Police to wear body cams
NPD will roll out new technology in early 2020

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Starting early next year, Newark Police Department officers will be equipped with body cameras, joining a growing number of law enforcement agencies who use the cameras to demonstrate greater accountability.

City council on Monday approved spending more than half a million dollars on the cameras and an associated data storage plan, along with new dash cameras for police cruisers and updated cameras for interview rooms in the police station.

Police officials said the cameras will strengthen police accountability, prevent confrontational situations by improving officer professionalism as well as the behavior of the people being recorded, help supervisors investigate complaints filed against officers, allow the video to be used for training purposes and provide additional evidence for prosecutions.

"Body cameras give a good depiction of what officers encounter, for criminal..."
The week ahead

NewBark Paw-Loosa: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Handloff Park, 1000 Barksdale Road. Bring your dog and enjoy demonstrations, vendors and activities and contests. Dogs must be leashed, non-aggressive and up-to-date on their shots. Free.

Knowing Newark workshop: Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. The Newark Partnership will host a community discussion about public education.

Council meeting: Monday, 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. Council will discuss and possibly vote on the 2020 budget.

Meeting on vaping: Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Shue-Medill Middle School, 1500 Capitol Trail. The Delaware PTA and Cancer.org will host a free public information session on vaping. Information covered will include what parents should know and what action they can take.

Reforestation Day: Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help plant native trees in Redd Park. Meet in the Newark Reservoir parking lot to sign in and receive instructions. This planting event is rain or shine. Equipment for planting, including shovels, will be provided. Dress for the weather — long pants are suggested, as well as work boots/shoes. Bring your own gloves. For additional information, contact the Recreation Office at 302-366-7000, or email parksrec@newark.de.us.

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Carney visits Jennie Smith Elementary to promote agriculture education

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Gov. John Carney visited Jennie E. Smith Elementary School on Tuesday to promote agriculture education. Carney read from the book “Zora’s Zucchini” and talked to the 85 third-graders about the importance of agriculture in Delaware. He noted that the state has 2,500 farms encompassing 500,000 acres.

“It’s really critically important to all of us,” he said. The governor’s visit was part of the Delaware Farm Bureau’s initiative to donate agriculture books to every elementary school in Delaware, said Executive Director Joseph Poppiti, who delivered a barn-shaped bookshelf and 21 “ag-correct” books.

“They’re not a fairy tale kind of book,” Poppiti said. “Accurate information is provided.”

The initiative is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

“The purpose is to make that connection with agriculture that a lot of kids aren’t exposed to,” Poppiti said. Agriculture Secretary Michael Scuse told the students that Delaware is the nation’s top grower of lima beans and that Sussex County raises more chickens than any other county in the United States.

“We have more chickens than people in Delaware,” Carney added.
City council authorizes contribution to The Newark Partnership

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Pleased with the progress of The Newark Partnership, city council last week authorized the disbursement of the city’s $150,000 contribution to the organization.

Council included the money in the 2019 budget, approved last November, but stipulated that the fledging TNP would not receive the funds until it developed a budget and demonstrated some early successes.

On Monday, TNP organizer Dan Rich provided council an update on the progress of the organization, which held its first organizational meeting in February and seated its first permanent, 17-member board in July.

“We have an institution actively working to improve all of Newark in ways we have not had before,” Rich said. “Now, we have an extraordinary community asset.”

The creation of the TNP was the culmination of a years-long effort – led by Rich and former Mayor Polly Sierer – to develop a successful organization to the Downtown Newark Partnership, which suffered from waning interest and concerns over its exclusive focus on downtown businesses.

TNP, which, unlike the DNP, operates outside the auspices of the city government – will focus on the entire city and work to address issues beyond just the concerns of the business community. The group’s mission has three pillars: support the city’s nonprofits, promote community engagement among residents and support businesses by fostering economic development.

For nonprofits, TNP has developed a community calendar, held networking and training events for organizations and is about to publish a resource guide listing the services of 134 nonprofits in Newark.

TNP’s civic engagement committee is working to raise awareness of TNP and is holding monthly “Newark Futures” events around the city. TNP has also held several Newark Futures Workshops, which are community forums to discuss various issues, such as public education.

Meanwhile, the economic enhancement committee has started an inventory of the city’s approximately 850 businesses, held networking events and is developing a business speakers series and a business awards program.

The $150,000 from the city makes up the majority of the TNP’s cash budget.

The University of Delaware contributed a $150,000 in-kind donation in the form of staff support from UD’s Community Engagement Initiative, which is led by Rich. The CEI has run the day-to-day operations of the group since its inception.

By July 2020, the group will begin hiring its own staff. Eventually, its budget will be funded by membership fees and sponsorships from large businesses. Rich hopes the city and UD will continue to be sponsors as well.

Mayor Jerry Clifton admitted that at this time last year, he was skeptical of TNP.

“Certainly I’ve gotten way past transition,” Hamilton said. “It’s been fantastic. I’m excited to see how it’s going to evolve.”

However, he added that it’s important TNP retains its focus on nonprofits and community engagement and doesn’t allow the concerns of businesses to dominate the organization.

“If it goes back to just being an enlarged DNP, then I’m out,” he said.
Newark man turned loose by ICE indicted by grand jury

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A Newark-area man, who told police he was wanted on a murder charge in the Dominican Republic but was later released from custody by federal authorities, has been indicted by a grand jury on drug charges relating to an Aug. 31 arrest in Maryland, according to court records.

Yeudy Campusano-Aguero, whose last-known address was in the Allandale Village Apartments east of Newark, is facing three charges: possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rising Sun, Md., Police Chief Francis “Chip” Peterson said recently that Campusano-Aguero is again being sought by law enforcement. Maryland State Police conducted a search for the suspect, but neither confirm nor deny that its Warrant Apprehension Task Force was looking for the suspect.

In charging documents filed by Rising Sun Police, Campusano-Aguero, 30, was driving through town around 8 p.m. Aug. 31 when officers observed him crossing the yellow lines, not making complete stops and driving above the posted speed limits.

After activating his lights and sirens, the officer noted a lot of movement inside the silver Chevrolet Malibu until the time the car finally came to a stop in 500 block of Joseph Biggs Highway.

A search of the car uncovered a knotted bag containing an off-white chunky substance. A search warrant confirmed it to be crack cocaine, two cell phones and $260 in cash in varying denominations. A total of four grams of drugs was confiscated, the charging documents report.

During the roadside stop, one officer received a phone call from an informant who reported that Campusano-Aguero was known as “Poppy.” The caller also indicated the suspect is a native of the Dominican Republic and is known to be a seller of crack cocaine, pills and heroin.

A search of the Maryland State Police arrived, Campusano-Aguero waived his Miranda rights and told police he “does in fact sell drugs to subsidize his income, as his primary source of income is selling cars,” the charging documents reported.

During questioning, Campusano-Aguero told police he was wanted in his home country on suspicion of murder.

Police also gained access to the cellphones and read numerous text messages indicating involvement in the sale and distribution of controlled dangerous substances.

When he was told he was under arrest on drug charges, Campusano-Aguero laid on the floor of the holding cell, acting as if he was suffering some kind of medical issue. He was taken to Union Hospital in Elkton but released when no medical issues could be found.

Police also determined that the two forms of identification inside the suspect’s car were not from legitimate sources, so there was no way to determine his true identity.

A Cecil County Circuit Court commissioner ordered Campusano-Aguero held without bond. While in the Cecil County Detention Center, Campusano-Aguero hinted that he was in the country eight years past a two-year visa.

Just as a bail review promised his freedom for $5,200, Immigration and Customs Enforcement took him into custody. ICE released him days later, citing “humanitarian reasons.”

Campusano-Aguero has an initial hearing scheduled for Nov. 20 in Cecil County Circuit Court on the indictment charges.

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Gunman robs liquor store in downtown Newark

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Police are searching for a gunman who robbed a liquor store in downtown Newark on Wednesday afternoon.

The robbery happened just before 2:30 p.m. at Modern Liquors, located at 246 E. Delaware Ave., in the first floor of the Main Street Court apartment building.

The robber displayed a handgun and demanded money, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. An employee complied, and the robber ran north toward Main Street.

The robber was described as a white man, 5 feet 8 inches tall, with a thin build and wearing a hat. No surveillance footage was released.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Det. Paul Keld at 302-366-7100 ext. 3106 or pkeld@newark.de.us.

Newark Police charge two men in spree of vehicle thefts

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Two men are facing charges in connection with a spree of vehicle thefts and burglaries in Newark.

Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, said the arrests came after “a near- two-month investigation,” and the men were identified through surveillance footage and other investigative means.

Dahmir Lewis, 21, of Newark, and Stephan Lloyd Jr., 23, of Middletown were arrested Oct. 25 after being stopped during an unrelated incident at the Christiana Mall. Both were jailed after failing to post bail.

Lewis is also charged with stealing a vehicle on Benny Street, and Lloyd is also charged with stealing items from a vehicle on Kristins Way.

In several cases, stolen property was sold to a retailer, and stolen credit cards were used to buy merchandise, Rubin added.

Lloyd is facing 17 charges, and Lewis is facing 25. Charges include multiple counts of theft of a motor vehicle, burglary, conspiracy, theft and unlawful use of a payment card.

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Aetna urges caution around fire engines after hose is destroyed

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Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company officials are reminding Newarkers to be cautious around fire engines after a motorist ran over a hose last week, causing $1,400 in damage.

“Never drive over a fire hose at a fire scene,” an Aetna spokesperson wrote in a public service announcement posted online. “It places our firefighters in danger, will damage your vehicle, and is illegal.”

The incident happened around 8 p.m. Oct. 23 as Aetna was responding to a gas leak at Ivy Hall Apartments.

“One of the tasks crucial to the successful outcome of a fire incident is to establish a continuous water supply,” the spokesperson explained. “Our fire engines carry 750 gallons of water which can last less than five minutes during a firefight. This means that our crews must deploy large-diameter supply hose from a fire hydrant to the fire engine in order to ensure that we have enough water. Gas leaks have the explosive potential to cause even greater damage than a structure fire and, as a result, we take the same precaution of establishing a water supply.”

As the firefighters were working, a motorist tried to pass a fire engine that was blocking a road near the apartment complex. In doing so, he ran over a hose and its couplings, damaging his vehicle and destroying two sections of hose.

Fortunately, the gas leak was minor and was quickly controlled, but had it been worse, our crews would have been in danger without a water supply,” the Aetna spokesperson wrote. The driver, a 62-year-old Newark man, was cited under a section of city code that governs behavior around fire engines, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

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Girl, 9, welcomed as honorary member of UD Dance Team

By JOSH SHANNON

Victoria Saunders, the newest member of the University of Delaware Dance Team, quickly fit in with her teammates.

She shares their passion for dance, their love of Beyoncé and their sassy, spunky personality. The only difference is, she’s a bit younger and a bit shorter.

The 9-year-old from Bear became an honorary member of the dance squad earlier this year as part of Team Impact, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that connects children with life-threatening or chronic illnesses to college teams.

“It’s been incredible,” Victoria’s mother, Nicole Davis, said. “The way they include her in everything has been unreal.”

Victoria has sickle cell disease, which causes her to get fatigued easily and have periodic episodes of pain. However, that has not stopped her from pursuing dance, Davis said, adding that Victoria has been taking lessons since age 3, Davis said.

Since getting involved with Team Impact, Victoria hangs out with the dance team two or three times a month at practices and team bonding activities. She was with the team on the sidelines of a recent football game and is working on a special dance routine she will perform with the team during an upcoming basketball game.

“Victoria epitomizes what it takes to be key member of this team, and her willingness to handle and overcome adversity has already made her an inspiration to everyone,” coach Risa Snapp said.

“She’s also a big help, Snapp added.

“When she attends practices, she helps me watch the dancers and lets me know if the routines are good or not,” she said. “At the football game last weekend, she assisted me on the sidelines. She helped me decide what skills to call out for the dancers and helps me count them in.”

Last Friday, the team officially welcomed Victoria with a “signing ceremony” at the Bob Carpenter Center. She signed a letter of intent, much like a high school player committing to a play at the university would, and received a backpack full of dance team attire.

“I would like to thank Coach Risa and all my teammates for this opportunity,” said Victoria, who wants to be a preschool teacher when she grows up. “Thank you for inviting me, and I promise I’ll be a valuable teammate.”

Danielle Valinotti, the dance team member in charge of planning activities with Victoria, said their young teammate has definitely changed our team.

“Victoria has brought such light to our team in this brief time that we have known her and she has definitely changed our team dynamic for the better,” said Valinotti, a sophomore from New Jersey majoring in elementary education. “We cannot wait to watch her grow over the next two years as we grow with her.”
NHS defeats Brandywine for third win of the season

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Newark High scored more points last Friday night than it has in a game all season and defeated Brandywine 27-13 to pick up its third Flight B win of the season.

“As far as the win goes, we preached going 1-0 each week from here on out and trying to end 5-5,” head coach Jody Russell said. “They had a really good week of practice and came out and played well.”

Russell pointed out the impact Donald Burton’s return to the lineup has had on the offense.

“Getting Donald Burton back at tackle has re-energized the run game,” Russell said.

Brileime Nelson had 19 carries for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Tyran Rice added 65 yards and two scores on the ground. The Yellowjackets ran for a season-high 225 yards.

“Most of the run game was behind Burton and (Alex) Aviles, who dominated all day,” Russell pointed out. “We felt we had an advantage up front going into the game and the offensive line – Burton, Aviles, Zach Zeoli, Ben Pittman and Shaun Babia – came to play.”

On the defensive side of the ball, Newark put forth a solid effort, limiting Brandywine to its second-lowest scoring output of the season.

“We kept Brandywine’s passing game in check,” Russell explained. “There was pressure on the quarterback all game long, which forced quick throws and didn’t let him feel comfortable in the pocket.”

The win puts Newark’s record at 3-5 overall and 3-2 in Flight B.

“The guys have really bought in, which is encouraging,” Russell said. “Hopefully, we can continue getting better.”

Captains say …

“We played hard and executed on all three sides of the ball,” Aviles said. “I think our running backs ran hard and did an excellent job finding the holes our offensive line gave them and made big plays. Our defense did well with getting pressure on the quarterback and preventing him from throwing the ball deep and making big plays.”

“It was a great effort across the board in all three phases of the game for us, and this should give us a lot of momentum going into Saturday against McKean,” Mele Stallings said.

“It was a win that we needed,” Jason Mitchell-Dickerson said. “We worked hard all week in practice and felt like we could travel up to Brandywine and leave successful and that’s what we did. We’re hoping the energy from last Friday can carry over to this week to help us get a win against McKean.”

Five game balls

The offensive line of Burton, Aviles, Zeoli, Pittman and Babia turned in its best performance of the season.

Up next

Newark hosts McKean High School on Saturday morning. The Highlanders enter the game with a 4-4 record (3-2 Flight B), so it’s a must-win for them to have a chance for a winning season and to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

The game is also an opportunity for the Yellowjackets to move ahead of the Highlanders and take over sole possession of third place in the Flight B standings.

“McKean is very athletic and explosive on offense,” Russell pointed out. “We need to avoid the big play, which has plagued us this year.”

Russell will look to his team’s own running game to continue to shoulder the offensive load.

The run game will continue to be a major focus and should be bolstered by the return of Jason Cortez, who hasn’t played since the Lake Forest game because of a forearm injury.”

Kickoff on Butch Simpson Field at Bob Hoffman Stadium is at 10:30 a.m.

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

Out of the Past

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

April-May 1949: A few pay increases authorized last month were rescinded. Irvin Chalmers was appointed assistant water superintendent at $57.50 per week, Marion Amick, town engineer and Robert Neeson, town supervisor, were given one month notice of termination. Arthur Hauber was named chief town supervisor at $350 per month.

William Barnard owned 75 acres along East Cleveland Avenue and offered it to Bassett Place, only one side of Bassett Place being in town limits. Red Men’s Home requested its property be tax exempt as it as a charitable organization. Resurfacing the intersection of Delaware and South College avenues would cost $1,900. John McCool’s bill of $141 for 44 loads of gravel on Darlington Lane was tabled since he hadn’t been authorized to do work.

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Own Your Future
Local coaches talk about fall successes

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It’s playoff and championship meet time for fall sports with the exception of football, which still has two regular-season games remaining.

Newark High School enjoyed success during its first season as a member of the Blue Hen Flight B conference. Soccer, volleyball, and boys and girls cross-country running captured conference championships. On the other side of town, Newark Charter School’s volleyball team captured the school’s first No. 1 tournament seed in any sport.

Here’s what the head coaches had to say about the successes.

“Winning the Blue Hen Conference and making the tournament this year were two of our preseason goals,” Newark soccer head coach Mike James said of his team, which wrapped up the regular season with a 12-3 record. “We are very proud to have achieved both. With a relatively new group of players this season, we quickly developed chemistry early on and it continues to grow as we approach the post-season. This could not have happened without our senior leadership and younger players stepping up to play like upperclassmen. I am very excited because I don’t think the team has reached its peak yet as we enter the postseason. There is still a lot of untapped potential.”

Newark’s boys cross-country team went undefeated on its way to the Flight B title and finished second to Concord High School in the combined conference championship meet.

“Junior Zeke Dawkins repeated as overall conference individual champion,” head coach Mike Mooney said. “Seniors Isaiah Gerard, Matt Guckenberger and Evan Prusisz have improved significantly. Newcomer sophomore Alejandro Lobo has been an outstanding performer and has solidified our top five. Junior Caleb Cutler just had a great race at the conference meet and is now looking to be a scorer at the county and state meets.”

The girls cross-country team edged Brandywine to capture the Flight B title. “Great to win Flight B,” head coach Gordon Thomson said. “The girls had to reach deep down to beat Brandywine. All the girls are running their personal bests heading into the state championship.”

Thomson mentioned a surprise newcomer to the pack who is making a difference heading into the most crucial part of the season. She also knows what it takes to win a title.

“Our No. 3 runner, Rachel Tims, is a junior and is the defending state champion in the 1-meter dive,” Thomson pointed out. “Seniors Allie LaPorte, Arix Hernandez, Erin Dillon, Lea Clendaniel, and Charlotte Rose are excited to finish strong.”

Newark Charter’s lone volleyball defeat this season came at the hands of perennial powerhouse Padua Academy. Other than that hiccup, the Patriots ran the table, finishing with 14 wins to earn the top seed in the upcoming tournament.

“Winning the Blue Hen Conference and making the tournament as the No. 1 seed,” head coach Jessica Weller said. “It’s just a seed and we realize that we need stay focused and consistent to continue our winning streak. Everyone’s record is 0-0 and we are looking forward to seeing how the tournament ends up. There are so many talented teams this year, whoever shows up ready to play will take the title.”

Weller pointed out that her team reached its goals on the way to a nearly perfect season.

“Some of our keys to this season’s success are having small goals and reaching them,” she said. “Our serving has been strong and consistent. Our three-option passing has allowed us to run a mixed offense, keeping other teams out of system. We have gelled as a team and we are working consistently and coming to the gym every day ready to work hard and practice how we play. Our seniors have provided amazing leadership to help mentor some of the younger players on the court. The energy and enthusiasm each day is transferring over to our matches.”

Newark Charter has a bye in the opening round of the tournament and will host the winner of the Caravel-Dover match on Saturday at 6 p.m.
BODY CAMS

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prosecution purposes,” NPD spokesman Lt. Andrew Rubin said. “It also benefits us in holding officers accountable for their actions.

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

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

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

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

After that, though, parking officers were transferred out of the police department and stopped wearing the cameras as city officials rebranded the officers as “parking ambassadors” and tried to give them a softer, friendlier image.

Last year, NPD quietly piloted body cameras again, with a handful of officers testing out models from different manufacturers.

Ultimately, the department settled on cameras made by Axon, an Arizona-based company best known for manufacturing Tasers.

Newark will pay Axon approximately $630,000 over five years for the technology package. Just under 25 percent of the cost is funded by state and federal grants, with taxpayers picking up the rest of the tab.

The package includes 60 body cameras, 25 dash cameras, recording equipment for four interview rooms and various accessories.

As is usually the case with body cameras, the cost of the data storage far exceeds the cost of the equipment. The city will pay $600 per camera, while each officer’s subscription to the internet-based storage system, Evidence.com, will cost just over $1,000 per year.

Rubin said the department will begin rolling out the cameras in early 2020 after a training period. NPD is still developing a policy that will govern when the cameras must be turned on and other guidelines for their use.

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Newarkers reminisce about Robert F. Kennedy funeral train

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When a Dutch professor and artist showed up at a bowling alley in Elkton, Md., several years ago, some people thought he was a con man. But Rein Jelle Terpstra is far from it.

The teacher and student of photography and memory once again came to the area Oct. 25, where a full room at the Newark Country Club watched and listened in awe.

Newark and nearby Cecil County, Md., proved to be instrumental to the group does in preserving, honoring, educating and elevating history.

It was about a year ago, almost to the date, that we met in my office to talk about the project he had been working on,” said Terpstra. “I was so excited to have been contacted about the project. I remember well watching the funeral train on TV, and then going down to the Claymont train station with my father. He probably brought my brother, but there were nine of us, so we all couldn’t go.”

The governor described a crowded scene, and his father had to bypass his normal driving route because people were lined up on the roads.

“As a 12-year-old, I remember the incredible impact Robert Kennedy’s death had on my family,” he said.

Carney wasn’t the only one who shared memories of his father in connection to the Kennedy funeral train. Terpstra, who was 8 years old in 1968, said his father was a Kennedy admirer and loved all things American. Hearing stories about the Kennedys inspired him to undertake this significant project, which included the publication of a book and several museum exhibits around the world.

“As a photographer and artist, I am very interested in the relationship between photography and memory,” he said.

While the world experienced the photographs from within the funeral train looking out through Paul Fusco’s book “RFK Funeral Train,” Terpstra was interested in what all of the people in Fusco’s photographs were looking at.

Terpstra’s friends gave him the Fusco book, which he said he loved because the photos depict “a cross-section of America in the 1960s.”

During the presentation, Terpstra showed pictures of people gathered at the Newark train station, which is now the site of the Newark History Museum. The image depicted people of all ages, including a Boy Scout troop with an American flag.

“I tried to find the people in the images that had cameras,” he said. “I knew field work was necessary. The United States is the best place to do research. People are excited and helpful.”

Michael Scott, a North East, Md., native who lives in California, flew in to speak at the event. His father was a civil rights activist during the 1960s. The Ku Klux Klan nearly killed their family by bombing their home in August 1968, just two months after the funeral train.

Scott remembers asking his mother if they could go see the train after hearing it was passing through Wilmington and headed to Washington, D.C.

“My father, much like Rein’s father, has a great affection for the Robert Kennedy,” he said. “Robert Kennedy stood up for people who look like me as they traveled south. My father passed down his respect and affection to his young son.”

Scott recalled watching the train coming by that day and seeing Kennedy’s coffin.

“In this box was the hope of people who look like me, and the hope of people of Appalachia. It was the hope of people who were disenfranchised and marginalized. I will never forget that. It’s imprinted in my memory.”

Terpstra said that stories like this are the reason the project has been so meaningful to him. He said his travels were “a very important period” for him, and got a bit choked up when speaking about his father as well as the significance of the project.

“A lot of my journeys I did during election time,” he said. “So I know this country is passing through quite a heavy time, with a lot of division. I found out that what happened in 1968 was so much in the mind of Americans. People shared with me so many stories. It was a very pivotal year. … I know that in Europe, just as 50 years ago, people are looking at the United States with fascination and horror. There are many similarities between 50 years ago and now. It made the project all the more urgent for me.”

Terpstra gives a presentation on the history of the train.
TREES
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does not necessarily mean the property will be preserved. The landowners can still file a development plan with New Castle County, but county code allows only five homes, rather than the denser hous-
ing permitted under city law.
Meanwhile, the decision buys more time for conserva-
tionists to convince the owners to sell the land to the state to become part of the state park.
The project was slated for a 13.9-acre parcel on the west side of Paper Mill Road, across from the Wyncliffe and Pine Meadow neighborhoods. The land is owned by descendants of the Handloffs, the promi-
nent family that owned New-
ark Department Store and built Newark Shopping Center.
The plan called for building 18 houses on the front portion of the property, with the rear 6 acres of land being donated to the state to become part of White Clay Creek State Park.
Development of the property would result in the loss of hundreds of trees, 215 of which are considered “valued trees” because they are 18 inches in diameter or larger. Under city code, 25 percent of valued trees can be cut down, and cutting down more would require a mitigation plan.
The developer proposed replacing the 215 trees with more than 600 new trees, some on the property but most in parks around the city.
“You’re getting a lot of trees for your park system,” Wendie Stabler, an attorney for the project, said.
However, the conserva-
tionists argued that it would take years for the new trees to grow big enough to match the environmental benefits of those that would be cut down.
“Forest are interconnected ecosystems that maintain wa-
ter and air quality and do not exist in isolation,” Karen Barle-
er said. “Replacing mature trees with many young ones in various locations all over the city is in no way an equal value replacement.”
Don Sharpe, one of sev-
eral Newarkers who were in-
strumental in the creation of White Clay Creek State Park decades ago, said more than 2,000 people signed a petition calling for the property to be preserved.
“They are sick and tired of all the development and they want more open space,” Sharpe said.
Dana Bailey said there is no reason for a wooded area to be “invaded by developers.”
“It’s displayable space and all the good things that come from wild spaces,” Baily said.
Peter Saenger, who lives ad-
jacent to the property, called the proposal an “ecologically destructive annexation” and reminded council that many younger people are keenly aware of the effects of climate change and deforestation.
Tonight’s vote is an oppor-
tunity to demonstrate to young 
residents are keenly 
reminded council that many 
neighbors, called 
remaining property to 
white,” Saenger said.
Amani Thurman continued that theme.
“We’re losing trees, before you come in to 
marketplace. If you’ve 
their being able to make 
資nancial risk of that 
growth, it should be pruned –especially on a relatively small source of new revenue, Councilman James Horning Jr. explained later.
As it became evident that 
council would deny the annex-
ation, Stabler asked council to 
table the project and allow the developer to revise the plan. Council declined to do so and voted unanimously to reject the proposal.
Stabler said the Handloffs will still seek to develop the land under the county’s juris-
diction.
“The property is owned by a private family in a series of trusts,” she said. “They’ve determined they need to do something with it. So it’s a question of develop or not develop. Something will happen.”
She added that while the county requires less density, it does not have the same provi-
sions requiring tree mitigation. She also warned that the coun-
cil’s decision sends the wrong 
message to other landowners.
“You’re sending a message to the marketplace. If you’ve 
got land and you’ve got big 
trees, before you come in to 
have anything done, you’d bet-
ter get rid of them,” she said.
“People that have been 
active, that have held on to prop-
erty for a long time should not be penalized for not developing 
and should not be pe-
nalized for trying to do some-
thing responsible with it.”

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NEWARK POST GRAPHIC BY JOSH SHANNON
George Wilson Center hosts Halloween party

Local kids got an early start to celebrating Halloween on Oct. 24, when the Newark Parks and Recreation Department held a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center. The event included games, snacks, a spooky room and a costume contest. Unfortunately, Sunday’s Halloween parade was cancelled due to weather.

Winners of the Newark Parks and Recreation Department’s costume contest were Beibhinn Brady, 10; Julia Johnson, 8; and Liana Nakhli, 3.

Kaitlin Negron, 2-year-old Logan Atkinson-Walsh and Kevin Walsh post for a photo during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Ryder O’Brien, 5, reaches into a mystery sensory box, which was filled with cooked spaghetti, during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Violet O’Brien, 5, plays Jenga during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Sydney Bryant, 5, works on a craft project with help from mom Jenny during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Kids pose for a photo during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Ava Bucher, 8, poses during a Halloween party at the George Wilson Center.

Lyndsay Nicholls poses with daughters Emma, 7, and Arwen, 2.

Post Stumper solved
Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter, notice is hereby given that JEFFERSON P. CAMPBELL, III 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 KELLY CAMPBELL.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
JEFFERSON P. CAMPBELL, III
Petitioner(s)

To:
KELLY CAMPBELL

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b) (4) for the purposes of strategy sessions, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body.

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

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