the night. However, they rejected a third plan for a three-bedroom unit above Insomnia Cookies.

Bachu Patel is the owner of 70 E. Main St., formerly the Newark Newsstand and currently home to Insomnia Cookies.

In July, he told members of the planning commission that he wished to add two floors above the existing one-story cookie shop to create two two-bedroom units. He also asked for a four-space parking waiver to accommodate the apartments as well as a special-use permit to allow the apartments in the BB zoning district. However, several members of the commission balked at the plans, which included constructing the proposed units atop a building that is approximately 14 feet wide and 124 feet deep.

In addition, the Planning and Development Department noted that the roofline of Indian Sizzler at 72 E. Main St. extends over the air rights of 70 E. Main St. and would need to be altered to accommodate the additional floors. Department staff members also said National 5 & 10 at 66 E. Main St. and Indian Sizzler both have existing windows that would be impacted by the construction of additional floors above Insomnia Cookies. They recommended the project be scaled back to include just one additional floor in order to minimize the negative impact on adjacent buildings. The revised size would only require a two-space parking waiver.

The planning commission unanimously voted against the proposed addition and the related parking waiver. On Monday night, Patel and his architect, David Dalby, presented council with a revised plan for just one three-bedroom apartment on the two floors above the retail space.

Dalby explained that the new proposal shows the apartment pushed back, with two bedrooms on the first floor and one on the second floor, to create a tiered look that he said addresses the issues with the neighboring windows.

He said the bedrooms are also larger than the original plans and each bedroom now has a door going out to balcony that looks out onto a planted, green roof area or "terrace."

"Which is something unique to Main Street," Dalby said.

Councilman Luke Chapman said he wasn't comfortable with the balconies and suggested the doors leading outside be windows instead to prevent access to the green roof.

"I can't imagine tenants not hopping that little balcony and enjoying what you've called a terrace," he said.

Dalby argued that the plants would be so dense there would be no room for tenants to gather on the roof.

Brian Handloff, owner of National 5 and 10, said Monday that he does not want to see the apartment built right next door to his business, and Kazi Abdus Samee, owner of Indian Sizzler, felt the same.

Samee said he has an apartment above his restaurant that will be harder for him to rent if Patel builds on top of Insomnia Cookies.

The new plan, although altered drastically from the original design, will still impact the rear 22 feet of the Indian Sizzler roof overhang. The developer promised to modify the roof structure to control rain runoff between the two buildings, but Samee said he doesn't want any part in it.

He told council that loading and unloading happens once a week at his restaurant, and tenants coming and going from the Patel's apartment building will get in the way, therefore negatively affecting his business.

"Before you do something, please consider my situation," he said.

Council unanimously rejected the project.

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Linda Cichocki shops at Grassroots on last year's Small Business Saturday.

DNP, merchants offering deals for Small Business Saturday

By JOSH SHANNON

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Main Street merchants are once again hoping Newarkers "shop small" on Saturday.

Small Business Saturday, created by credit card giant American Express and embraced by small businesses nationwide, encourages people to patronize locally owned retailers on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, one day after many shoppers line up at big box stores for Black Friday deals.

This is the third year the

Downtown Newark Partnership has actively promoted Small Business Saturday, and many downtown stores will offer deals and specials.

"Black Friday has never been huge for downtown merchants, but Small Business Saturday has been successful up and down the street," DNP administrator Ricky Nietubicz said.

To sweeten the deal and draw shoppers to Newark, the DNP will once again offer a special on DNP gift cards, which can be redeemed at nearly any downtown business. Customers

who buy a gift card for \$50 or more will receive a \$25 card for free.

"It's one of our best promotions," Nietubicz said. "The best part is its all dollars committed to our downtown."

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Jessica Trader, of Bear, nears the finish line of the Turkey Trot 5K while wearing a turkey hat.



Madeline Hannah, Kyle Sullivan and Kevin Sullivan, all from Newark, run the Turkey Trot 5K wearing turkey hats.



Gary Hendrixson Sr., of Newark, nears the finish line of the Turkey Trot 5K while wearing a turkey hat.



Jonathan Heap, of Middletown, ran in the Turkey Trot while dressed for the occasion.



Olga Vela-Goodson, of Laurel, Md., nears the finish line of the Turkey Trot 5K while wearing a turkey hat.

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Newark UMC installs solar panels

Project part
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By KATIE TABELING
Special to the Post

Newark United Methodist Church has completed the first phase in its ambitious Renewing Our Foundation capital project, and the most visible addition is solar panels perched on the roof.

The 31-kilowatt solar energy system has been live since Oct. 7, two weeks after being installed on the roof of the facility's education wing. The panels are expected to save the church thousands of dollars.

"They're newer, much more efficient than the panels that originally came out when this tech started," said Rob Cappiello, the church's business manager. "With the inverters, you can track the efficiency of each one and if it's angled properly. You can tweak it to a much more finite level."

The church had decided to focus on solar power as part of its Renewing Our Foundation campaign, a six-year renovation project. The church was founded in 1799 and has been on Main Street since the mid-1800s. It is currently located at 69 E. Main St.

The renovation plans are not just a way to give a landmark church an efficiency makeover. They are also to renew the congregation's commitment to Newark, Cappiello said.

"We've heard from other churches, many years ago, that moved out of downtown areas, and the church-goers decided to stay here," he said. "That began the process of looking at the facility that's had multiple renovations in the past, and say 'What do we do to make it current?' We want to go give back to environment, in addition to keeping us here in the long haul."

Reducing the church's carbon footprint was part of the congregation's vision for the future.



Newark United Methodist Church recently installed solar panels on the roof, part of a six-year renovation project.

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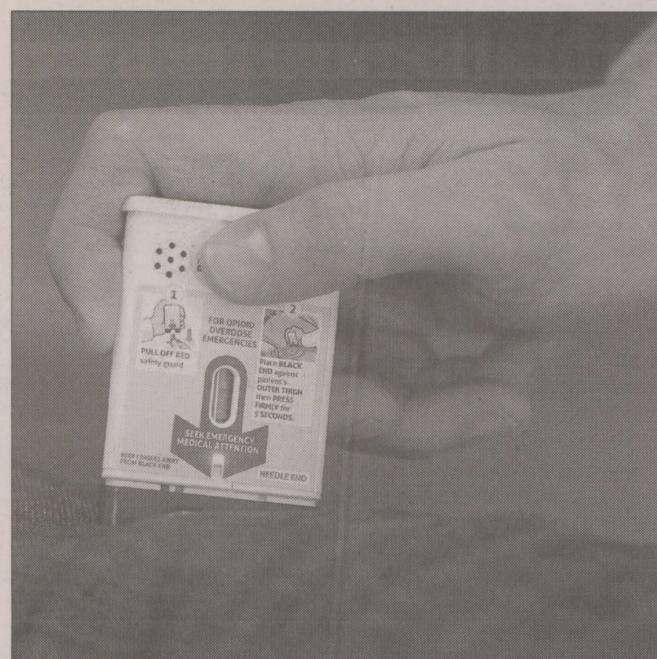


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Fifteen Newark Police Department supervisors have been trained and equipped to administer naloxone doses like this to people suffering heroin overdoses.

NPD officer uses naloxone to revive overdose victim

By JOSH SHANNON

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Less than a month after being equipped with an overdose-reversing medication, a Newark Police Department officer revived a woman who overdosed on heroin in a South College Avenue motel.

Sgt. Scott Simpson, one of several NPD officers trained to use naloxone, made the save Nov. 15 at the Rodeway Inn.

Lt. Bill Hargrove, an NPD spokesman, said Newark's 911 center received a call just after midnight from a man reporting that his girlfriend was having trouble breathing. Police were dispatched along with EMTs from Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co.

Police arrived first and found a 23-year-old Middletown woman laying on a bed unconscious and struggling to breathe. Police started administering rescue breaths, while the woman's boyfriend explained that she had done heroin.

Simpson then injected a dose of naloxone – which works by blocking a person's opiate receptors – into the woman's thigh.

"Two to three minutes later, she sat up and took a big breath," Hargrove said.

Aetna then took the woman to Christiana Hospital for additional treatment.

Hargrove said the incident

shows the importance of training officers to use naloxone.

"This is exactly why we did it," he said.

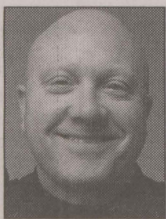
Last month, NPD received 10 doses from the state and trained 15 supervisors, including sergeants and master corporals on each patrol shift. The department hopes to eventually train all officers to administer the medication.

Use of naloxone – sometimes referred to by the brand name Narcan – increased in Delaware last year after the state legislature passed bills allowing police officers and high school nurses to use it and permitting family members of addicts to be trained in its use.

In addition to NPD, officers in the New Castle County Police Department and the towns of Elsmere, Middletown and Ocean View have been trained to use naloxone. The woman at the Rodeway Inn was at least the 14 person revived by a Delaware police officer.

While paramedics and some ambulances carry naloxone, every minute counts, so having police equipped as well is important, said Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Delaware Division of Public Health.

"The reality is that police officers are key to reducing overdose deaths from opiates," Rattay said.



SGT. SIMPSON

trance and a lobby addition.

Other renovations include new lighting in the sanctuary and upgrades to six bathrooms.

At the end of the long journey, the church will hopefully be more inviting and sustainable for generations to come, Cappiello said.

"These were major undertakings. The infrastructure

was aging, there were old steam pipes and boilers, and the roof was in need of repair," he said. "After deciding this is where we want our faith to stay, we had to go about making it a place where we can worship and serve the community for years to come. It's the caring of the congregation that really drives us forward."

The solar panels were part of that plan. The church also replaced oil heaters with high-efficiency gas heaters and made the switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. Soon, those bulbs will be swapped out with LED lights.

The solar panels, installed by kW Solar of Bear, cost approximately \$100,000. The city offers an energy rebate for using solar energy, but the church will not receive that money for another year or two, according to Cappiello.

"Basically, we have to support that until we see the money come back. The church members paid for everything, hoping to recoup energy savings for the rest of it over an eight-year period," he said.

The next phase of the project will break ground at the end of June 2016 and is expected to be completed in three years. It includes a new welcome center on the Delaware Avenue side of the building that will feature a handicap-accessible en-

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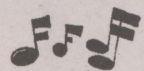
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Legends Taproom LLC, T/A Legends, has on November 17, 2015, applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for a Taproom and Sunday License to sell alcoholic liquor on the premises including entertainment located at 142-144 Fox Run Shopping Center, Bear, DE 19701. 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 hearing 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 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 December 17, 2015. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing.

np 11/20,27,12/4

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LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Charles L. Keener, residing at 16 Hawthorne Ave., 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.

Charles L. Keener
11/19/15
np 11/27 2592964

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Bryan DeMaris, residing at 11 Sanford 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.

Bryan DeMaris
11/20/15
np 11/27 2593099

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BRIAN CASEY PIERCE
Petitioner(s)

TO
MISTY LANA HILL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BRIAN CASEY PIERCE 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 MISTY LANA HILL.

BRIAN CASEY PIERCE
Petitioner
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np 11/13,20,27

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NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Monday – November 30, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Newark City Council Chamber

A City Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber for the purpose of a staff presentation and continued Council discussion on the 2016 Operating Budget and 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in response to questions raised at the public hearing on November 2, 2015. Council may vote on final approval for both the Operating Budget and CIP as well as the property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year at this meeting.

Renee K. Bensley
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np 10/30,11/6,13,20,27,12/4,11,18 2587308

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, James Joseph Jennings, residing at 1923 Brian Circle, Bear, DE 19701 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 Joseph
Jennings
11/18/15
np 11/27 2592764

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Danny Ray Holman, Jr., residing at 402 Ilse Dr., 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.

Danny Ray
Holman, Jr.
11/17/15
np 11/27 2592478

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Notice is hereby given that **Letters Testamentary** upon the estate of **GAIL F. CARHART** who departed this life on the 12th day of August, A.D. 2015, late of 215 DELAWARE AVENUE, NEW CASTLE, DE 19803, were duly granted unto **CHARLES ROBERT GREEN**, aka **CHARLES R. GREEN III** on November 6, 2015, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the **Personal Representative** without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal Representative** on or before April 12, 2016, or abide by the law in this behalf.

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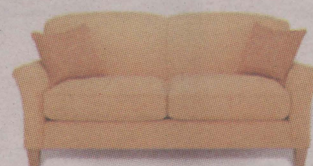
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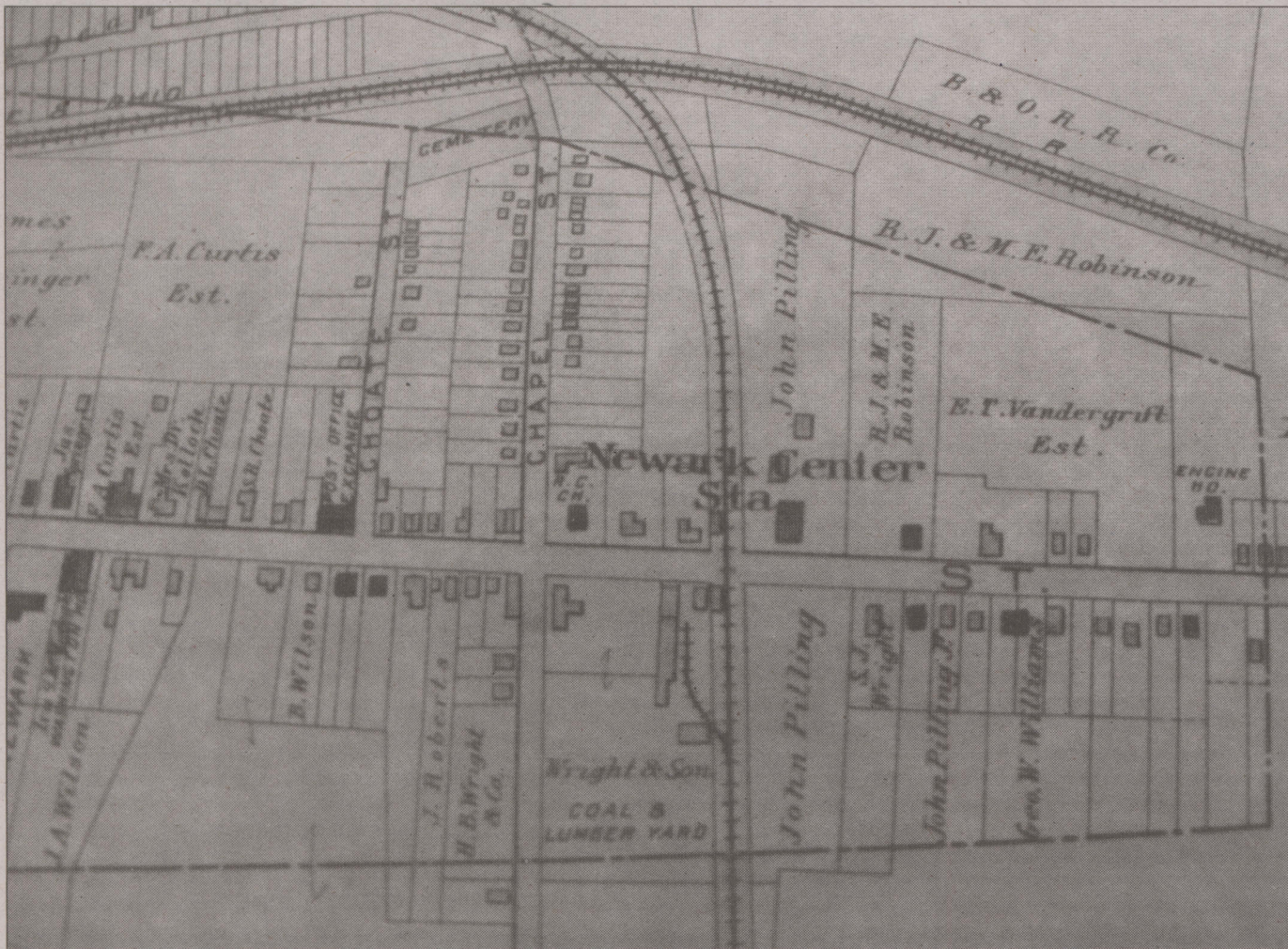
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Out of the Attic

Map of east-central Newark – 1868



This week's Out of the Attic item is a portion of the 1868 Beer's Atlas map of Newark.

The wide stripe left to right across the middle is East Main Street. The railroad vertically crossing Main Street is the Pomeroy freight & passenger line with its Newark Center Station at Main Street. Chapel Street parallels the Pomeroy to its left. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad curves across the upper part of the picture.

When Newark was first chartered in 1758, the eastern end was at about where Choate Street is on this map. This map's town boundary shows the growth over 110 years. (Today, another 147 years later, the boundary is off the map to the right.) The area between the Pomeroy Railroad and Chapel Street outside the town boundary shown became the Continental Vulcanized Fibre Co. mill in 1904. Residential properties developed along Main Street east to the expanded town line.

In 1952, the properties shown here as the Pilling, Robinson, and Vandergrift tracts between Main Street and the B & O Railroad were developed as the Newark Shopping Center. It was built in a suburban style of commercial development but planted inside the city.

The Pomeroy Railroad ceased train operations in the 1930s. The tracks shown here continued for a while, providing freight service to the in-town, track-side businesses with connection to the Pennsylvania railroad line passing south of town. The Pomeroy rails have now all been taken up and the roadbed has been reconstructed as a recreation trail.

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 bridge, is open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 302-234-4145 or visit www.newarkdehistoricalsociety.org.

Out of the Past

Editor's note: Volunteers at the Pencader Heritage Museum have been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes. They share excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column.

Excerpts from Newark's earliest records courtesy of Pencader Heritage Museum

November-December 1915: The Post Office requested that buildings be

numbered to assist in delivery of mail. A map of town was drawn and Messrs. Hossinger and Barton were to locate the dividing line and establish east and west numbers. A 2-inch water pipe on Annabelle Street was authorized.

January-February 1916: A fire siren was installed for a trial period. Sewer extension of 823 feet was approved

for South Chapel. The pool hall was among those given final notice to connect with the sewer or suffer legal action. A month later the pool room was given permission to temporarily connect to a neighbor's sewer, but told it must install a dedicated one when Council directed.

March-May 1916: Leonard Rhodes resigned as engineer at the electric light plant,

but would work a few more nights if needed. After the election, council was made up of Messrs. Hossinger, Wilson, Barton, Johnson, Frazer, Fader and Lutton. H. Curtis was named to the Town Beautiful Committee and selected as his assistants Prof. Short, Prof. McClure, Rev. Rowan, George Rhodes, J. Wilson, J. Wright, E. Richards, and Harvey Hoffecker,

John Pilling, John Chapman, and George Casho. The committee was authorized to purchase five trash cans for placement on the streets. More people were cited for not having connected to the sewer. W. Renshaw bid to haul crushed stone for the streets at 35 cents per ton or furnish a double team of horses and a man at \$5.50 per day.

See the original minutes at Pencader Heritage Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Rd. (Rt. 72 south of Newark.) Regularly open first and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other times by appointment. Contact the website pencaderheritage.org or call 302-737-5792 for an appointment. Family friendly, handicapped accessible and always free.

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Sierer said.

The proposal, which is in addition to a proposed 7.2-percent increase in the water rates, would apply to all city of Newark water customers, including those that live outside city limits.

The fee would replace the \$62,000 subvention payment the city makes to Aetna each year, money that comes out of the general fund. The city also provides free electric, wa-

ter and sewer service to Aetna's three firehouses in Newark.

A.J. Schall, chief of Aetna, said he approached city officials to ask for an increase in the city's contribution, which hasn't changed since 2014, when it was increased from \$53,000.

Schall noted that while many of Aetna's firefighters are volunteers, it does have 10 full-time

paid firefighters and also pays EMTs an hourly rate. Health care costs for employees are on the rise, and though fire calls have remained steady, ambulance runs increase 2 to 3 percent each year.

In addition, Aetna needs to replace a fire engine at the cost of nearly \$600,000, and upgrades are needed at some of the firehouses, including the one on Academy Street, which is nearly

100 years old, and the one on Ogletown Road, which is 50 years old.

"By no means do we try to get blood from a rock; we understand budgets are tight," Schall said. "But it doesn't hurt to ask. We're providing a hell of a service to the city."

Aetna, which is independent from the city government, serves 26 square miles, including all of the city of Newark, Glasgow and the surrounding areas. Its annual budget is approximately \$3.3 million.

According to Schall, half of Aetna's funding comes from billing insurance

companies for ambulance service and 20 percent comes from insurance policy surcharges collected by the state, with other funding including money from New Castle County, donations, fundraisers and a per-student fee paid by the University of Delaware. Money from Newark makes up only 3 percent of Aetna's budget.

Schall said he is grateful Newark is considering the fee because "every little bit helps."

Newark would be the only city in Delaware to have such a surcharge, though Wilmington runs

its own fire company, and Dover contributes a good deal of money to the volunteer Dover Fire Department, Schall said.

The 2016 budget, which includes the fee, the water rate hike, a proposed 3-percent property tax increase and a proposed 8.4-percent sewer rate hike, will be discussed at a special council meeting on Monday.

Sierer is hopeful residents will support the fire protection surcharge.

"It will allow our citizens to contribute to the service they are provided," she said.



SCHALL



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POST STAFF REPORT

The Christmas season will officially arrive in Newark next week when Santa heads downtown to light the tree during the annual Winterfest celebration.

The event is set for 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 on the Academy Lawn.

Winterfest will include

roasted chestnuts and an ice carving demonstration. The Newark Community Band and the University of Delaware Dance Team are among the scheduled entertainers.

Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. to light the tree and meet with children to hear their Christmas wishes. It's recommended that parents

bring their own cameras for photo opportunities.

After the tree is lit, the annual Special Olympics 5K Reindeer Run and Romp will begin at 7 p.m. from the Aetna fire station on the corner of Delaware Avenue and Academy Street.

The rain date for Winterfest is Dec. 5.



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Alder Creek, a 13 three-story, townhouse-style apartment complex with 56 units, a playground, gym and community center for low-income residents, was recently completed on the former Cleveland Heights property.

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\$11.5 million in tax credits to fund the renovation project and in 2014, crews broke ground.

Alder Creek was completed this past summer and, just as the project was slow to come to fruition, time ticked by for Carter as well.

She had turned in her application, but days turned into months, months turned into years and soon, she forgot all about Alder Creek. That was, until August when she received a letter in the mail from NHA stating she had been approved and could finally move in.

"I couldn't believe it. I thought it was a scam. I was like, 'There is no way this is real,' but it was," Carter said last week. "It's been a

blessing. I thank God every morning."

It's been 10 years since Carter has lived on her own, so she was more than excited to move into her one-bedroom apartment in October.

"There's nothing like your own place," she said. "It just gives me chills."

In an interview last week, Carter said she was planning to have her son, daughter and grandchildren over for Thanksgiving dinner — her first holiday in Alder Creek. Although there will be lots of people and lots of food, she said she will make sure her home stays just as clean and brand new as the day she moved in.

"I'm gonna be looking around on the floor. Nobody better leave any crumbs around," she joked.

Carter said she is looking forward to spending time with family and making new

holiday memories in her new home this Thanksgiving.

"It's going to be special. It's my first one, and if nobody comes, I'll eat the turkey by myself," she said, laughing.

Marene Jordan, NHA executive director, said the project is nearly completed and 23 of the 56 units in Alder Creek have been leased so far, with many of the tenants moving in just in time to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday traditions.

She said the new development is a huge improvement to Cleveland Heights and a fresh start for the site. It was a long time coming, but Jordan is relieved Alder Creek is finally here.

"It couldn't have come at a better time — just around the holidays," she said.

For Rhonetta Wilmore, her new home in Alder Creek is a Thanksgiving blessing and Christmas miracle all



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Deandra Carter stands in the living room of her new apartment in Alder Creek. The new 56-unit housing complex was recently built on the former Cleveland Heights property off Cleveland Avenue, and tenants have started moving in.

wrapped in one.

The mother of two moved from Wilmington to Newark in September with her 7-year-old son Jyair and 12-year-old daughter Keaira to get away from "all the crime" in the city. Now, she said she feels safe.

"I love it here," she said. "It's so peaceful."

Wilmore was looking at other apartments in Newark before she found Alder Creek, but due to sky-high rent fueled by university students, the only places she could afford were "old and outdated." She said she jumped at the opportunity to live in a new development.

"I just can't thank the Newark Housing Authority enough," Wilmore said. "I walked in and everything was brand new. I was like, 'Oh, thank God.'"

She plans to spend Thanksgiving with family in Wilming-

ton, but said Christmas this year will be in Alder Creek and she's looking forward to putting up a tree, decorating outside and watching her children open presents from Santa in their new home.

Wilmore said she has a lot

to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, and it's all because of Alder Creek.

"I'm thankful for a new home, a new environment and a new beginning," she said. "Not everybody is blessed with that."

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