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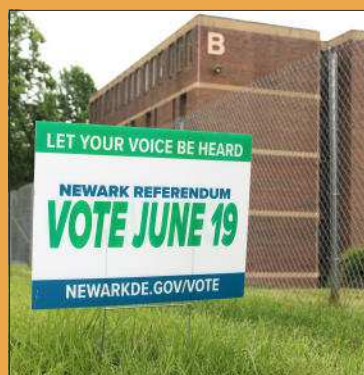
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The year in review

The year 2018 saw conclusions to several long-discussed issues, with the passage of the capital referendum, the opening of the STAR Tower and the formation of the new Newark Partnership.

Meanwhile, new challenges emerged, including the University of Delaware's abrupt decision to close the Christiana Towers,

concern about the reputation of the Christina School District and a number of already-controversial plans for development projects.

Along the way, Newarkers said goodbye to several long-time businesses; welcomed new members of city council, the school board and the state legislature; and watched with joy as Preston's Playground opened at the Newark Reservoir.

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Check back next week as we forecast the stories to watch in 2019.



University student running for mayor

Kasai Guthrie, 21, to challenge Sierer

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A University of Delaware undergraduate student will challenge Polly Sierer in the upcoming election for mayor of Newark.

Kasai Guthrie celebrated his 21st birthday by announcing his candidacy Dec. 19. However, his nominating petition has not yet been accepted because he does not have the required 10



GUTHRIE

signatures from qualified voters. He has until the filing deadline of Feb. 4 to obtain the signatures and officially get on the ballot, City Secretary Renee Bensley said.

Guthrie is the first candidate to file for the April 9 municipal election, but Sierer confirmed to the Newark Post that she intends to seek a third term.

If elected, Guthrie would be the youngest person to serve as mayor of Newark. Two UD graduate students have been elected to city council – 23-year-old Kevin Vonck in 2004 and 22-year-old Ezra Temko in 2008 – but no student has ever served as mayor.

"Growing up, I always wanted to provide a solution for problems," Guthrie said after officially filing for candidacy, cheered on by family members. "I always wanted to be the solution, or find solutions for the common ground of people, so I thought, why not run for office."

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First Day hikes: Tuesday, 1 p.m., at White Clay Creek State Park. Park staff invites community members to start off 2019 with a hike outdoors. Meet at the Carpenter Recreation Area, 880 New London Road, the Chambers Rock Road parking lot or the Judge Morris Estate parking lot. Call to register 302-368-6900. Free. For more information, visit www.de-stateparks.com/firstday or call (302) 368-6560. Free.

Art show: Wednesday through Feb. 1, at Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St. "Celebrating the Diversity of Life" showcases paintings done in alcohol ink by Catherine Houghton. Reception: Jan. 11.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

Kim Ryan, Bob Knappenberger and Lucy Knappenberger celebrate the new year at the Hangover Helper 5K last year.

At Grain, first responders find a free meal and Christmas Eve camaraderie

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police cars, fire engines and ambulances filled the parking lot at Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen on Monday night, but this was no Christmas Eve emergency.

Instead, the first responders took a break from working the holiday to enjoy a meal, as well as a hearty helping of camaraderie.

This is the third year the Main Street bar and restaurant opened its doors to feed first responders on Christmas Eve.

"It's by far one of our favorite shifts to work, and we're not even open," said bartender Brian Ford, who coordinated the event.

Grain closed to the public in the afternoon and then started setting up a free buffet for police officers, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics. The first responders started arriving at 6 p.m., and the festivities were set to continue until 1 a.m.

By the time the night was over, Ford expected to serve 250 first responders, both on and off duty, as well as some



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Delaware State Troopers from Troop 2 dine at Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen during their meal break on Christmas Eve. They said they would be on duty until as late as 6 a.m.

of their family members.

Ford, who said many of his family members are firefighters, started the tradition six years ago when he worked at Klondike Kate's. When he moved to Grain, the event came with him and has grown ever since.

In addition to Grain, a number of other restaurants contributed food to the event, including Capriotti's, Grotto Pizza, Skipjack and Timothy's. Hoopes Fire Prevention covered the bar tab for off-duty first responders.

Lee Mikles, co-owner of Grain, noted that his mother was an emergency room nurse and often had to work

on Christmas, so he understands the impact that missing holidays has on first responders.

He pointed to several Newark Police officers, some in uniform and some off duty, who had pushed tables together in order to eat as a group. Some had their families with them.

"That's what I love to see," Mikles said, adding that he's glad to see the officers were able to spend at least a little bit of time with family.

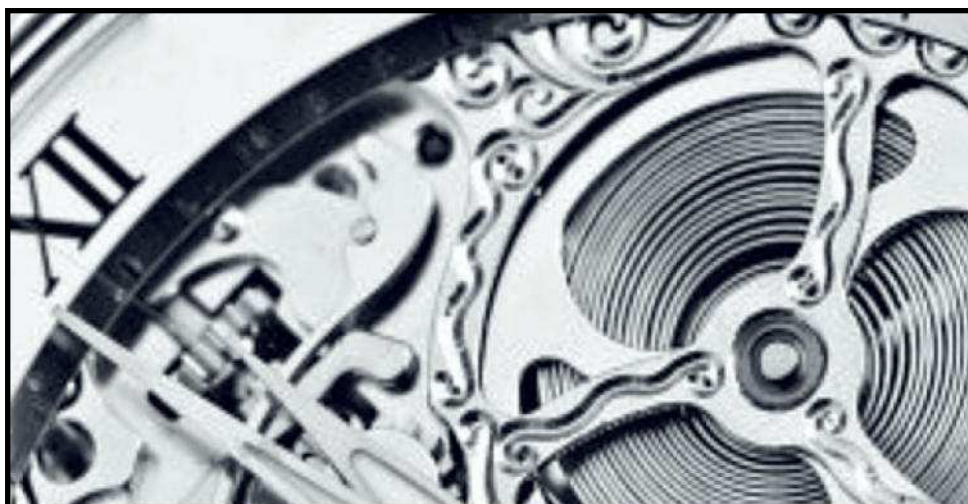
John Farrell IV, a spokesman and EMT for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, said Grain's effort is much appreciated.

"People who work holidays don't make a big deal out of it. Somebody has to do it," Farrell said. "But when a business steps up to feed us, that's really special."

He noted that he comes from a family of public servants used to working holidays.

"We celebrate Christmas on Dec. 26th," Farrell said, as his radio blared out a call for a person on Marrows Road suffering from chest pains.

With that, the feast would have to wait. Farrell and his partner bid friends a quick goodbye, hopped in their ambulance and sped off with lights flashing.



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NCS band to march in London parade

Students excited for New Year's Day performance

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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For the Newark Charter School students heading to London to march in the New Year's Day parade next week, it feels like a long time coming.

"For the seniors, they are the kids that I've been teaching since they were in fourth grade. So I've taught them for the better part of half their life," said Sam DeLuca, band director. "This is kind of like that momentous, 'We got here.' Like I never would have expected or thought that we would ever gotten here when I started teaching those young fourth graders, nine years ago."

British officials, including the deputy lord mayor of London, traveled to Newark last fall to formally invite the NCS band to join 8,000 other participants from 20 countries marching in the parade.

After a year of preparing for the occasion, the band members are heading to London this week to perform at St. John's Smith Square on Saturday and march in the New Year's Day Parade in front of millions.

"It's organized chaos, and it's kind of what I thrive on," DeLuca said of the preparation.

Outside of booking flights and hotels for the 57 band members – plus another 40 parent chaperones, administrators and others

– there has also been the preparation of the music itself.

For at least an hour each Wednesday, the band came together to practice. DeLuca said that they sometimes met more frequently, on top of regular classroom responsibilities and putting on a concert for the school.

The band prepared four songs – "Moonrise and Dance," "Amber Moon," "Fire Dance" and "At Sunrise" – which showcase the different groups of musicians.

"I've got a very strong low brass section going, so I'm able to feature them," she said. "It's been really cool to see how I've taken a bunch of kids, some who've played together and some who've never played together, and thrown them together to do this really, really great concert."

DeLuca added that this is an experience of a lifetime for the students.

"I do hope that someday they look back and go, 'Yeah, my band went to London. It was so cool.' I hope that that's the experience they get," she said. "My husband went on this trip with A.I. DuPont High School and he still talks about it. It's 25 years later."

The excitement wasn't lost on seniors Brendan Wilson and Gwen Ryan.

Ryan, a drum major who also plays flute and piccolo, said they spent a lot of time working to reach this point. She likened it to sixth grade, when the class saved up for a trip to Disney World.

"We didn't think we would actually get there and then we went to Disney," she said. "When we heard we were going to London,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Newark Charter marching band will perform at St. John's Smith Square and march in the New Year's Day Parade in London next week.

it was really shocking because we didn't realize that we'd be able to do something like that."

Wilson, who plays baritone, agreed.

"It really shows how much we've improved since starting the band," he said. "A lot of us have been in band since fourth grade, and it really shows our improvement."

Wilson was looking forward to marching in the parade and the planned sightseeing, while Ryan said she was most looking forward

to the performance at St. John's.

"There's supposed to be perfect acoustics, and I think it's going to sound really cool," she said.

Both noted what a young band they are.

"We didn't really think anything like this would happen while we were in school because we're only the third graduating class, so we're a really new high school, so we didn't think we would come this far this quickly," Ryan said.

DeLuca emphasized how proud

she is of the students.

"They have worked so hard and they're so dedicated to this," she said. "I'm so proud of each and every single one of them for doing this."

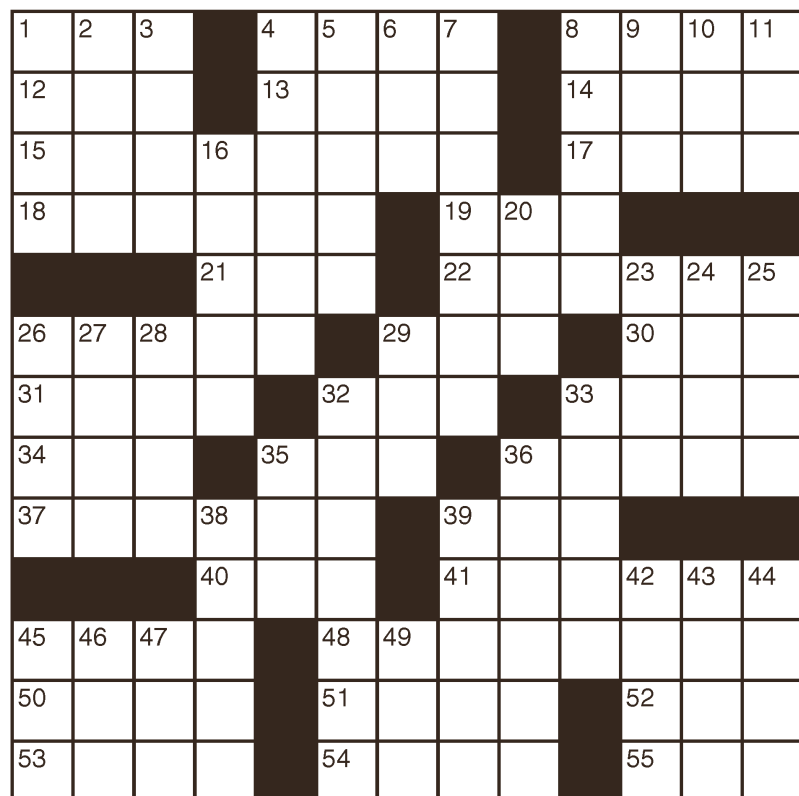
Both performances will be streamed live.

On Dec. 30, at 2:30 p.m. EST, the concert performance at St. John's Smith Square can be viewed at tinyurl.com/NCSatStJohns.

On New Year's Day, the parade can be viewed at tinyurl.com/NC-SinLondon starting at 7 a.m. EST.

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Man charged with DUI after crashing into Main Street building

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Maryland man is facing drunken driving charges after crashing his pick-up truck into a Main Street restaurant early Sunday morning, police said.

The incident began just after 1:33 a.m. when the Adam Adair, 27, of Elkton, was in the drive-thru lane at

McDonald's at 374 E. Main St., according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Concerned by Adair's slurred speech and other signs of impairment, a McDonald's employee called police, Rubin said. Officer arrived at the McDonald's and confronted Adair.

"As officers began to speak with him, he was dis-

playing signs and behavior consistent with intoxication," Rubin said. "Before officers could get him out of his vehicle, he fled down East Main Street at a high rate of speed."

Adair then crashed his truck into Santa Fe Mexican Grill at 190 E. Main St., Rubin said.

Police arrested him at the scene and charged him with

DUI, possession of marijuana and several traffic offenses. He was released pending an appearance in Newark Alderman's Court.

The collision damaged a concrete support pillar in front of Santa Fe, but Rubin described the damage as cosmetic. A city building inspector deemed the building safe, and the eatery was open for business Sunday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This image, taken from a Newark surveillance camera, shows a truck crashed into Santa Fe Mexican Grill.

Unfounded reports of gunfire cause panic at mall

By JOSH SHANNON

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An unfounded report of gunfire at the Christiana Mall sparked panic among shoppers and caused an evacuation of the mall on last Friday night, one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

However, no one was injured, and there is no evidence any shots were fired, said Master Cpl. Michael Austin, a spokesman for the Delaware State Police.

Austin said several people reported hearing "something that sounded like gun shots" near either Target or Macy's. However, an investigation found that those reports were incorrect.

Instead, police said, a fight broke out in the mall, and the ruckus caused loud noises that were apparently mistaken for gunshots.

"During this incident, a glass container broke and a metal sign fell to the floor," Master

Cpl. Melissa Jaffe said. "Patrons and employees immediately began fleeing the area. There has been no evidence recovered of any weapons being present or discharged. At this time, it appears that the fight within the mall is the cause of the mass exit of patrons and employees."

Several troopers were already stationed at the mall when the reports came in at 8:47 p.m., and dozens more rushed to the scene, shutting off access to the parking lot and locking down parts of the mall.

The mall remained closed for the rest of the night as police swept the building to ensure there were no threats or injured shoppers.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 2 at 302-834-2620. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

Police seek help locating alleged bank robber

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police have identified a man they believe robbed a bank in Newark and are asking the public for help locating him.

Numerous tips helped investigators identify the suspect as Antwine Banks, 36, of Perryville, Md., according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Police have obtained an arrest warrant charging Banks with first-degree robbery, Rubin said.



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Banks is believed to be traveling in a blue Nissan Altima with Maryland license plate number 7CV6457. He also has ties to Bensalem, Pa., and Camden, N.J.

Anyone with information about Banks' location should contact Newark Police at 302-366-7111 or call 911.

The robbery happened at 12:23 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Wells Fargo Bank at 622 South College Avenue.

The robber handed a note to the teller demanding money. The note implied he had a weapon, but no weapon was displayed.

The teller handed over an undisclosed amount of cash, and Banks fled south on South College Avenue.

Court records indicate Banks has had several recent run-ins with the law in Maryland.

He was charged twice with assault, once in September and once in October, but both cases were stettled, meaning that prosecutors are not actively pursuing the cases. Also in October, a judge granted a restraining order against Banks, ordering him to vacate the victim's home, stay away from the victim and surrender his firearms.

Just two days before the bank robbery, Perryville Police arrested Banks and charged him with violating the restraining order. He was released the same day on his own recognizance.

Police searching for armed burglar

Police are searching for a man who burglarized a Newark home while armed with a handgun.

The brazen daytime burglary happened at 4:16 p.m. Saturday in the unit block of North Chapel Street, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

A 21-year-old resident and his girlfriend were on the second floor of the

home when they heard voices downstairs. The resident looked down the staircase and saw a burglar holding a handgun.

The two men made eye contact, and the burglar fled, said Rubin, who added that the burglar never pointed the gun at the resident.

Nothing was stolen, and the home was not damaged.

The burglar was described as a light-skinned black male, 20 to 25 years old, with braided hair and wearing a gray

hooded sweatshirt.

Police believe there was a second burglar as well, but the resident did not see the person.

"We're pretty sure there was a second person because he was talking to someone," Rubin said.

Police used a K-9 to search the area but could not find the burglars.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Officer Kevin MacDowell at 302-366-7100, ext. 3497 or kmacdowell@newark.de.us.

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Neighbors admire the lights at Bill Steward's home in Windy Hills on Saturday night during the community's annual luminary night.

Luminary night brightens Christmas spirit in Windy Hills

By JOSH SHANNON

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The neighborhood of Windy Hills was aglow Saturday night as the community hosted its annual luminary night.

Residents lined the streets with thousands of luminaries – white paper bags illuminated with a votive candle – and many houses were decked out in lights and other decorations.

The evening took on a block party feel, with neighbors strolling around to see the decorations, and some residents offering hot chocolate and other refreshments to passersby.

The tradition dates back at least 30 years and was founded by the late Charlie Shaw, who headed the civic association for many years. Planning for luminary night starts shortly after Thanksgiving. The civic association buys the bags and candles, and volunteers count them out before street captains distribute the decorations. Each of the 375 houses in Windy Hills gets 10 luminaries, with corner properties receiving more.

"It's been quite a wonderful tradition over the years," JoAnne Shaw said last year. "You get a feeling of togetherness and camaraderie. It's really quite beautiful."

Santa delivers early through annual Toys for Tots event

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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Though he typically travels by sleigh, Santa arrived at Alder Creek by firetruck last week to hand out presents alongside local police officers and firefighters.

This is the 10th year the Newark Police Department, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company and the Newark Housing Authority have participated in Toys for Tots, a national effort run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, said Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the NPD.

Nearly 80 children received presents through the drive. Donations were so generous, many children came away with at least three gifts Dec. 20, said Newark Housing Authority Director Marene Jordan.

"We started receiving phone calls about this event, I want to say, in October, just wanting to make sure that the kids will see Santa again," Jordan said as she watched officers and firefighters hand out gifts. "It's become a tradition."

Last year, the event outgrew NHA's Main Street location and moved to the Alder Creek complex on Cleveland Avenue, which has a bigger space.

"It's the look on the children's faces, just knowing that someone is out there advocating for them," Jordan said. "We're aware of the need. Just like there's a need for affordable housing, there's a need for the less fortunate kids to actually be able to have something for Christmas."

Darionna Rogers, 9, was particularly



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

Santa greets children at the annual Toys for Tots event at Alder Creek.

excited for her slime kit.

"I'm obsessed with slime," Darionna said. "Because it's pokey, stretchy and interesting."

Her mother, Janean, said it's nice to see the police department and fire company support the community.

"All the kids are excited about the slime," she added.

Theon Gibson, 5, was particularly excited about Santa. As he waited to greet the big man himself, he asked his mother, Tanisha, if they had cookies to give him.

Tanisha said she appreciates that the police and fire department hold the event to benefit the kids.

"I really like it, because it's giving back and helping kids and families with Christmas," she added as Theon chatted with Santa.

Carmi Williams agreed. She was there with her newborn and 9-year-old son, Chris.

"They gave him a bike last year. He was so surprised," she said. "So it means something for him to see Santa Claus."

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Top feel-good stories of 2018

By BROOKE SCHULTZ
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Although Oxford Dictionary has crowned “toxic” as its Word of the Year, 2018 certainly wasn’t all bad.

From the completion of a playground that allows all children play together, to the city honoring those who have made an impact, to children supporting their peers, this year has shown how the Newark community looks out for, and champions, each other.

Below, find a list of Newark’s kindest moments of 2018:

Preston’s Playground opens for all kids to enjoy

1. Three years after it was first dreamt up, Preston’s Playground – “a place that will change lives,” according to Deb Buenaga – was finally realized.

The 6,000-square-foot playground was spearheaded by Buenaga after she and her family visited an accessible playground in Virginia. Preston Buenaga, who was 16 when the project began and recently turned 20, has mitochondrial disease and spends much of his time in a wheelchair.

Working with Nic DeCaire, owner of Fusion Racing, Buenaga raised more than \$500,000 to create a playground designed to be accessible for all children in Newark.

Ramps allow kids in wheelchairs and on walkers to get up on the platforms, and the ground is covered with a rubberized surface, rather than mulch, which is hard to navigate in a wheelchair.

“Everyone is differently abled, and we all want to play together,” Buenaga said to a crowd of more than 100 people who gathered to celebrate the playground’s completion in November. “It’s not a playground for children with special needs; it’s a playground for everybody.”



Preston Buenaga, the namesake of Preston’s Playground, checks out the playground in November.

Newark community supports Mickey Merrill

2. When Michaela “Mickey” Merrill was diagnosed with Sanfilippo Syndrome, a fatal genetic disorder, the Newark community was quick to respond.

The Newark Post first told the story of Mickey’s family in 2017, when Mickey was diagnosed with what is sometimes referred to as “children’s Alzheimer’s disease.” Sanfilippo causes children to gradually lose their abilities and eventually slip into a vegetative state before dying, usually in their teenage years.

This year, Newarkers pulled together to show their support.

In March, 11-year-old Blakely Stawicki rallied her friends to set up a shoe collection drive through the company Funds2Orgs. The new and gently-used shoes she collected were sent to developing countries, where “micro-entrepreneurs” clean them up and sell them to earn money.

“I wanted to help her,” Blakey said at the time. “I found a kid-friendly way to help.”

In August, the community turned out to a concert at Delaware Park that raised money to support Mickey, and in October, hundreds of people packed into the back parking lot at Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen on Saturday for the third-annual Grainfest. Proceeds raised from the the music and beer festival went to the family.

Over the summer, Mickey was accepted into a clinical trial.

Newark honors service of Elwood Roy and Jerry Fickes

3. The legacy of Elwood Roy, the community leader and World War II veteran known to friends as Puddy, will live on permanently after members of the New London Road community reunited to name a new street after him. Jamie Roy described his father as an “unsung hero” of the community.

“This was a village,” he said. “He was a father to some of the fatherless in the community.”

Also this year, Newark dedicated a trail in Rittenhouse Park to fallen firefighter Jerry W. Fickes, an avid outdoorsman.

Fickes, 51, was one of three Wilmington Fire Department firefighters who died from injuries suffered when a burning building in Canby Park collapsed on Sept. 24, 2016. A Newark resident and U.S. Army veteran, Fickes was also a volunteer with Aetna and at one time served as an assistant chief.

“Our simple hope is that as generations walk this trail dedicated to Jerry they ask, ‘Who was Jerry Fickes?’” said Dan Seador, president of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company. “We hope they will research his name and be inspired by the character of a man who gave himself completely in service to his community.”

Volunteers brighten halls at Jones through science-based murals

4. At the start of the new year, in honor of Martin Luther Jr. Day, 100 volunteers arrived at Jones Elementary to transform several blank walls into colorful murals depicting science-related scenes. The project was organized through United Way of Delaware.



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Blakely Stawicki, 11, reaches for a shoe as she sorts through some of the 1,000 pairs of shoes she collected in March as part of a fundraiser for a young Newark girl who has a rare genetic disorder.

“We needed to make the environment of the school more conducive to learning,” said Principal Shevena Cale, adding that the mural reinforces the school’s focus on science, technology, engineering and math, often referred to as STEM.

The school’s lobby features an aquarium design, while a wall outside the cafeteria features a tree displaying facts related to diversity, inclusion, STEM, environmental science and other topics.

“This is amazing,” Cale said. “It does your heart good to know people are still willing to help.”

Downes Elementary students chat with Chinese school

5. During their summer vacation, a group of Downes Elementary School students gathered at the Newark Free Library to chat with their peers in a dialogue that spanned languages, cultures and timezones.

The students, who are enrolled in the Chinese immersion program at Downes, spoke in Mandarin with six students from an after-school English learning program based Beijing.

“I’m proud of the fact they were so excited to do it,” said then-Principal Trish Prettyman. “It’s a scary thing, when you think about

the fact that you’re on stage, in front of strangers, talking on a camera. I thought they were really amazing; I was very impressed.”

When the class of fifth graders graduate from Downes in June, they’ll continue their bilingual education at Shue-Medill Middle School. Eventually, the program will be rolled out at Newark High School.

Students create ‘blessing box’ to support classmates

6. When three 11-year-old Girl Scouts wanted to find a way to help their community, they decided to support their less fortunate peers.

In May, Nabell Kiflemariam, Alyssa McLain and Noelle Turner built a “blessing box” for Downes Elementary School as part of their effort to earn a Bronze Award, one of the highest awards given by the Girl Scouts.

The box is stocked with a variety of nonperishable foods and kept in the nurse’s office. When school administrators become aware of a family in need of food, they can help out by sending home a bag of food from the blessing box.

“I’m proud,” said Alyssa, who is in fifth grade at Downes, along with Noelle. “It kind of makes me feel like I’m a helpful person.”


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10-year-old resident improves traffic safety near his home

7. When Joey Tosh-Morelli, 10, grew concerned about the safety of the intersection in front of his house, he decided to do something about it.

In 2017, Tosh-Morelli successfully petitioned Mayor Polly Sierer and the Newark Traffic Committee to add an additional visual cue to the intersection at Casho Mill and Church roads.

The intersection has a four-way stop, but many drivers on Casho Mill Road blow through the stop signs. Part of the problem is that the road is wide, making the stop signs less noticeable than on a narrow street, according to city officials.

In October, Joey donned a reflective vest and safety goggles to help a public works crew install "Stop ahead" markings on the road surface as an additional warning to drivers.

Local woman spreads cheer through flower decorations

8. It doesn't take much for Madeline Sparre to brighten up a room – just some flowers from a craft store and somewhere to put them.

After Sparre, now 100, moved in with her daughter, Trina Damico, it became clear she needed a hobby. So, Damico bought her some artificial flowers from AC Moore to tap into Sparre's love of the outdoors and her Eastern Shore heritage.

"She was fascinated," she said. "It just brought a twinkle back to her eye. She just



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A group of students from Downes Elementary took time from their summer vacation to chat with their peers across the world in August. The Downes students are part of the Chinese immersion program and they had the opportunity to speak Mandarin to children their age in China, who are learning to speak English.

lit up, like a child at Christmas."

At first, it started as something to keep Sparre active and engaged, but then someone suggested that Newark Manor nursing home could use a bright, vivid touch.

So the mother-daughter team began dropping off flower arrangements to brighten up the entrance, the dining room and bedrooms throughout the center. Since starting her arrangements, her work has extended beyond Newark Manor.

"My flowers take first priority," Sparre said.

Aetna provides aid after Hurricane Florence

9. Though Hurricane Florence was miles and miles from Delaware,

that didn't stop members of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company from responding.

In September, Assistant Chief Jeff Sands, Capt. James Farley, Sola Johnson and Marc Doyle were among the 11 firefighters from New Castle County and around 40 other firefighters from Delaware to respond.

The firefighters spent several days in North Carolina, traveling to different cities to provide aid. They assisted a volunteer fire company, completed door-to-door welfare checks, handed out food and water and fixed a damaged roof.

"We know folks would come help us if we had the same kind of issue. If that hurricane had come a little

further north up the coast and it hit Delaware, we would have had resources streaming in from across the country if we needed them," Sands said. "So it was really nice that we were able to drop what we were doing and go help them."

With community support, Wooden Wheels opens new location

10. For Chris Denney, Robbie Downard and David Ferguson, Wooden Wheels was more than just a shop; it was a second home. So when the decades-old store closed in January, the three employees weren't ready to see it go just yet.

"It was my dream getting



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Madeline Sparre, 100, makes the flower arrangements for several facilities, including Newark Manor.

a job there," Ferguson said last January. "This is a job where we always took passion over pay."

Following the closure, the trio started an online fundraiser and raised nearly \$19,000 to use as start-up costs to re-open the business elsewhere. They opened the doors to the new Wooden Wheels, located in Fairfield Shopping Center, in March.

The shop, which is not officially affiliated with the old store but has the blessing of

former owner Tom Harvey, offers service and repairs, bikes for purchase and other accessories and apparel.

Downard said he and his business partners worked long hours readying the shop for opening day but added it would not have been possible without an outpouring of support and donations from customers and the broader cycling community.

"The community owns this bike shop," he said. "We just put in the time."

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The top 10 Newark stories of 2018

By JOSH SHANNON

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UD expansion, closure of towers cause concern

1. Long-simmering tension between the University of Delaware and Newark's government and residents was exacerbated this year.

In the midst of expanding the student body by 1,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students, UD announced it would close the Christiana Towers by 2023 and take ownership of the University Courtyard Apartments next summer, 10 years earlier than planned.

The closure of the Towers will result in the loss of 1,300 student beds, and the city will lose \$770,000 in tax revenue from the Courtyard.

In September, UD and city officials met for a rare joint public workshop, and both sides pledged to work together better. Less than two months later, though, UD stunned city officials by announcing it would close the towers in May 2019, four years earlier than previously stated. UD officials have yet to provide a clear explanation as to why the towers are closing early, though a bad mold problem is likely part of the reason.

The exact effects of losing student beds as the university population grows are not yet known, but many fear it will push developers to build more off-campus housing and push more students into residential neighborhoods.

Developers propose large apartment complexes, hotels

2. After a relatively quiet 2017, development activity exploded this year, with more than two dozen projects working their way through the city's approval process.

One of the most controversial was a proposal to replace the shuttered bank



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An artist's rendering shows the seven-story hotel Lang Development Group is proposing for 96 E. Main St.

building in the Park N Shop with 12 apartments and more retail space. City council voted it down in March, citing concerns from neighbors, but reversed course three months later and OK'd it unanimously.

Other notable projects under consideration include: a major renovation of College Square Shopping Center that would include 305 apartments, a project to replace UD's Dickinson dorms with 189 student apartments and a proposal to replace an office building on Casho Mill Road with 48 apartments and new office space.

Two developers also proposed building hotels on Main Street. Lang Development Group wants to build 147 hotel rooms, a restaurant, 19,500 square feet of office space and a parking garage at 96 E Main St., across from the Academy Street intersection. Meanwhile, Danneman & Danneman LLC's plan calls for demolishing the building at 132 E. Main St. — which houses Tasty Wok, Playa Bowls, Margherita's Pizza — and building an 88-room hotel,

12 apartments, retail space and a parking garage.

Voters approve referendum for Rodney, other projects

3. The city of Newark's capital referendum — the first since 2001 — was a hot topic throughout the first half of 2018.

The June 19 vote represented a big win for city officials as voters overwhelmingly approved all four questions. The vote authorized the city to borrow \$27.6 million, including \$9 million for the Rodney stormwater pond and park, \$15.6 million for water and sewer projects and \$3 million for other assorted projects.

However, the referendum did spark controversy after the fact when it was revealed that an unusual provision in the city's charter allowed several people to vote multiple times — including one developer who cast 31 ballots, one for each of the LLCs he owns. City council is in the preliminary stages of attempting to change the charter.

Several longtime Newark businesses close

4. Newark lost several prominent, longtime businesses in 2018.

Most notably, Minster's Jewelers closed in July after 123 years in business. The closure came several months after the death of owner Marilyn Minster.

"There's really not a next generation to take over and continue it," her son, Will, said.

A month earlier, the Bookateria, a used bookstore on Cleveland Avenue, closed its doors after 40 years when owners Michael Horney and Debbie Galla decided to retire.

In November, Fusion Fitness owner Nic DeCaire closed the 13-year-old gym to focus on his race timing business, and the College Square Kmart closed as part of a company-wide downsizing.

This week, Margherita's Pizza shuttered its Main Street restaurant but plans to reopen in the Park N Shop this spring.



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Newark Charter School students participate in a nationwide walkout in March to call for an end to gun violence.



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Voters head into the polling place at Maclary Elementary School in November.

Newark searches for new city manager

5. Newark went the entire year without a permanent city manager following the May 2017 resignation of Carol Houck.

After a slow start to the search process, city council identified two finalists for the job in July, but after a public meet-and-greet and a second round of interviews, council members rejected both men.

This fall, council decided to consider Tom Coleman, who has been serving in the role on an acting basis since Houck left. Coleman had not initially applied for the job but said he changed his mind after doing it for a while.

Contract negotiations with Coleman will continue into the new year, but he appears to be on track to receive the job.

City, school board, state elections bring new faces

6. Between city council, school board and statewide races, elections dominated much of 2018.

In the April municipal

election, newcomer Jason Lawhorn defeated two other candidates in District 5, replacing Luke Chapman, who did not seek another term. Meanwhile, District 3 Councilwoman Jen Wallace secured a second term by beating former city employee Ricky Nietubicz.

In the May election for Christina School Board, incumbent Fred Polaski edged out two challengers to retain his seat, while University of Delaware administrator Keeley Powell earned her first term.

In the November general election, eight Newark-area state legislators retained their seats, while Republican Michael Smith was elected to replace the retiring Joe Miro in District 22.

STAR Campus continues to grow

7. It was another monumental year for UD's STAR Campus.

As construction continues on the Chemours and biopharmaceutical buildings, the 10-story STAR Tower opened in August. Described by officials as the "hood ornament" of the site, the tower so far houses UD's College of Health Sciences,

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Vincent Jones (left) and Mark Reeter, the two finalists for Newark's city manager position, participated in a public meet and greet at city hall July 24. City council ultimately decided neither was the right fit for the job.

the regional transportation planning organization WILMAPCO and Predictive Analytics Group, a data risk management analytics and consulting firm. More commercial tenants will be announced later.

In May, officials broke ground on the long-awaited new train station, which is slated to open in summer 2019.

Council approves replacement for DNP

8. After much discussion about the future of the Downtown Newark Partnership, city council agreed in September to sunset the DNP and support the creation of a new group called the Newark Partnership.

The new nonprofit will operate outside the auspices of city government and will represent the entire city rather than just downtown. It will have three primary goals: promote economic development for the entire city of Newark, create an information-sharing network for local nonprofits and be a catalyst for community-wide conversations about improving the future of Newark.

The city, UD and a few large companies will provide start-up funds.

Newark loses two popular community events

9. It appears likely that Newark lost two of its signature community events in the same year.

In June, New Night Downtown – better known by its previous name, Newark Nite – was canceled after 33 years, ostensibly because of planned Main Street construction, though the project was postponed.

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It was replaced by three smaller-scale events called Fabulous Friday, which saw meager attendance. New Night will not return for at least two more years due to construction. Whether it will ever return still remains unclear.

In September, the Taste of Newark was held for what was likely the last time. Mayor Polly Sierer called it the event's "last hurrah," explaining that sponsors were pulling out, attendance was dropping and the event was expensive for UD to run. She added that she hopes the new Newark Partnership will develop a fresh, new event to replace it.

Christina officials work to improve district's reputation

10. The perception of the Christina School District was thrust into the spotlight after several public meetings touched on the education system's influence on the city. Over the course of three meetings at the end of September and into October, city council and University of Delaware officials raised concerns about Christina, some asserting that the district's reputation negatively impacts the city's potential for economic development.

Meanwhile, Christina officials took a major step toward improving the district's reputation by announcing an ambitious project to improve the three high schools by giving each one a specific brand and vocational focus in order to better compete with charter and vo-tech schools. The plan will be phased in over the next



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Owner Michael Horney stands behind the counter of the Bookateria on Cleveland Avenue, which was one of several longtime businesses that closed this year.

few years and will require a capital referendum to fund renovations.

Other notable stories

Officials at Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company confirmed in September that they've reached a deal to sell their aging Ogletown Road fire station to an unnamed buyer. Aetna will remain at the station for up to two years while they look for a new site nearby.

Meredith Chapman, a former University of Delaware communications official who ran for state senate in 2016, was killed April 23 in a murder-suicide at her home in Radnor Township, Pa.

The Delaware Department of Transportation completed several changes to Cleveland Avenue, such as making Margaret Street one way and implementing a "road diet" that reduced the number of lanes. Officials said the changes reduced congestion, but it's too soon to tell if the project achieved its broader goal of reducing crashes on the road.



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Samantha Coxe, 15, helps her mom serve up food samples at the Greene Turtle's booth at the Taste of Newark festival. This year was the event's "last hurrah," Mayor Polly Sierer said.

The community-funded Preston's Playground opened at the Newark Reservoir, providing a place for all kids to play, regardless of disability.

Newark Police officers sparked public outcry when they used their patrol vehicles to hit two loose dogs – and later fatally shot one of them – near the intersection of Ogletown and Marrows roads in May. Police said the dogs were acting aggressively, but two animal welfare advocates who witnessed the incident disputed that.

Main Street business owners cried foul over DelDOT's plan to reconstruct Main Street, slated to begin in spring 2019. The business owners worry the 18-month project will keep customers away.

The state announced in December that it would purchase and preserve 10 acres of the Cooch's Bridge Battlefield, including the Cooch House, which was occupied by the British after Delaware's only Revolutionary War battle. Officials hope to eventually allow public access to the house.

Despite opposition from local hotel owners, city council

approved a 3 percent lodging tax in October. Later in the year, council OK'd a 4 percent property tax increase and a 20 percent increase in the stormwater fee.

Hundreds of students at Newark High, Newark Charter, Downes Elementary and other local schools participated in the March 14 National School Walkout to honor the victims of the Parkland, Fla., school shooting and call on state and federal officials to take action to prevent further gun violence.

In April, Newark High took down the lights at Hoffman Stadium due to structural issues, jeopardizing the Yellowjackets' Friday night lights tradition. However, the district rented temporary lights so that night games could continue.

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Top 10 local sports stories in 2018

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It's always a challenge coming up with the Top 10 sports stories and making sure I include a mix of all different levels of sports. As I've done the past few years, I'm not going to rank my top 10 stories since the reality is that the ranking for each depends more on you, the reader, than which one I think is No. 1 or No. 10. So here goes ...

Eagles win Super Bowl: If I did rank my Top 10, this would have to be No. 1. I'm not sure there could be a victory in any sport at any level here locally that would excite Delawareans more than the Eagles' last-minute win over the Patriots. Even another Super Bowl win wouldn't be as exciting as the first.

UD football returns to playoffs: For the first time in what seemed like forever – actually since 2010 – the University of Delaware played in the postseason. The Hens' time spent there was short – they lost in the first round to James Madison – but their appearance alone left fans with



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Barry Zehnder stepped down as head football coach at Newark High.

renewed hope that maybe, just maybe, the Hens can once again regularly have games on Thanksgiving weekend.

Barry Zehnder resigns: The proud Newark High alum, who served as the school's football head coach for three years and athletic director for 15 months, announced shortly after the end of the football season that he was leaving

the Yellowjackets for Middletown High. Zehnder, who will teach physical education and be an assistant football coach at Middletown, admitted the decision was tough but one he felt was best for his family.

Sixers complete the "Process": Philadelphia's first-round win in last year's playoffs was enough to excite Sixers fans everywhere. With a hot start this

season, what seems to be some parity in the NBA, and the addition of Jimmy Butler, fans bounce into 2019 with hopes of getting even deeper in this year's playoffs. However, it would be nice if Santa gave them one more 3-point shooter who can defend.

Newark High moves to Division 2: Gasp! That was the reaction of many when Newark High announced that for at least the next two years, the Yellowjackets are competing in the Blue Hen Flight B conference in all sports and as a Division II school in those separated as such. While it does renew district-rivalry games in all sports between Glasgow and Christiana, for a school that once prided itself as one of the largest and most successful sports programs in the state, the move took many aback.

Phillies not eliminated before Fourth of July: Do you believe in miracles? Yes! OK, wrong sport, but you get the point. We celebrated the Fourth of July with baseball still being relevant at Citizens Bank Park. In fact, the Phillies were still contenders for

several more weeks before taking a dive out of the pennant race. But for the first time in a while, we had a pro sports team to cheer for in the summer.

Donte DiVincenzo becomes household name: Many people don't realize that the Salesianum graduate who became famous during "One Shining Moment" in March Madness was born in Newark. Taken with the 17th overall pick in the NBA Draft, DiVincenzo has the chance to become the second-most famous professional basketball player from the First State ... and THE most famous male one.

Bryan Stambaugh celebrates milestone: This past summer Stambaugh celebrated his 25th season coaching the Delaware Blue Fish. The best news for local swimmers – the team swims at the UD outdoor pool – is that he has no plans to retire anytime soon.

Butch Simpson field: Finally! That's all I could say when earlier this fall the Christina School District Board approved the naming of the Newark

High football field after the state's most successful high school football coach who patrolled its sidelines for 39 years. Can you imagine if UD waited more than three years to name its football field after Tubby Raymond? They did it immediately. And he only coached 30 years.

Local athletes shine: Several individual stories stood out above the rest.

Newark Charter: Justin Thomas became the school's first 1,000-point scorer. Sean Kelby committed to pitch at Towson University. Emma Menzer signed to swim at Duquesne University. Quinton Kramarck ended his soccer career as the school's all-time leader in goals (28) and points (65), and will play at Johnson and Wales.

Newark High School: Zach Coffing, who will graduate having earned 21 varsity letters in seven different sports, committed to swim at the University of Delaware.

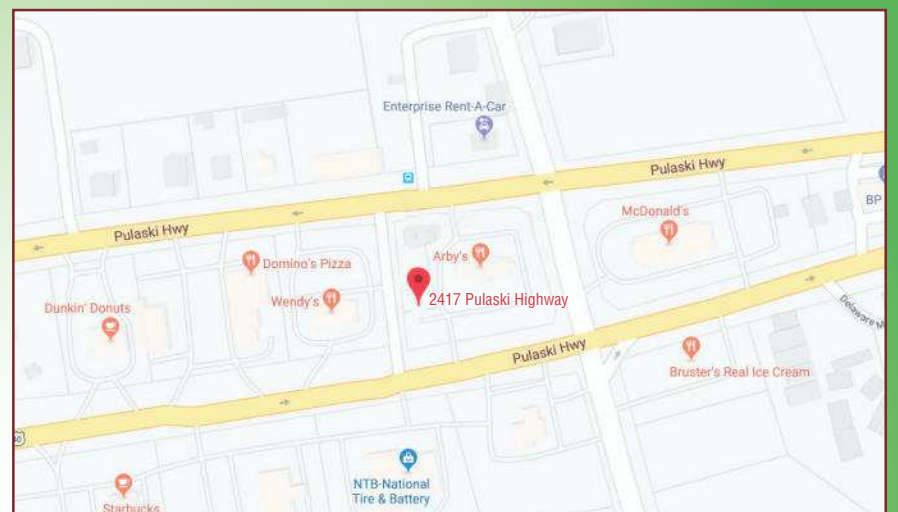
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The most-read stories in 2018

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In 2018, we posted more than 1,000 local news stories on newarkpostonline.com, attracting more than 1.1 million visits to the website.

It's hard to say what makes a particular story "go viral" and attract a larger-than-normal au-

dience, but, typically, we found that crime stories draw a large audience, as do stories about local businesses, particularly those located downtown.

There are exceptions, though. This year's most-read story was about UD's announcement that it would close the Christiana Towers and take over the University Courtyard Apartments earlier

than expected. It's a story that drew attention from UD students, resonated with nostalgic UD alumni and captured the interest of Newarkers concerned about the impact the towers' closure will have on surrounding neighborhoods. With Newarkers still waiting for UD to provide answers about why the towers are closing early and how those 1,300 beds will be replaced, it's a story that will continue to be closely watched in 2019.

Below is a list of the 10 most-read stories in 2018.

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1. UD to knock down Christiana Towers, take over Courtyard apartments
2. Former UD official Meredith Chapman killed in murder-suicide
3. Man punches woman in the face at Deer Park
4. Indictment: Alleged sex traffickers held abducted teen at

Newark motel

5. College Square redevelopment plan calls for apartments, retail space

6. Catherine Rooney's to get new name, new menu

7. UD student facing up to 15 years in prison for on-campus rape

8. College Square Kmart to close in November

9. 21-year-old UD student to run for mayor of Newark

10. Peruvian restaurant to replace Del Pez on Main Street

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Guthrie, who lives in a rental house on West Main Street, describes himself as an entrepreneur, musician and fatherhood activist. While a student at Glasgow High School, he formed the We Need Our Fathers initiative, which seeks to connect individuals with their absent fathers.

"I've always been committed to service, which is why I started the program," he said. "Lately, I feel as though I was destined to make a bigger change across the whole platform. And the best way to do it was to make change in my hometown."

He was prompted to take a step into the political realm

following what he called discriminatory experiences with the Newark Police Department.

He explained that after throwing a party, he and his roommates were jailed.

"We didn't really like the way the police handled the situation, just because we've thrown parties in the past with other Caucasian fraternities, and the police handled it way differently," he said. "That's what really sparked my interest into what's wrong with Newark."

Following the incident, he began getting involved with the city in several ways, such as surveying residents of local low-income apartments and students. He said he found that many didn't know that Newark had a mayor.

As he begins his campaign, he said his first plan

of action is to hear from residents, which he plans to do through canvassing and an online survey.

"There's a questionnaire for Newark residents, and it has about seven to eight questions, and I wanted to get feedback before I put out my plan," he said. "I wanted to actually take in everybody else's wants and needs and formulate my plan under that."

Though he wants to base his plan around feedback he receives from the community, Guthrie is interested in several different issues – primarily the gap between the university students and the community.

"I feel as though, me leading the charge, me being the center of the unity of all the councilmen and the council, could definitely spark

change because I'm close to the crowd of the students but I also can communicate very well with older citizens," he said. "I need to bridge that gap."

He is also concerned about development, and the impact student housing has on the community at large. He said that he has scheduled several meetings with university leaders and also wants to meet with local developers.

"I want to talk to those developers and also the university to make sure that they're offering developments not only for the students, but for low-income housing and also senior citizen residents," he said.

Guthrie noted that the Christina School District has been a topic of discussion at recent council meet-

ings and added that his education was primarily in Christina schools.

"So I can speak very fluently on what's going on in that school district," he said, adding that he wants to focus on getting more programs to Newark High School that deal with mental health and illness because he feels that's a need. He also explained that he has been talking with Friends 4 Friends, an organization at UD that advocates for mental wellness.

Guthrie said he is currently a part-time student and plans to continue part-time so that he can effectively balance school and the responsibilities of mayor.

"People might say my age is very young and might be hesitant to vote for me," he said. "If they want to

connect with the students and they want to build that bridge with the students, they're going to need one of the students actually out there, and I feel as though I can communicate on both sides – students and also to the senior citizens and residents who live here in Newark."

Post Stumper solved

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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
DANIEL MARSHALL LANGLEY
Petitioner(s)
TO
DANIEL MARSHALL LEVINSKY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAWN MCCARTY intends to
present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State
of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor
grandchild's name to DANIEL MARSHALL LEVINSKY.
DAWN MCCARTY
Petitioner
Dated: 12/12/2018
2823113
np 12/21,28,1/4

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
KEIRA BRIELLE BERRY-COLUCCI
Petitioner(s)
TO
KEIRA BRIELLE COLUCCI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERIN F. RESTUCCI intends to
present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State
of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor
child's name to KEIRA BRIELLE COLUCCI.
ERIN F. RESTUCCI
Petitioner
Dated: 12/19/2018
2824674
np 12/28,1/4,11

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
MELANIE ALYSON MONDRAGON
Petitioner(s)
TO
MALANIE ALYSON MONDRAGON VILLALBA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VICKI MONDRAGON intends to
present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State
of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor
child's name to MALANIE ALYSON MONDRAGON VILLALBA.
VICKI MONDRAGON
Petitioner
Dated: 12/7/2018
2822385
np 12/14,21,28

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
LAUREN ROSE PETRICK
Petitioner(s)
TO
LAUREN ROSE BERGER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LAUREN ROSE PETRICK 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 LAUREN ROSE BERGER.
LAUREN ROSE PETRICK
Petitioner
Dated: 12/5/2018
2821980
np 12/14,21,28

PUBLIC AUCTION

A Public Auction will be held
on January 3, 2019, at 10:00
AM for the contents of Stor-
age Unit #23RR Lolita Wash-
am. Contents misc. bags of
unknown items, Construction
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np 12/21,28 2819617



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
HARRY LEON REED
Petitioner(s)
TO
HANEEF DELORE REED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HARRY LEON REED 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 HANEEF DELORE REED.
HARRY LEON REED
Petitioner
Dated: 11/30/2018
2821280
np 12/14,21,28

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public
auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of
the owner, personal property described below belonging to those
individuals listed below at location indicated:
121 Ruthar Drive Newark, DE 19711 January 21, 2019 at 10:00
AM. Unit 356 Kim Webster Household Items, Unit 178 Edward
Sutton, 3rd household items, Unit 169 Sally Dunkelberger house-
hold items, Unit 477 Agnieszka Waters bed, dumbbells, kitchen ta-
ble, tables, Unit 290 Clara Renfrow Bedroom set, boxes, house-
hold items, Unit 469 Christal Evans Homegoods, boxes, bags,
clothes, Unit 371 Tailgates Sports Bar and Grill Business Equip-
ment, Unit 426 Keyur Patel Business Supplies, Unit 62 Destiny
Rivera Household Items. Purchases must be made with cash
only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete
the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and
may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes pos-
session of the personal property.
np 12/21/28 2823679

Public Notice

Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Plan Public Notice
Public Hearing Scheduled for Friday, December 28th at 5:00 pm

The Newark Housing Authority's 2019 Annual Plan and Support-
ing Documents are available for review by the Public. The Plan
can be reviewed during normal business hours from 9:00 am –
12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday, from
Friday, November 9th – Friday, December 28th.

All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review
period specified. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, De-
cember 28th at 5:00 pm at the Newark Housing Authority.
np 11/9,16,23,30,12/7,14,21,28 2816478

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 14, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Sections 402.2 and 902.2 of the City Charter of the
City of Newark, Delaware and Section 32-79 of the Code of the
City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hear-
ing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber
at the Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Del-
aware, on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at which time
the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage
the following proposed Ordinances:

- Bill 18-30 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, General
Provisions, Code of the City of Newark, Dela-
ware, By Implementing a Late Fee for Past Due
Billings and Invoices
- Bill 18-31 An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive
Development Plan by Changing the Designation
of Property Located at 209-225 Haines Street
- Bill 18-32 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the
City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning from RD
(One-Family Semi-Detached Residential) to RA
(Multi-Family Dwellings – High Rise Apartments)
0.819 Acres Located at 209-225 Haines Street

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary

np 12/28 2824732

LEGAL NOTICE

JANUARY QUARTER 2018/19 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The new assessed values for each parcel on the Supplemen-
tal Assessment roll for New Castle County and school taxes for the
January Quarter of the 2018/19 tax year may be inspected in the
Office of Property Assessment of New Castle County, New
Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Cor-
porate Commons, New Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective Janu-
ary 1, 2019. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments
may be obtained from the Office of Property Assessment at the
address aforesaid and must be filed with the Office of Property
Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2019. The
Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will sit in
the New Castle County Government Center, or some other public
place to be announced, to hear appeals from these Supplemental
Assessments. The exact dates and times of such hearings will
be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec.
8311.

np 12/28,1/4 2823125

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 27-21(b)(2)(e) of the City of Newark Sub-
division and Development Regulations, notice is hereby given
of a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal
Building, 220 South Main Street, on Monday, January 14, 2019,
at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider the request of
Schlosser & Dennis, LLC, Traders Alley, LLC and Campus Edge,
LLC for a revision to the approved minor subdivision agreement
in order to delete the parking provision in paragraph 10 that all
parking spaces shall be made available to customers and clients
of the Trader's Alley businesses whenever possible except for
spaces set aside for the tenants of the residential units at the
property located at 147-163 East Main Street known as Trader's
Alley.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION – BB (Central Business District)

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary

np 12/28 2824717

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 27-21(b)(2)(e) of the City of Newark Subdi-
vision and Development Regulations, notice is hereby given of a
Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Build-
ing, 220 South Main Street, on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:00
p.m., at which time the Council will consider the request of Seth
Watts for the major subdivision of 0.819 acres located at 209-225
Haines Street, with site plan approval in order to demolish the
existing structures and construct a four-story high-rise apartment
building with 12 two-bedroom and 12 three-bedroom units for a
total of 24 apartments with associated parking.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION – RA (Multifamily Dwellings – High-
Rise Apartments).

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary

np 12/28 2824727



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PUBLIC STORAGE # 20496, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0556 Time: 10:00 AM

A101 - Espinoza, Hector; A105 - Mitchell, Janelle; A116 - Taylor, Zykeria; A136 - Overbey, Lauren; A151 - Riley, Dennis; A210 - Holmes, Roslynn; A230 - Figueroa, Dedria; A246 - Flaherty, Joshua; A251 - Dickerson, Shanita; A259 - Jones, Rahmir; A266 - Small, Ryan; A272 - Meadows, Brenda; B301 - Marrero-Ortiz, Jessica; B316 - Anderson, Evita; B318 - Payne, Joshua; B328 - Lindsey, Doniesha; B351 - Garrow, Steven; B418 - Britt, Dwayne; B429 - May, Arkiece; B448 - Lockett, Nataya; C505 - McIntyre, Renise; C507 - Taylor, Anjel; C521 - Ofosu-Aikins, Lorraine; C602 - johnson, euvie; C609 - Acevedo, Justice; C613 - Patel, Pramod; C627 - Hughes, Bonita; D836 - Rameriz, David; E913 - Johnson, Sherrie; E920 - Pulliam, Jacqueline; F1038 - Smalls, Anginita; F1052 - Johnson, Donald; G1105 - Allen, LaToya; G1131 - Hackett, Marvella; H1214 - Norton, Amanda

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24114, 425 New Churchmans Road, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0621 • Time: 10:00 AM

A008 - Perry, Mark; B005 - Schaffer, Tifani; C023 - Garfield, Allen; C038 - Earl, Pamela; C039 - Cordell, Robert; C055 - Burley, Rosemarie; C083 - Shaw, Ashley; C099 - Jackson, shawn-er'e; C118 - Johnson, Robert; C119 - Brown, Bilneshia; C197 - Vito, Joe; D020 - Brown, Ella; D036 - Heusner, Dizza; D044 - hodge, Stephen; E018 - Bryant, Clyde; G023 - Metcalfe, Crystal; H033 - Wescott, Glenice; H038 - Gibbs, Valarie

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24115, 201 Bellevue Road, Newark, DE 19713, (302) 266-1773 Time: 10:00 AM

A053 - Frank, Morgan; A067 - Harris, Charles; A094 - Todd, Kendra; A105 - Kolubah, Serena; A125 - Upsey, Cherie; B037 - Netchert, Jessica; B050 - Cooper, Angel; B122 - Hanna, Craig; B125 - Smith, Andrea; C020 - Jones, Lore; C047 - Dorsey, Natasha; D007 - Dosa, Madisin; D010 - Morine, Lauren; D042 - Reed, Jennifer; E002 - Horter, Robin; E013 - Torres, HECTOR; E041 - Bucci, Austin; E067 - tweed, john; E113 - Alkhamis, Arwa; E144 - Smith, Danielle; F088 - Booth, Gregory; G042 - Rozier, Kyle; H012 - Dempsey, Charese

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25716, 3800 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 268-6201 • TIME 10:00am

1129 - Jones, Nancy; 1147 - Perez, Daniel; 1169 - Harris, Termell; 2029 - Estrada Jr, John; 2066 - Nguyen, Elizabeth; 2069 - Thornton, Elizabeth; 3024 - Hopkins, Linda; 4024 - Foraker, Larry; 5015 - FRANCE, OBRETTIA; 5026 - Sellers, Brittany J.; 5030 - Johnson, Renee; 5039 - Walker, Charisse; 5069 - Coverdale, Marqui; 5088 - Fisher, Annette D.

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np 12/26,1/4

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CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The offices for which an election will be held are the office of Mayor and Council Member for Districts 1, 2 and 4. The Mayor serves a three-year term and Council Members serve two-year terms.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years next preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year next preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of Mayor or Council Member. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Mayor, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the City of Newark. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Council Member, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the district he/she seeks to represent.

All nominations for Mayor and Council Member shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each nominating petition for Mayor shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in any district in the City of Newark. Each nominating petition for Council Member shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in the district from which the candidate seeks election. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m., **EDT, on Monday, February 4, 2019** in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 9, 2019 election.

QUESTIONS should be directed to the City Secretary's office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 302-366-7000.

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