

Winter wallop

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Newarkers spent Wednesday digging out from nearly 10 inches of snow after the third major winter storm of the season hit the city on Tuesday.

Snow began falling shortly after 9 a.m. and got heavier throughout the afternoon and evening. By Tuesday night, the National Weather Service re-

ported 9.8 inches of snow had fallen in Newark.

The storm left in its wake frigid temperatures and wind chills as low as minus 15 degrees.

City officials say 10 plow trucks worked throughout the day and night Tuesday to clear the roads. The roads were salted, but as temperatures drop, road salt loses its effectiveness.

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Physical therapy graduate student Andrew DePietropado stretches the lateral side of his patient Ken Austin's hip at the University of Delaware's new Health Sciences Complex.

UD's first STAR Campus building opens

Health sciences facility open to community members

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The University of Delaware's Health Sciences Complex opened its doors this month as UD's first building on the STAR Campus, welcoming students, faculty, staff, researchers and the local community to a facility built for collaborative care and learning.

Kathy Matt, dean of the College of Health Sciences, said the complex, located in the renovated former Chrysler administration building, is open to the public as a physical therapy and primary care medical facility.

Housed in the building is the Delaware Physical Therapy Clinic, which is a full-service, professional operation that is open to the community and

"We wanted to create something on the STAR Campus that gave back to the community in the same way that Chrysler did. And I think we've done that here."

— Kathy Matt, dean of UD College of Health Sciences

paired with UD's nationally-ranked PT doctoral program. Nearly 10,000 square feet and twice the size of its former location in McKinley Hall, the PT clinic now has more equipment and more room.

Grace Adamski, a physical therapist and clinical instructor, said patients love the physical location of the facility on the STAR Campus and are grateful for the large parking lot, as it was

difficult for many to find parking on the main campus prior to the move.

"We're very excited about our new space and we're so much more accessible to our patients now," she said. "We were in the basement [of McKinley] before, so windows are nice."

Adamski explained that one side of

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TDC meets zoning code

Decision allows project to proceed to next step

By JOSH SHANNON

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A 279-megawatt power plant qualifies as an "accessory use" to a Pennsylvania company's plan to build a data center on the University of Delaware campus, city officials ruled last week.

However, the city imposed several conditions on The Data Centers, LLC, limiting the amount of power it can sell and requiring it to file monthly power production reports to the city.

"The city may revoke this zoning verification for breach of any of the conditions set forth," Planning Director Maureen Feeny Roser wrote in a letter to TDC.

The city's decision allows TDC to move forward with an air permit for the site, where the company hopes to build a 900,000-square-foot data center and power plant. The combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plant would generate 111.6 MW on day one but up to 278.8 MW at full buildout.

In November, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control declined to review TDC's air

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Man gets 37 years for two 2006 rapes

By KARIE SIMMONS

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A Louisiana man received a 37-year prison term last week for the Oct. 2006 rapes and offensive touching of three Newark women, two of whom were University of

Timeline of events

Oct. 8, 2006: John Thomas enters a home on East Park Place and touches a female resident. The woman screams, and Thomas leaves. Forty minutes later, he enters a home on Wilbur Street and rapes a 19-year-old woman.

Oct. 28, 2006: Thomas enters a home on Haines Street and rapes a 20-year-old woman.

Nov. 2, 2006: Hundreds of concerned UD students attend a community meeting about the rapes. "We have to think we may have a serial rapist in town," then Newark Police Chief William Nefosky says.

March 2010: Thomas is arrested in Louisiana for a domestic incident and is required to submit a DNA sample, which matches the DNA found in the Newark incidents as well as an attempted rape in Louisiana.

Sept. 2010: U.S. marshals arrest Thomas on the Louisiana oil rig where he was working.

March 2013: After serving time in Louisiana, Thomas is brought to Delaware and charged in connection to the three incidents in Newark.

Jan. 17, 2014: Thomas is sentenced to 37 years in prison.

Delaware students.

On Jan. 17, New Castle County Superior Court Judge Jan Jurden imposed the sentence on John Paul Thomas, 30, who was charged for the crimes in March after detectives used DNA evidence taken from a 2010 arrest to link him to the Newark rapes and a 2009 rape in Lafayette, La. Thomas pleaded guilty to the charges last year.

On Oct. 8, 2006, at around 5:30 a.m., Thomas entered a home on the first block of Wilbur Street where a 19-year-old woman was asleep in her bedroom. He awoke the victim and raped her before leaving the house.

Thomas struck again 20 days later on Oct. 28 when he entered a home in the 100 block of Haines Street around 5 a.m. He woke up the 20-year-old victim who was asleep on a couch inside, moved her to a nearby bedroom, raped her then left the house.

Thomas, originally from Delaware, fled to Louisiana shortly after the rapes, where he was eventually arrested in September 2010 by officers from the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Marshal's office. He was picked up while working aboard an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico after investigators matched him to DNA evidence collected in the two Delaware cases and a 2009 Louisiana rape case through a national DNA database known as CODIS.

Once police obtained Thomas' fingerprints, he was linked to a third incident in Newark, a home invasion in the 200 block of East Park Place at 4:50 a.m. on Oct. 8, 2006. At the time the

report was filed, the 20-year-old victim told police a man came into her bedroom and woke her up by caressing her arm as she lay in bed. The woman screamed and demanded the intruder leave, which he did after making a comment about being lost.

That woman read a statement about her experience during Thomas' sentencing Friday in the New Castle County Courthouse, where she shakily explained that she was sleeping in her off-campus house with her bedroom door open that night when she heard someone walking around the house. Thinking it was one of her roommates, she fell back asleep only to awake to a touch on her arm. She starting swinging her fists, shoving Thomas as she loudly screamed at him, something she explained to the court as the "New Yorker" in her.

"All I could think was this isn't normal," said the woman, whose name is being withheld by the Newark Post. "He dumbly kept saying, 'I'm in the wrong house.'"

She didn't immediately call police, a decision she said has haunted her since she learned Thomas went on to rape his first victim just 40 minutes after leaving her home unsuccessful.

"I kept asking myself why I hadn't called 911 that night. I could have prevented this," she said, her voice shaking as tears rolled down her cheek. "I just

assumed he was in the wrong house."

Although seven years have passed, she said Friday that Thomas "broke" her mentally and she now has "an unwavering fear of the night," something that has negatively affected her personal life and relationships. "I've forever since slept behind a fortress of locks," she said.

Prosecutor Periann Doko read the statements of Thomas' two rape victims aloud to a somber courtroom as they each detailed in writing the fear of not knowing who their attacker was and if he would strike again.

"I was looking over my shoulder at every male friend of mine wondering, 'Was it him?'" Doko read.

The victim said the incident has affected her mentally and emotionally and to this day she is scared to be left alone. She even moved in with her mother and also got a dog to feel a sense of security and comfort at night.

"Every little sound I hear when I'm home alone stings me with fear," Doko read.

The prosecutor also read a statement from the second rape victim, who said she is still deeply affected by the incident. Even though she is now married and has two young children, she still lives in fear, especially for her kids.

She said she can't help but think "that every man is a pervert" and called herself "a prisoner within her own mind."



John Paul Thomas

Sierer urges Newark youth to participate in service challenge

POST STAFF REPORT

Mayor Polly Sierer is encouraging Newark kids and teens

to participate in an annual youth service challenge.

The Lead 360 Challenge is sponsored by the Jefferson

Awards for Public Service and is promoted by mayors all over the country. In Delaware, Sierer is joined by the mayors of Dover, Lewes, Wilmington and Georgetown.

People ages 5 to 25 are urged to plan and carry out a community service project and enter it for consideration. Sierer will select three projects to honor and forward them on for national consideration.

Young people may enter projects as individuals, teams, clubs or entire schools. There are nine categories: Animal Rights; Hunger and Homelessness; Environment and Sustainability; Community Building and Citizenship; Service to Youth; Health and Wellness; Peace and Justice; Education and Literacy; and Eldercare.

Projects must be completed by April 25. For more informa-



FILE PHOTO

Former mayor Vance A. Funk III poses with winners of last year's youth service challenge.

tion or to sign up, visit lead360.jeffersonawards.org.

Last year, 30 groups in Newark completed projects incorporating a total of 1,763 volunteers and 4,295 hours of service.

The winners included a University of Delaware student

younger and in turn has begun to forgive himself. He told the judge it is just the beginning and hopes to receive mental health counseling and rehabilitation.

"I believe I have a story of pain and sorrow but also of love and hope," Thomas said. "I truly desire to be a solution to the problem and not a part of it."

Prior to reading off the sentencing, Judge Jurden addressed Thomas and questioned him about statements he made during interviews with investigators. According to transcripts, Thomas admitted to the crimes but said, "Was I brutal? No."

The judge read graphic and detailed descriptions of the two rapes and offensive touching incident aloud to the courtroom as Thomas stared straight ahead.

"For you to say you weren't brutal shows me you have a long, long way to go," she said to Thomas. "The act of rape in and of itself is violent."

Thomas was charged with two counts of second-degree rape, one count of offensive touching and three counts of second-degree burglary, all which occurred in Newark during a one month period in October 2006.

He was sentenced to 37 years in jail plus several years probation and will receive mental health and substance abuse counseling as well as counseling for post traumatic stress disorder. He was ordered to pay \$2,434 in restitution, a \$575 fine for offensive touching and issued a no contact order with the victims or their families.

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City schedules meetings on stormwater fee

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The city of Newark will host three community meetings next month for residents to learn about a proposed stormwater fee that could cost them \$90 per year.

The flat, monthly fee of \$7.50 for residents and \$30 a month for businesses was presented to council in December as a way to fund an overhaul of the city's storm sewer system and critical repairs necessary following this past summer's rainstorms.

However, council postponed a decision to implement the charge after much back-and-forth between members, outcry from residents and at the request of Councilman Stu Markham, who asked for more time to talk to residents and brainstorm new ideas.

City staff will be available at each of the three community meetings next month to answer questions prior to a presentation which will then be followed by a formal Q&A session.

Following the three community meetings, council will vote on the proposal later this spring.

If approved by council, the stormwater fee will generate an estimated \$1.5 million needed to fix outdated infrastructure and prevent future flooding in Newark.



The area of Main Street in front of Mizu Sushi flooded during a June 10 storm. The flooding prompted city officials to propose a monthly fee to fund renovations to the city's storm sewer system.

City to hold meetings on comprehensive plan

Newark officials will hold three meetings on Tuesday concerning the ongoing process to update the city's comprehensive development plan.

The first two are billed as "drive-

by open houses," in which residents can stop by the Newark Municipal Building during their morning or afternoon commute to learn more about the proposed goals and action items in the comprehensive plan.

The open houses are set for 7 to 9 a.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m.

At 7 p.m., the planning commis-

sion will convene a formal meeting to review draft chapters of the plan concerning land use and annexation.

Newark Housing Authority to open waiting list

The Newark Housing Authority will take applications for its low-in-

come public housing program waiting list for two days next week.

Those interested in applying can call 302-366-0826 on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Applicants must speak with a live person in order for the application to be accepted. Phone messages and faxes will not be considered.

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Meeting dates

Feb. 11: Newark Senior Center located at 200 White Chapel Dr. Doors open at 2 p.m. with a presentation starting at 3 p.m.

Feb. 18: Council chambers in city hall at 220 S. Main St. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a presentation starting at 7 p.m.

Feb. 27: Church of the Nazarene's Family Life Building (lower building) located at 357 Paper Mill Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m. with a presentation starting at 6 p.m.

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Jimmy John's brings 'freaky fast' subs to Newark

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Delaware's first Jimmy John's opened on Main Street this month to a slew of hungry Newarkers waiting to try out the restaurant's famously-fast sandwiches.

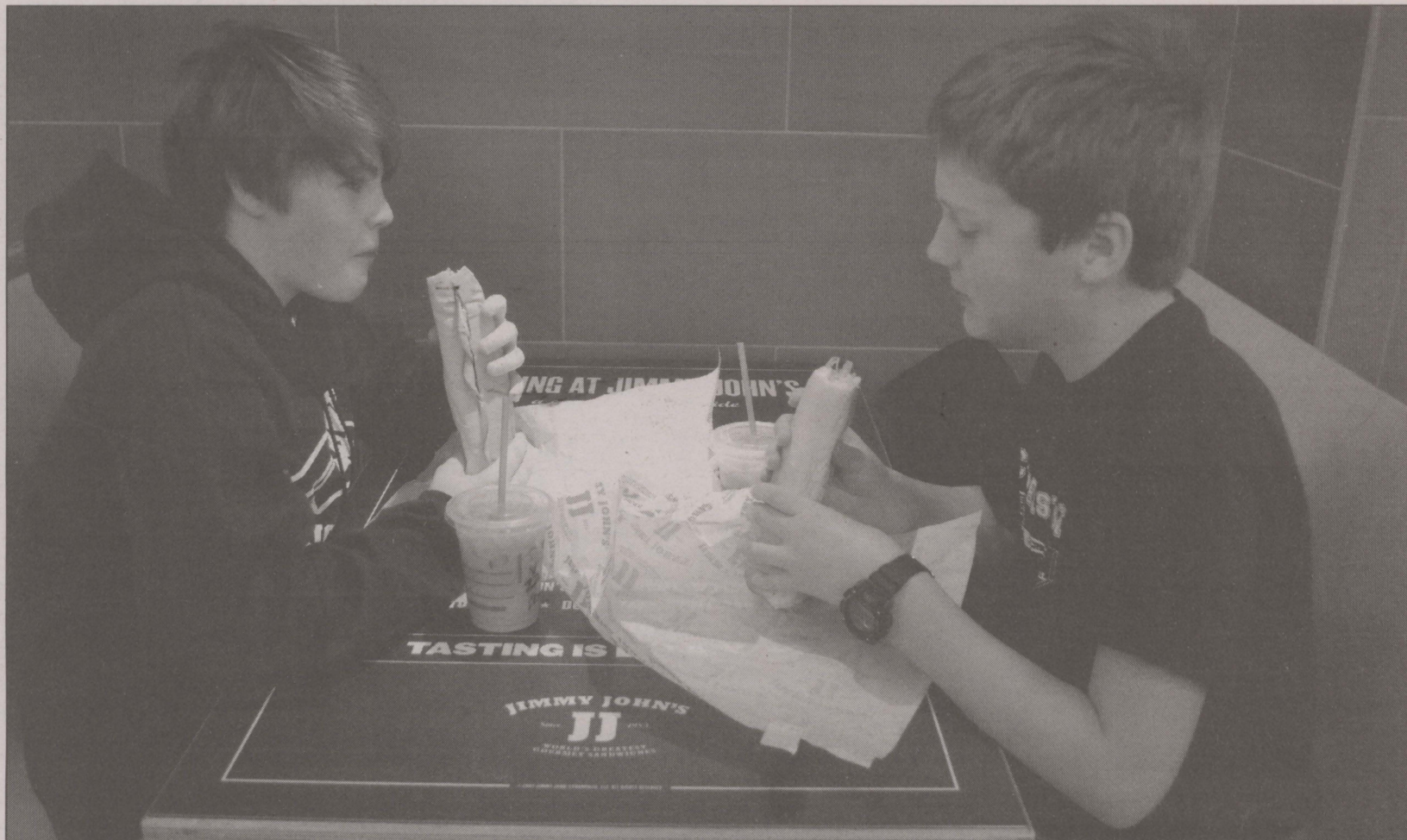
The Illinois-based chain, founded in 1983 by 19-year-old Jimmy John Liautaud, opened here on Jan. 7 at 133 E. Main St. in place of Main Street Sliders, which closed its doors in April. Renovations on the restaurant began in the fall and the sandwich shop's "coming soon" posters were hung in the windows in October.

Franchise owner Russell Lehmann said business has been just as busy as he hoped it would be in the first two weeks since opening.

"I think the community is glad we're here," he said. "I think there's some brand awareness."

Jimmy John's serves a variety of 8-inch subs and "giant" club sandwiches including the classic Turkey Tom made with turkey, lettuce, tomato and mayo and the Italian Night Club made with genoa salami, Italian capicola, smoked ham, provolone cheese and topped with veggies, mayo and a homemade Italian vinaigrette, sandwiches Lehmann said they can make in 30 seconds.

He said the restaurant is "freaky fast" at making sandwiches and delivers orders in no longer than five minutes during peak



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Philip Greene, 13, and Noah Carlson, 13, enjoy subs at Jimmy John's, which opened earlier this month on Main Street.

traffic by using a bike delivery system to get around Newark's "fun" one-way streets.

"You can get a lot of places on a bike quicker than you can in a car," he said, later changing out of his apron, strapping on a helmet and heading out the door to make a delivery.

Lehmann also owns a Jimmy John's franchise in Philadelphia where work-

ers make deliveries by skateboard, but bikes just made sense for Newark.

"For a small town, this has a really urban feel," he said.

Although the chain has more than 1,600 franchises around the country, prior to opening in Newark, the closest locations were in Philadelphia and Abingdon, Md.

Lehmann said he decided to bring Jimmy John's to Main Street because of

Newark's vibrant downtown area and proximity to the University of Delaware campus.

"We love the enthusiasm of the young people," he said. "They bring a great vitality into the store and it fits in good with our attitude."

Lehmann said Newark also provides Jimmy John's with opportunities to collaborate with the university, student clubs, sports teams and local or-

ganizations.

Although some Main Street restaurants seem to come and go, Lehmann said he sees Jimmy John's sticking around. He said customers enjoy the shop's fun, friendly atmosphere where they can either get in and out in minutes or hang out to enjoy their sandwich.

"We've got rock music on and try to maintain that kind of vibe," Lehmann said.

Philip Greene, 13, and Noah Carlson, 13, were enjoying their subs in a booth earlier this week.

Greene said he thinks the food is better than at other sandwich chains in Newark and has already been to Jimmy John's twice since it opened earlier this month.

"It's really good and made me want to come back," he said as he chomped into his sub. "I'm glad there's one nearby now."

Council to hear budget amendments, vote on project

By KARIE SIMMONS

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At Monday's city council meeting, Finance Director Lou Vitola will present a series of minor cuts to this year's budget to make up for a tax hike that council rejected last month.

City council adopted the budget, approving a water rate hike and a \$43.5 million spending plan, but failed to pass a 1.5-percent property tax increase during the Dec. 9 meeting, prompting city staff to revisit the budget and make some adjustments before the new year.

Vitola said the tax increase would have gone into effect on July 1, bringing the city an

additional \$41,500 in revenue, so staff was forced to make cuts to the operating budget to make up the money.

He said last month that 51 line items such as miscellaneous supplies and services, maintenance tools, small equipment and office supplies were trimmed from this year's budget, and council will have to approve the changes as budget amendments.

Council will also vote on the construction of a four-story building slated for 58 E. Main Street, formerly the Delaware Book Exchange, the retail store Clothes in the Past Lane and 10 apartments above. If approved by council, the current building will

be demolished to make room for the new building that will have 6,800 square feet of retail space on the first floor and 24 apartments on the upper three floors.

In the rear of the building will be a parking lot with 51 spaces, some of which will be partially or entirely underneath the building. Access to the site and the parking lot will be through a new 24-foot fire lane between the building and Brewed Awakenings.

The plans received a positive recommendation from the planning commission in early December, and council members will vote Monday on whether to move forward with the project.

Discussions will also con-

tinue on amending the rules of procedure for future city council meetings following a string of lengthy meetings in the past few months. At the last council meeting on Jan. 13, council members discussed the idea of opening every agenda item up to public comment in the hopes of taking some of the burden off the general public comment portion. Other suggestions were limiting public comment to one comment per person and per agenda item, keeping the speaking time limit under three minutes.

Monday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Newark Municipal Building, 220 S. Main St.

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UD student robbed at gunpoint

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A University of Delaware English Language Institute student was robbed at gunpoint while walking down a Newark street last week.

The 18-year-old student was walking in the unit block of Thorn Lane just after 7 p.m. Jan. 15 when he was approached by a man wielding a handgun. The man demanded money, and the student complied.

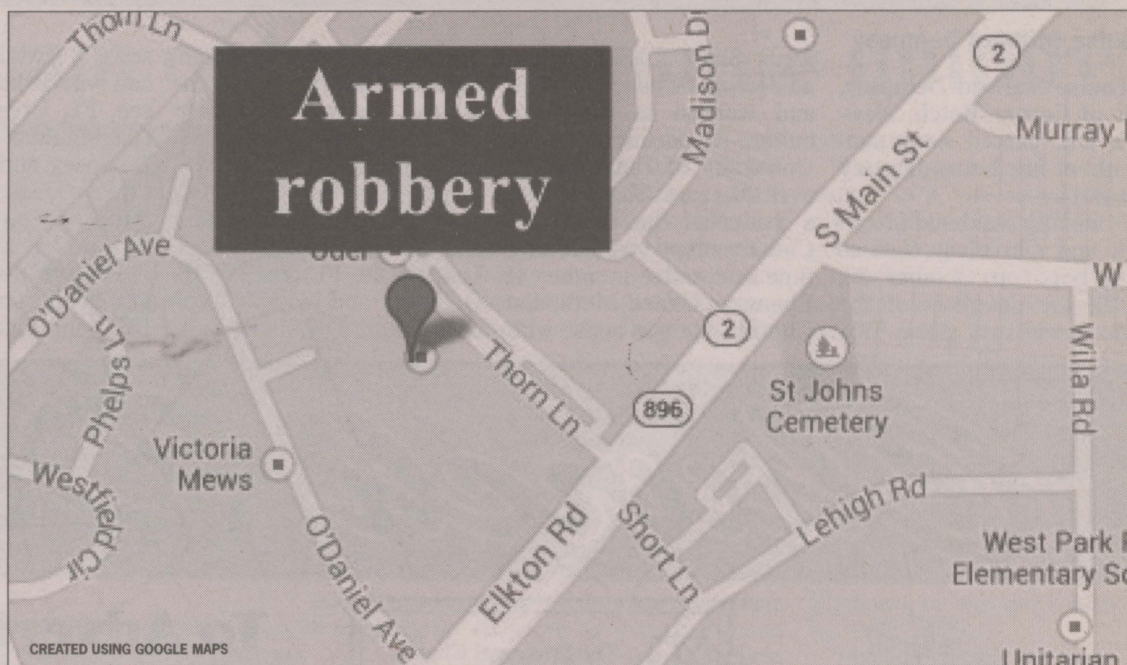
Police searched the area but did not find the robber, according to Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The suspect is described as

a black man in his 20s, 5 feet, 5 inches tall with a thin build, a light goatee and shoulder-length hair. He was wearing a gray-hooded sweatshirt, dark athletic pants and a light-colored baseball hat.

He was last seen walking away north on Thorn Lane.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or frederick.nelson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.



Unauthorized online purchases investigated

A 90-year-old Newark woman notified police after she received numerous packages and a bill in the mail last month for online orders she didn't purchase.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, packages were delivered to the woman's Sunset Road home between Dec. 19 and Dec. 27 and, thinking they were delivered to the wrong house, she began sending them back to the return address.

However, when she got a PayPal bill in the mail for \$2,120.36 for 30 separate orders, she grew concerned and called police on Jan. 13 to report the incident.

Spadola said police are still looking into the incident, pending contact with a representative from PayPal.

Woman charged with shoplifting at drugstore

Police arrested a Newark woman after she allegedly removed an item from a drugstore shelf and attempted to return it for cash.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred on Jan. 10 at approximately 11:59 a.m. at the Walgreens on Main Street. An employee told officers that a woman, later identified as Nateesa Abdul-Ahad, 28, of Fawn Drive, entered the store and tried to return a cold massage pack worth \$27.99 without a receipt.

A Walgreens store manager reviewed the store's security cameras, saw that

when Abdul-Ahad walked into the store she did not have the massage pack and called police, Spadola said.

Abdul-Ahad was charged with shoplifting and was released on \$200 unsecured bail pending her appearance at the Court of Common Pleas.

Margherita's Pizza employee thwarts scammer

A caller claiming to be from Delmarva Power attempted to dupe another Main Street business last week, but the employee didn't fall for the scam.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, Margherita's Pizza got a call on Jan. 14 at approximately 5:30 p.m. from a man who identified him-

self as "Timmy Anderson."

The man said he was a Delmarva Power employee and that the restaurant had not paid its electric bill. He threatened to turn off the pizza shop's electricity unless the employee paid the \$1,400 they owed on the bill.

Spadola said the restaurant worker knew the call was a hoax because he had heard about recent similar Delmarva scams in the Newark area so he hung up and called police.

During an investigation, police called the number back to learn it was an Internet-based phone number, which Spadola said allows the caller to use his or her current number to impersonate another number. Police have no suspects at this time.

Knifeman robs gas station in Bear

Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a gas station Monday evening on Pulaski Highway in Bear.

A masked man entered the BP gas station at 1921 Pulaski Highway about 10:48 p.m. and displayed a knife.

The suspect then ordered the 24-year-old clerk to open the cash register, and the clerk complied. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect also

grabbed several packages of cigarettes and fled the business on foot.

No one was injured in the incident.

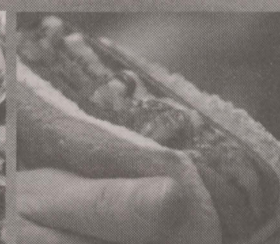
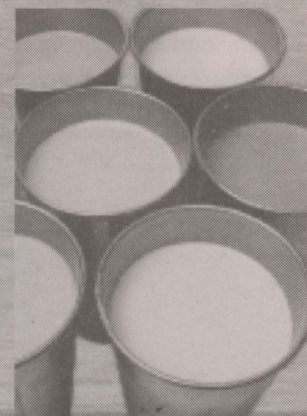
The suspect is described as a white man, 30 to 35 years old, approximately 5-feet, 5-inches tall with an average build and long graying hair. He was wearing a mask, but no further description of his clothing is available nor is there any video surveillance for release.

If anyone has any informa-

tion in reference to this robbery, they are asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-834-2630 extension 6, or by utilizing the Delaware State Police Mobile Crime Tip Application available to download at: <http://www.delaware.gov/apps/>. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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**Louise Stafford Dempsey**

Louise Stafford Dempsey, 84, of Corner Ketch, Newark DE, passed away suddenly at her home January 19, 2014.

A lifelong resident of Newark and Christiana, Louise was born on October 30, 1929, the daughter of the late Lewis and Alice Wil-

liams Stafford. She graduated from Wesley College and worked in the Agriculture Department of the University of Delaware for over 20 years. She was also a leader of the Union 4H Club for many years. A long time and active member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, she was active with

the Methodist Women and chaired the cemetery committee. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

Surviving are her two sons, Gary L. Dempsey and his wife Tamara of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Jay H. Dempsey and his wife Tina of Edmund, OK; five grand-

sons, Dwight Dempsey and wife Britini of Tallahassee, FL, Creston Dempsey of Mauldin, SC, Mark Dempsey and wife Leah of Chevy Chase, MD, Matthew Dempsey of Wilson, NC and Patrick Dempsey of Pittsburgh, PA; and 3 great grandchildren, Braylee, Belle and Palmer Dempsey.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ferris H. Dempsey and her brother Carl Stafford.

A service honoring her life will be held at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road on Friday January 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. with a visitation at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Contributions in Louise's memory may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church and mailed to R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711. To send condolences visit www.rtfoard.com.

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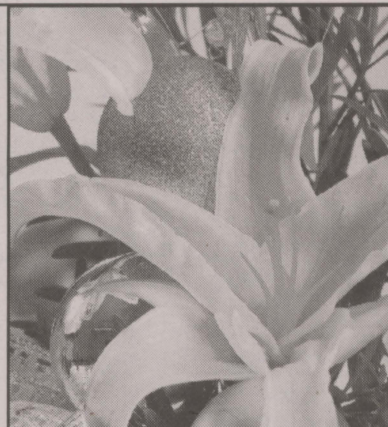
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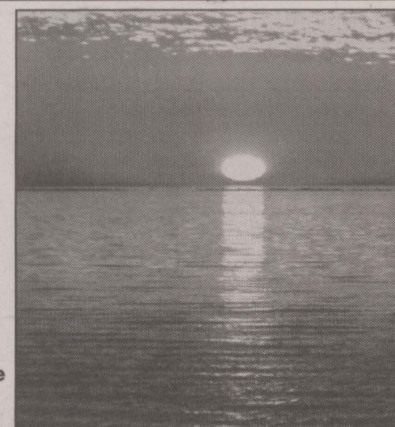
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Repair stands allow for bike fixes on the go

Do-it-yourself stations installed on UD campus

By ROSE MCNEILL

Special to the Post

Since November, tall, blue metal bicycle repair stands began to appear in areas of heavy bike traffic around the University of Delaware campus.

The stands allow cyclists to perform basic re-

pairs to their bikes while out riding. They include a manual air pump with two different valve heads, two types of screwdrivers, a tire lever and six types of wrenches in varying sizes. The tools are attached to the base with cables to prevent theft.

Cyclists can hang their bikes from the top of the stand, allowing them to perform repairs at eye-level.

Two months after completing the installation

of the six "RepairSTAN" bike stands, project coordinators said the stands are seeing regular use by students and other members of the community.

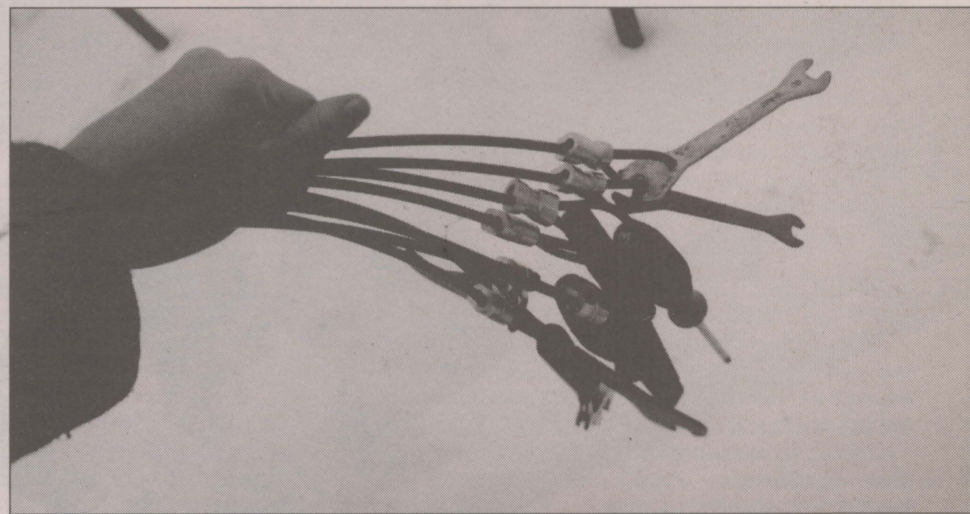
Jessica Borcky, president of the UD Student Government Association, said the goal of the stands is to encourage sustainable modes of transportation and promote bike use by students and other residents of Newark.

"We've had positive feedback from the Newark community members as well as students just randomly saying, 'I think this is a great idea, thank you,'" Borcky said.

The stands were the brainchild of associate director Gil Johnson of the Event Services Office of UD Student Centers. Johnson brought the idea to the SGA, which approved the idea in May.

After this, the SGA worked with UD Parking and Transportation Services to designate locations for the stands. The final cost of the six stands was just over \$4,000.

Showing their support of the project, three of the nonprofit Newark Bike Project's founding members, Jamie Magee, Justin de Leon and Nikki de Leon, banded together to create a brief tutorial



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROSE MCNEILL

A cyclist shows some of the tools available at the bike repair stands.

video explaining what the stands are and how they can be used. The video was posted to YouTube.

"One of our core goals is education, and we saw the stands and we just thought, 'Oh great, let's do a video,'" Magee said. "We just wanted to show people the very basics of how to get their bike up onto the stand and the point of the whole thing and what the tools were."

The stands are located at Morris Library, UDairy Creamery, Kirkbride Hall and the Thompson, Independence and Rodney residence halls. Each stand is monitored by video surveillance.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROSE MCNEILL

The University of Delaware recently installed several do-it-yourself bike repair stands around the campus.



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Police seized drugs, weapons and money following a chase on Interstate 95.

Police chase ends in crash, drug bust

By JOSH SHANNON

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A man who led police on a chase down Interstate 95 and through Newark is in jail after officers found drugs in his vehicle and home, police said.

The chase began at 2:15 p.m. Saturday when state police conducting an "ongoing drug investigation" attempted to stop a blue Dodge Caravan on southbound I-95 near the Pennsylvania state line, according to Master Cpl. Gary E. Fournier.

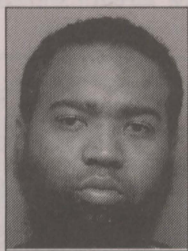
The van kept going and led police on a chase toward Newark before eventually crashing on Whittaker Road, off Old Baltimore Pike, south of the city. Inside the van, police found a bag of heroin and two cigars containing marijuana, Fournier said.

Police arrested the driver, Reginald Kornegay, 27, who lives in the Abbey Walk Apartments near Pike Creek.

Detectives later searched Kornegay's apartment and found a sawed-off shotgun, 28 grams of marijuana and \$10,000 in suspected drug money, Fournier said.

"Some of the money was hidden under a 4-year-old child's dresser that resides in the apartment," Fournier added.

Kornegay was charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of a weapon by a person prohibited, endangering the welfare of a child and several related offenses. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$33,000 cash bond.



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UD employee Julie Keenan clears off her car Tuesday morning.



A snowman is partially buried in snow on the UD Green Wednesday morning.

SNOW

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Gov. Jack Markell declared a state of emergency Tuesday, and schools and city offices were closed Wednesday.

By Wednesday morning, the sun was shining, but city residents and business owners were left to clean up from the storm.

"Oh it's a pain," Marilyn Dickey, owner of Grassroots said as she cleared the steps of her Main Street gift shop. "I mean, I'd like

it if I didn't have to move around in it. But yeah, it's not particularly good for business. You know, people go and get bread and milk and go home."

Greg Newell, community manager at The Retreat leasing office and a native of the south, echoed those

sentiments as he shoveled the sidewalk in front of his Main Street office.

"It's just a headache to have to clean it up and get your car dirty," he said. "So I'm not a big fan of it."

Bob Vearling, owner of Melt Down Grilled Cheese, was shoveling in front of his restaurant and hoped that other residents, too, were getting back to their normal routine.

"I think business today will be much better than yesterday," he said. "Most people will have to go to work today, and I think it'll be a regular lunch crowd."

As the snow began to fall Tuesday morning, some residents were preparing for the storm while oth-

ers were hurrying through their errands in order to get home before the storm worsened.

"We're done. We're going home now," Ryan Smith said as he and his brother, Kevin, cleared off their car in the parking lot behind the Galleria just before noon. "I was tired of the snow in October."

Across the parking lot, UD employee Julie Keenan was also clearing off her car.

"I'm just going to go work from home until UD calls a snow day," Keenan said, about an hour before the university officially closed.

While shoveling off the deck at Klondike Kate's, restaurant employee Brian

Hertsenberg was preparing for a long day of making trips outside to keep the snow from piling up.

"More than likely, I'll make like six or seven of them," Hertsenberg said.

As he shoveled the sidewalk outside California Tortilla, Jimmy Reu said he was enjoying the weather.

"I actually like the snow," Reu said. "I'm one of the few people who like being out here."

At Switch skate shop, the winter weather is good for business.

"We're planning to be open all day," co-owner Joey Simpers said as he spread salt on the sidewalk Tuesday morning. "We sell snowboards."

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Power plant opponents hold candlelight vigil

On eve of city's ruling, group urges denial of zoning verification

By KARIE SIMMONS

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More than 200 members of the group Newark Residents Against the Power Plant stood on the sidewalk in front of city hall the evening of Jan. 15, their hands cupped over candles that flickered in the wind.

The group gathered along South Main Street for a candlelight vigil, holding bright red signs and publicly urging city officials to deny The Data Centers, LLC, the zoning verification it needs to move forward with a power plant and data center on the University of Delaware's STAR Campus. Two days later, the city granted the verification.

Martin Willis, a union boilermaker, was the only supporter of the project at the vigil.

RAPP leader Amy Roe said the candlelight vigil quickly came together after Mayor Polly Sierer announced at the Jan. 13 city council meeting that city staff members had enough information to make a final zoning deci-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

More than 200 people with the group Residents Against the Power Plant came out Jan. 15 for a candlelight vigil in front of city hall to urge city officials not to grant The Data Centers LLC the zoning verification it needs to apply for an air permit.

sion on the TDC project and promised the decision later in the week.

TDC first asked Newark for the zoning verification on Nov. 1 in order to apply for an air permit through DNREC to build a 900,000-square-foot data center and combined-heat-and-power plant would generate 111.6 MW on day one but up to 278.8 MW at full buildout, according to a Dec. 26 letter to the city from TDC attorney Richard Forsten.

Roe said she was shocked to hear the city was making a decision after officials

spent months going back and forth with the Pennsylvania-based company, citing a lack of information and transparency on the project.

"I had hoped it wouldn't come this quickly," Roe said.

Rob Gifford, another RAPP leader, said the group mobilized to make one last stand against the project before the city came to its decision. Over the past five months, the group has publicly shown its opposition to TDC's proposed project by standing on South College Avenue during a UD football game, holding press conferences in front of city hall

and making emotional statements at council meetings.

Gifford said the candlelight vigil was a new way for the group to get the public's and the city's attention.

"It's a nice, peaceful thing," he said. "Everything else was more of a protest."

Boden Day, a resident of Nottingham Green, said he wasn't immediately a part of RAPP, but he got on board once he started hearing the group's arguments against the power plant project.

"These are good, solid citizens. These aren't goofy people," he said of the group lined up along South Main Street. "They're all walks of life and they've done their homework. Ask any one of them, they know their facts."

Sally Milbury-Steen, of Shull Drive, said she's lived in her Newark home since 1986 and doesn't want to leave Newark. However, she said her home is one of the nearest, if not the closest, to the proposed site of the data center and power plant.

"I didn't envision living out the rest of my life with a gas mask," she said.

Tiffany Brake, her husband and their two sons

Nathaniel, 8, and Daniel, 6, stood on the corner in front of city hall holding small, white candles in their hands.

Brake, a resident of York-shire, said she showed up to take a stand against the project because she isn't "thrilled." She said the lack of information out about TDC and their plans for the power plant and data center concerns her. Due to the lack of information, she said RAPP's arguments against the project seem stronger than TDC's promises to bring jobs to Delaware.

"I would like a slow down and more information and I could be on board," Brake said.

Leslie Breedlove, a resident of Sunset Road, stood bundled up holding a candle in one hand and a sign that read "Residents Against the Power Plant" in the other. He said he came out to add another voice to the opposition and bring awareness about the project to motorists driving down South Main Street.

"Hopefully this will do some good and people will see us," Breedlove said.

The candlelight vigil got

the attention of Councilman Mark Morehead who stopped by the event, but stood on the opposite side of South Main Street, away from the residents.

"They want council to listen, we're listening," he said.

Morehead was the only councilmember in attendance at the vigil.

During the vigil, Roe encouraged people to run for open council seats in the upcoming municipal election.

"Start organizing with your neighbors and talking to your council person and see if you want them to keep their jobs," Roe said.

Council seats in Districts 3, 5 and 6 are up for election this spring, and District 3 Councilman Doug Tuttle already announced plans to retire. Councilmen Stu Markham from District 6 and Luke Chapman from District 5 both plan to seek re-election.

Already, Gifford has announced his candidacy for the District 3 seat.

"I still believe we can beat this," Roe said. "We have a right to clean air. We have a right to breathe."

ZONING

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permit application because Newark had not yet verified that the project meets the city's zoning code. At the time, Roser said inconsistent information provided by TDC made it impossible for her office to make a determination.

The city and TDC exchanged a series of letters about the issue over the past few months, until Mayor Polly Sierer announced Monday that the city had enough information to make a decision.

"The decision was a difficult one because of the weighty and complex matters involved," Feeney Roser said in a prepared statement. "The city has been inundated with information on both sides of the issue, and we have benefited from the comprehensive and informed review of the matter by the Newark community. In the end, as with any zoning verification, the decision boiled down to

the information presented to the city and how it corresponds to the zoning code and, in this case, the code's definition of accessory use."

The crux of the issue revolves around whether the power plant can be considered an accessory use to the project. Power plants are not permitted under the zoning of the UD STAR Campus, but can be allowed if they are "customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the property."

TDC officials say the power plant is needed to ensure an uninterrupted supply of power and that only excess electricity will be sold.

"After careful consideration, the city has determined that for the sale of the power from the CHP to remain incidental and subordinate to the primary use (i.e. the Data Center), the sale of excess power cannot exceed 30 percent of the total power needed to operate the Data Center," Feeney Roser wrote in her letter to TDC.

She goes on to say that TDC is only allowed to sell power to the city, the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation or Delmarva Power. It cannot sell electricity to any third-party user.

Amy Roe, who leads the group Newark Residents Against the Power Plant, said she is disheartened by the city's decision.

"I'm concerned because a lot of the issues we raised about the 'accessory use' weren't addressed by the city," Roe said.

Particularly, she said, the group wonders how the power plant can be considered "customarily incidental" when TDC claims that the project is unique.

Roe also questioned what effect the city's conditions will have on the project.

"It's meaningless once they have the air permit," Roe said. "We asked the city not to be fooled by that, and here they are fooled by it."

Roe said the group is still deciding its next step in fighting against the power plant.

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the new clinic is for neurology and older adult patients, while the other side is for sports and orthopedic issues. She said her favorite new piece of equipment is the track in the ceiling that snakes around the entire clinic. She said amputees, patients who suffered a stroke and older, fall-prone patients can strap into a harness and hook into the track for body-weight-supported gait training.

Second-year physical therapy graduate students Kristen Lockwood and Keegan Granger also said they like the track system, which allows patients to work on walking under their own body weight without the possibility of falling.

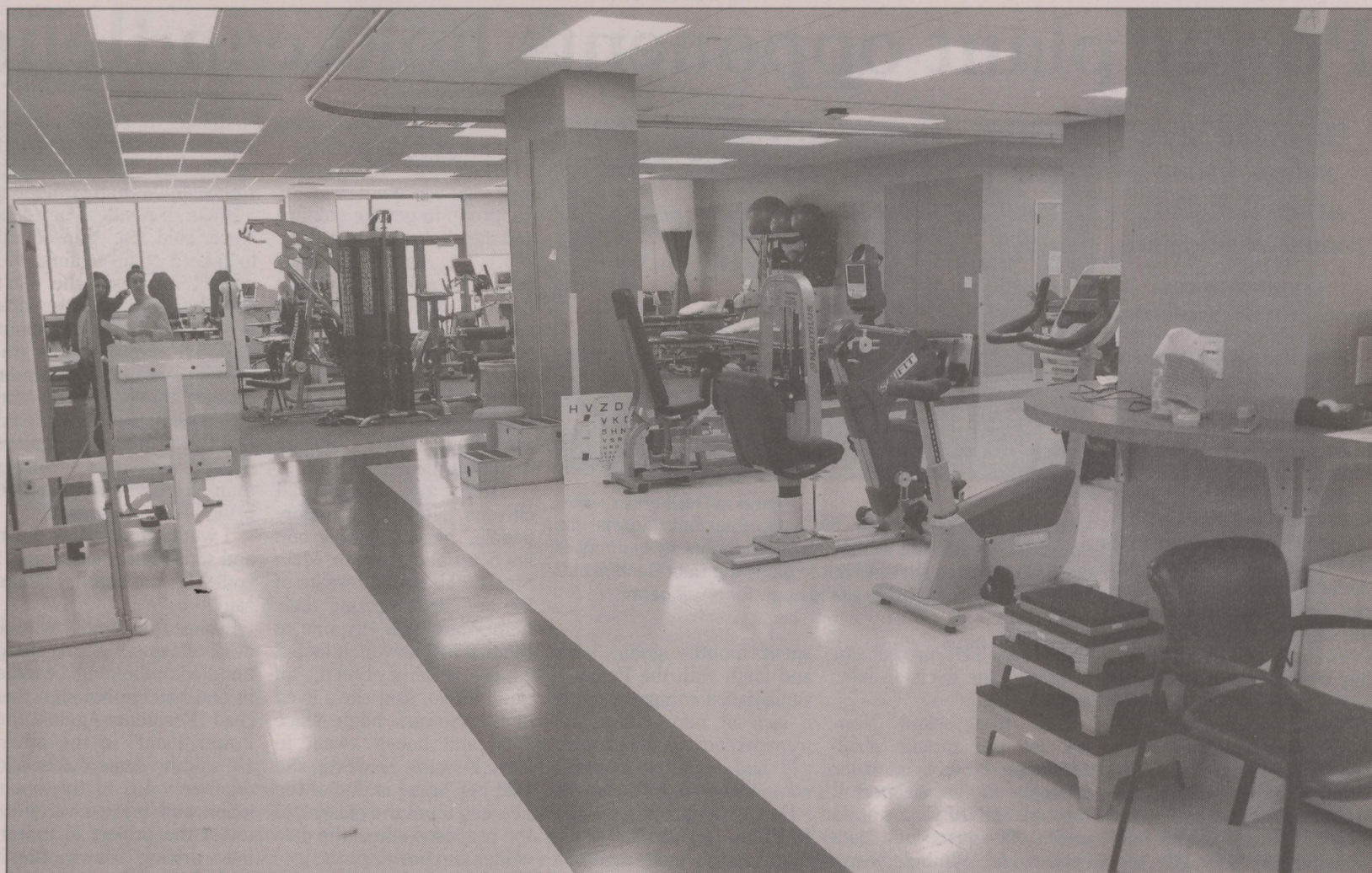
"A lot of patients with repeated falls have that fear with every step," Granger said. "This allows them to build the confidence."

Making the loop around the clinic is also a good goal for patients, Lockwood added.

Airelle Hunter-Giordano, associate director of sports physical therapy, said the sports and orthopedic side of the clinic typically deals with patients who have suffered either an ACL tear, rotator cuff injury, back pain or slips and falls. She said sometimes patients are referred to the clinic by doctors and hospitals, but people can also walk in and schedule an appointment.

Hunter-Giordano said being in a bigger, better-equipped space is inspiring for the students and researchers.

"What will be amazing is what we can do with that and affecting more people, training more students and conducting more research,"



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

The physical therapy clinic inside the University of Delaware's Health Sciences Complex, which opened earlier this month on the STAR Campus.

she said.

In addition to classroom learning, PT grad students spend two semesters at the STAR Campus, one on each side of the clinic, and one semester in pediatrics at an off-site location.

"You kind of have everything come together when you're actually treating a patient," Lockwood said, adding that she learns better that way. "I feel a whole lot more prepared for full-time."

Students have their own patients and create their own plans under the supervision of a trained physical therapist, who checks their work, gives them advice and steers them in the right direction.

"We get the hands-on experience of being an actual physical therapist with the support of a trained PT who knows what she's doing," Lockwood said.

Granger and Lockwood said the move to the STAR Campus was in preparation for the expansion of the physical therapy program. Although they enjoyed their time in McKinley Hall, they said the new building is "absolutely amazing."

"It was a well-loved facility," Granger said. "But we were getting too big for it. It wasn't up to the standard that we have here."

The new clinic is equipped with mats, weights, recumbent bikes, treadmills and other tools to help patients reach their goals. There is also a kitchen and a bathroom so patients can practice getting back to everyday activities, like reaching up high to open cabinets or down low

to pull out drawers.

Granger said the kitchen and bathroom allow for more functional training, which patients seem to really benefit from.

"Instead of, 'Let's just simulate getting into a tub,' you can actually get into one," she said.

Also on the first floor of the Health Sciences Complex is a pediatric mobility lab and design studio for the rehabilitation technology for children with significant mobility limitations. There is also a muscle performance lab and research labs with treadmills embedded into the floor for reduced vibration and more accurate data analysis.

Further down the hallway is the Nurse Managed Health Center, where nurse practitioners are able to provide primary care to the anyone over the age of 18 with minor illnesses and injuries, except UD students.

The facility is not currently set up for pediatrics, but Dr. Allen Prettyman, director of the Nurse Managed Health Center, said it is possible they will begin to treat children sometime within the next year.

Prior to moving to the STAR Campus, he said the health center was a tiny waiting room and two exam rooms in McDowell Hall. Now, the facility is equipped with six treatment rooms, lab rooms, a blood drawing station and a bone scan room. Nurse practitioners are able to see between 60 and 70 patients a day when fully staffed.

"We went from 500 to 5,000 square feet," Prettyman said.

He said many medical tests can be done in-house at the Nurse Managed Health Center, and patients do not have to wait days to hear the results.

"We're very much about one-stop shopping," he said. "We can do the whole thing."

Prettyman said the nurse practitioners also train UD graduate and undergraduate nursing students in outpatient care. In their previous health center in McDowell Hall, he said, they could only take on one graduate student a week, but are now able to train up to five. Only one undergraduate nursing student a semester was in the old facility, but now up to eight

will get the hands-on experience of working in a doctors office.

Matt said this collaboration of students, professionals, researchers and community members all interacting the same building was the vision for the Health Sciences Complex.

She said she couldn't be happier with the new building, which she called a "blending" of the old and the new. The main hallway sits where the back bays to the Chrysler assembly plant were, and many of the walls from the facility were kept intact. An original mural of cars painted on the wall remains, as well.

"We wanted to create something on the STAR Campus that gave back to the community in the same way that Chrysler did," Matt said. "And I think we've done that here."

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Local man to fulfill dream of being Olympic umpire

By JON BUZBY
Newark Post

Herb Kupchik made a bucket list when he retired in 2003 from the Boston University School of Medicine after a decorated career as a researcher and professor of biochemistry. It was a very short list, consisting of just two items, both focused on a hobby he picked up later in life.

That hobby is curling, which seems odd since he was never an athlete growing up.

"Curling is something I picked up 24 years ago and fell in love with," said Kupchik, 73, who earned a PhD in biochemistry from Wayne State University in Detroit and whose curriculum vitae includes 15 books and chapters and approximately 50 manuscripts in peer-reviewed publications. "A graduate student invited me to an open

house at a curling club in Massachusetts. I got on the ice and fell in love with the sport.

"And then my wife became a curling widow," he added laughing.

Kupchik's bucket list consisted of wanting to curl in Scotland and officiate at the Winter Olympic Games, neither of which he accomplished while working full time and living in Massachusetts.

But when Kupchik retired in Delaware to be closer to his son, a UD professor, and his grandchildren, the former New Englander brought his passion for curling with him. He curls regularly at the Philadelphia Curling Club and describes himself as a "typical club curler," who makes some shots and misses others.

"I enjoy the social aspects of the sport as much as playing it," he said.



SPECIAL TO THE POST

Herb Kupchik will fulfill a lifelong dream when he officiates at the curling venue at the Winter Olympic Games.

Kupchik checked his first bucket-list item off in 2012 when he was selected to play on a United States curling team competing in Scotland for the Herries Maxwell Trophy, the sport's version of golf's Ryder Cup (except it is contested every five years instead of two).

Kupchik and his 19 teammates curled and traveled together across the country for three weeks. When it was all over, the team had played at every curling club in Scotland, winning the Herries Maxwell Trophy.

Kupchik's skills as a player were just one reason he was selected for the team. His contributions to the sport in other areas—former club president and current official, among

other roles—also weighed in on the selection decision.

"I was lucky enough to be one of the chosen few," Kupchik said.

As much as he enjoys playing, Kupchik realized early on that if he wanted to reach the top levels of curling, it would have to be as an official.

"I entered an officiating course about 20 years ago to learn more about the rules of the game and because I knew it provided an opportunity to be involved in national championships and perhaps someday international championships," Kupchik explained. "I wanted the challenge of reaching the top of the sport."

Since that first course, Kupchik has been involved as an official in the sport of curling

in a variety of roles at various championships, including national and international events. He's taught officiating classes, helped re-write rules books and regulations, and was part of a working group that developed new officiating training programs.

"Officiating gets me closer to the sport at the higher levels," he explained.

Next month, Kupchik will complete his bucket list when he officiates at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. He has been selected as one of just two Americans to serve as a curling game umpire at the sport's highest level.

"It was very exciting," he recalled of receiving the email notifying him of his selection. "It's something I've been working toward for a long time."

After being selected, Kupchik had to commit to going to Russia twice, the first being last year for the Junior World Championships, an event used as a test run for the Olympic Games venue. But when Kupchik flies to Russia on February 5, it won't be for another test run, but instead an opportunity to fulfill a dream.

"I don't feel nervous about it, I'm just excited," he said. "I just want to do a good job. I've been involved in playing and enforcing the rules for many years so everything should

fall into place.

"I'm going to enjoy every minute of it," he added. "At my age, who knows if I'll ever get to do it again."

Kupchik's next officiating job after the Olympics won't require nearly the amount of luggage that he'll take to Russia. The first week in March he is serving as Chief Umpire for the 2014 Curling Nationals at the Ice Works Skating Complex in Aston, Pa. It's his third time in that role and when asked if it would be a downer after being at the Olympics, he was quick with his reply.

"Absolutely not," he insisted without hesitation. "It is our country's biggest curling event."

Now that his bucket list is complete, Kupchik won't be adding anything new, saying, "I have pretty much fulfilled what I've wanted to do for a very long time."

But he does have one more wish involving the sport he's grown to love.

"My hero was a man who curled with me in Massachusetts until he was 92," Kupchik explained reminiscing. "I've always told people that if I'm lucky enough to live to be his age, I want to be able to get on the ice and curl like he could."

Contact Jon Buzby at JonBuzby@hotmail.com and follow him @JonBuzby on Twitter.

Out of the Past

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

A motion that the constable's pay be \$100 per year failed, so his salary was set at \$75. Salary for superintendent of waterworks was \$50 per month. There were reservations among some citizens concerning how the water system money had been handled, so an audit of water department books was ordered with results to be published at least twice in the Delaware Ledger. The accounts were found in good order.

Dr. T. R. Wolf was elected to the board of health and the Odd Fellows' Lodge Room was made available for meetings of the board at \$1.00 per use. Permission was given to the B & O railroad to make repairs, at company expense, to the street near their station.

An Avondale company offered crushed stone at \$1 per ton, delivered to Newark Center (now the site of Newark Shopping Center) and 100 tons were ordered. The road between the town line and the water tank was ordered repaired after complaints.

In April 1889, 953,000+ gallons of water were pumped. Interest of \$750 was coming due on the \$30,000 water loan and council had to borrow \$600 for 60 days to pay it. In addition, council needed to borrow another \$7,000 to finish the water works.

A. J. Mote was elected constable replacing Joseph Willis who resigned. Wilbur Wilson, town surveyor, estimated \$400 as the cost of draining Academy Street. Trustees of Newark Academy would be asked to share cost.

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

Out of the Attic

Unit block of South Main Street changing more

This week's Out of the Attic item is a September 2013 photograph of the east side of the unit block of South Main Street showing the two structures remaining between the corner of West Main Street and the University of Delaware's Bayard Sharp Hall on the corner of South Main Street and West Delaware Avenue.

Prior to January 2013, the street was named Elkton Road. Many years ago, the West Main Street corner was a gas station, then the Chamberlain House (side showing), then another house (in the empty space), then the house shown, and then the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The property on the west side of Elkton road belonged to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (now CSX-RR). The old B & O passenger station still stands at the East Delaware Avenue and South Main Street intersection.

The gas station property gave way to the University of Delaware parking garage. The two frame buildings and lot between are now one open space surrounded by a chain link fence for development as apartments.

The Chamberlain House became the Boines B & O Market, catering to local residents and passengers from the trains during layovers at the station. More recently it housed parts of the Christina School District Networks Program.

When the St. Thomas congregation built a new church on South College Avenue, the Newark Free Library moved to its old building from smaller space at the Newark Academy Building. The library later moved to its current facility on Library Avenue. After it was used for a while by a local businessman as office and storage space, the university ac-



quired the old church for music teaching and recital space especially with its fine pipe organ.

The Newark Historical Society asks help from the community with pictures and information about the history, buildings and their uses, and the people of this neighborhood.

Learn more about Newark history. Visit the Newark History Museum located on South College Avenue beside the bridge. It is open by appointment only now through March. Individuals, families, groups, and organizations may call 302-368-9845 to arrange a visit. For more information go to the website www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org or contact them by message phone at 302-224-2408, e-mail at newarkdehistoricalso-ciety@yahoo.com, or postal mail to P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715-0711.

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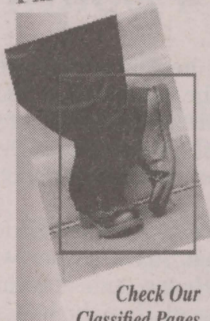
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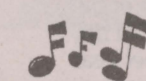
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Petitioner
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np 1/24 2440386

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RE: DEADLY
WEAPON
I, Shannon Austin,
residing at 7 Candate
Court, Newark, DE
19711 will make
application to the
judges of the superi-
or court of the State
of Delaware in and
for New Castle County
at Wilmington for the
next term for a
license to carry a
concealed deadly
weapon, or weapons
for the protection of
my person(s), or
property, or both.

Shannon Austin
1/20/2014
np 1/24 2440401

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY
WEAPON
I, Christopher Crespo,
residing at 1700
Montgomery Rd. Wil-
mington, DE 19805
will make application
to the judges of the
superior court of the
State of Delaware in
and for New Castle
County at Wilmington
for the next term for a
license to carry a
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Christopher Crespo
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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ZOYA TEHSEEN
SANA AFSHEEN
Petitioner(s)
TO
ZOYA TEHSEEN AHMED
SANA AFSHEEN AHMED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHAKEEL M.
AHMED & SEEMA S. SAILA intends to present
a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the
State of Delaware in and for New Castle County,
to change their minor child's name from
ZOYA TEHSEEN AND SANA AFSHEEN to
ZOYA TEHSEEN AHMED AND SANA
AFSHEEN AHMED.
SHAKEEL M. AHMED & SEEMA S. SAILA
Petitioner
Dated: 1/2/2014
np 1/10,17,24 2437861

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
NEENA AZURE CARLTON-KIZEE
Petitioner(s)
TO
NEENA AZURE RIVIERE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NEENA
AZURE CARLTON-KIZEE 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 NEENA AZURE
RIVIERE.
NEENA AZURE CARLTON-KIZEE
Petitioner
Dated: 1/8/2014
np 1/17,24,31 2438775

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting
of Members of State Automobile Mutual Insur-
ance Company (the "Company" or "SAM"), a
mutual insurance company organized under
the laws of the State of Ohio, will be held at the
home office of the Company located at 518
East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, on **March
7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, local time, for the follow-
ing purposes:

1. To elect directors;
2. To consider and vote upon a proposed
merger of Meridian Citizens Mutual
Insurance Company ("MCMIC"), an
Indiana mutual insurance company,
with and into SAM; and
3. To transact such other business as may
properly come before the meeting or an
adjournment or adjournments of the
meeting.

MCMIC and SAM have been affiliated compa-
nies since 2001. Information on the proposed
merger, including a summary of the transaction,
the proposed agreement of merger, the resolu-
tion adopted by the Company's Board of Direc-
tors and the rights of dissenting MCMIC policy-
holders, is available on SAM's website at
www.stateauto.com/merger. You may request
a copy of all materials be mailed to you, free of
charge, by calling SAM at 614-917-5003. The
meeting is held and this notice is given pur-
suant to the Code of Regulations of the Com-
pany.

np 1/24, 31 2430107

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
NAEEMAH K. MILLER
Petitioner(s)
TO
NAEEMAH K. LANE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NAEEMAH K.
MILLER 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 NAEEMAH K. LANE.
NAEEMAH K. MILLER
Petitioner
Dated: 1/16/2014
2439991
np 1/24,31,2/7

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ANN WEEKLEY
Petitioner(s)
TO
ANN SZYMANSKI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANN WEEK-
LEY 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 ANN SZYMANSKI.
ANN WEEKLEY
Petitioner
Dated: 1/7/2014
2439509
np 1/17,24,31

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
LISA BRINTON URBAN
Petitioner(s)
TO
LISA BRINTON MARX
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LISA BRIN-
TON URBAN 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 LISA BRINTON MARX.
LISA BRINTON URBAN
Petitioner
Dated: 1/2/2014
2437640
np 1/10,17,24

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 27, 2014 - 5:00 P.M. - CC

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- A. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(2) for the purpose of discussions on site acquisitions for publicly funded capital improvements.
- B. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(4) and (6) for the purpose of a strategy session involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law with respect to pending or potential litigation and discussion of the content of documents, excluded from the definition of "public record" in 29 Del. C. §10002 where such discussion may disclose the contents of such documents.
- C. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(9) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed (City Manager & City Secretary).

(Executive Sessions to conclude at approximately 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after.)

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:

- A. Public (3 minutes per speaker)
- B. University
(1) Administration
(2) Student Body Representative
- C. Council Members

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2013
- B. Receipt of Alderman's Report – January 15, 2014
- C. Appointment of Jim McKelvey to the Board of Adjustment to Complete the Vacant At-Large Term to Expire September 15, 2015
- D. Appointment of Sharon Smith to the Newark Housing Authority For a Three Year Term to Expire January 15, 2017
- E. **First Reading – Bill 14-03** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Change the Pay Grade and Title For the Position of Water Quality Engineer – **Second Reading – February 10, 2014**
- F. **First Reading – Bill 14-04** – An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware By Rezoning from RS (Single Family Detached Residential) to RM (Multi-Family Dwellings – Garden Apartments) 6.77 Acres Located at McKees Lane and Cleveland Avenue – **Second Reading – February 24, 2014**
- G. **First Reading – Bill 14-05** – An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to RS (Single Family Detached Residential) a 0.73 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 428 Paper Mill Road – **Second Reading – February 24, 2014**

CONSENT AGENDA - Those items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of Council so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a separate item.

3. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING: None

4. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff
 1. 2014 RSA Calculation – Finance Director
 2. 2014 Budget Amendments – Finance Director
 3. Rental Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee – Planning and Development Director

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (Ending November 30, 2013)

6. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:

- A. Recommendation on Contract No. 13-18 – Purchase of One Mini Bus
- B. Recommendation to Purchase Computer Equipment From Dell Marketing, L.P. in Accordance with State of Delaware Contract No. GSS09133 Computer Equipment Peripherals and Related Services

*7. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. **Bill 14-01** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Delete Article V, Board of Health, in Its Entirety

*8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

- A. Request of Linda Poorman For a Special Use Permit For a Customary Home Occupation at the Residence Located at 205 Nottingham Road
- B. Request of 58 East Main Street, LLC for the Major Subdivision of 0.535 Acres Located at 58 East Main Street in Order to Demolish the Existing Buildings on the Site and Construct a New Mixed-Use, Four Story Building Consisting of 24 Upper Floor Apartments and 6,800 Square Feet of First Floor Commercial Space to be Known as 58 East Main Street (**Resolution and Agreement Included**) (**See 8-C**)
- C. Request of 58 East Main Street, LLC for a Special Use Permit For 24 Apartments as Part of the Proposed Major Subdivision Plan at the Property Located at 58 East Main Street. (**See 8-B**)
- D. **Resolution 14-__**: Fixing a Time and Place For a Hearing on the Vacation of Terrace Drive

9. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:

- A. **Council Members**
 1. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Amending the Rules of Procedure For Newark City Council
- B. **Others:** None

Agenda Posted - January 17, 2014

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Yuengling's Ice Cream to return to local freezers

By DARA MCBRIDE
Special to the Post

Relax with a cold one — of Yuengling's Ice Cream, that is.

The first batches of Yuengling's Ice Cream came off the production line late last week, more than a month earlier than anticipated. The ice cream is expected to be available locally by mid-February.

The company announced the return of the ice cream in September and had expected to begin production in March. But the response was so enthusiastic that the company pushed up production, said David Yuengling, president.

"It's been overwhelming. We've gotten twice the amount of inquiries from stores and customers with this announcement. The consumer demand is what's really making us happy. Everyone's excited and that makes us excited," Yuengling said.

The Yuengling name might be best known for lager, porter and ale. But the ice cream is a family-friendly product.



PHOTO COURTESY OF YUENGLING'S ICE CREAM

Yuengling's Ice Cream is produced at Leiby's Dairy in Tamaqua, Pa., and will be available in grocery stores in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia.

It's available in 10 flavors — and "beer" isn't one of them.

Yuengling enthusiasts will be able to buy Black and Tan ice cream, which is described as "a swirl of rich Belgian chocolate ice cream and salty caramel ice cream."

The ice cream is returning to grocery store freezers in the mid-Atlantic region after a 28-year hiatus.

In 1920, Frank Yuengling added the product to supplement the brewery's income during Prohibition. The ice cream was available for

65 years, until 1985, when Frederick "Fritz" Yuengling, Frank Yuengling's son, stepped down as president.

The ice cream is made with all-natural ingredients and locally sourced in Pennsylvania. Leiby's Dairy in Tamaqua, Pa., will be producing the ice cream with

an initial run of 100,000 quarts. The ice cream will cost between \$5.49 and \$5.99 per quart.

The iconic Pennsylvania product will be available at Acme, Weis and select independent grocery stores in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey,

More Information

Yuengling's Ice Cream will be available in 10 flavors:

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Chocolate Chip
- Black and Tan (chocolate and caramel ice cream)
- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Vanilla Fudge
- Chunk with Pretzels
- Espresso Chocolate Chip
- Chocolate Fudge Brownie
- Chocolate Marshmallow
- Root Beer Float

New York and West Virginia. A searchable store locator will be available on the Yuengling's Ice Cream website later this month. Customers can follow Yuengling's Ice Cream on Facebook (facebook.com/yuenglingsicecream) and Twitter (@YuenglingsIC).

Firefly Music Festival announces 2014 lineup

Foo Fighters headline four-day event

By DARA MCBRIDE
Special to the Post

The Foo Fighters, Outkast and Jack Johnson are slated to headline this summer's Firefly Music Festival.

The concert's full lineup was released this week. Now in its third year, the festival returns to the Woodlands at Delaware's Dover International Speedway June 19 to 22. Although previous festivals were held over three days, this year more than 100 artists are scheduled to perform over four days.

In addition to the headlining acts — and reunited rap duo Outkast promises for a good start — there are many more popular and up-and-coming musicians in the lineup. The Lumineers, Arctic Monkeys, Childish Gambino, Imagine Dragons and Third Eye Blind are just a few.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Attendees of the first Firefly festival in 2012 dance to the music.

The 2013 concert had more than 60,000 in attendance. Pre-sale VIP tickets for the 2014 concert began on June 26. General admission for the con-

cert goes on sale on Monday at noon.

For the complete lineup or more information, visit www.fireflyfestival.com.

'Downton Abbey' exhibit opens at Winterthur this March

By DARA MCBRIDE
Special to the Post

Take in the splendor of the first half of the 20th century — both fictional and real, British and American — at this spring's Costumes of Downton Abbey exhibit at Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library in Wilmington.

The exhibit compares the fictional world of period drama "Downton Abbey" with the world of Winterthur and the du Pont family. The exhibit will be on display March 1 through Jan. 4, 2015.

Forty costumes and accessories worn upstairs and downstairs on the television series will be displayed in Winterthur's galleries. Maggie Lidz, one of the three co-curators of the exhibition, went to London in July to choose the costumes from the series' costumer, Cosprop.

"Downton Abbey," which entered into its fourth season on Masterpiece on PBS this month, depicts life in an aristocratic household of the fictional Earl and Countess of Grantham. It won a Golden Globe Award for Best Miniseries and seven Emmys, including a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Miniseries.

Viewers of the show will be able to see some favorite fashions in the exhibit: Lady Sybil's harem pants, Lady Mary's engagement dress and Lady Edith's wedding dress. In the exhibit from Winterthur: the servants' call system, H. F. du Pont's Saville Row evening jacket and the du Pont family's 1874 Tiffany silver tea service.

Visitors will also see both "upstairs" and "downstairs" lifestyles, with elegant gowns contrasted with working wear of servants. Visitors will travel through the exhibit chronologically and enter past a working recreation of the bell system at Downton Abbey, seen in the opening credits of the series.

In addition to the costume exhibit, Winterthur will host lectures, workshops and events, including programs for adults and families focusing on entertaining and country house life in Britain and the United States.

Winterthur members will be offered special programs and times of exclusive access throughout the run of Costumes of Downton Abbey. In conjunction with the exhibition, Winterthur will republish, with all new color photography, "Life at Winterthur: A du Pont Family Album."

Diners enjoying downtown Restaurant Week

Annual promotion helps restaurants during traditionally slow month

By KARIE SIMMONS

ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com

Longtime Newark residents Ed and Charlotte Smith were planning to enjoy another dinner at home Monday night, but since it is Restaurant Week, they figured they'd get out of the house and try something new.

"We came specifically for this," Ed said. "We love Restaurant Week and we love trying new things."

Newark's eighth-annual Restaurant Week, sponsored by the Downtown Newark Partnership, began Monday. Nineteen restaurants are offering special menus allowing guests to choose a two-course lunch for \$10, a two-course dinner for \$22, a three-course dinner for \$28 or a four-person family meal for \$22, depending on the eatery.

The promotion runs

through Sunday and gives downtown restaurants a boost during a traditionally slow month.

The Smiths decided to head to an old favorite, Klondike Kate's, where Ed ordered a sashimi tuna appetizer and grilled pork tenderloin dinner off Kate's Restaurant Week menu. The pork tenderloin was marinated in apple cider, served over mashed potatoes, julienne vegetables and topped with a caramelized onion sauce, which Ed said was "absolutely delicious."

Diane Henker, her husband Tibor Toth and son Alex Toth, 8, enjoyed a meal at Home Grown Cafe to kick off the week Monday.

Henker said this week was the third year they've come out for Restaurant Week.

"We are big fans," she said. "We actually walked up to Main Street just for this."

She and Alex shared the braised chicken with walnut-chive risotto, sauteed spinach and cranberry gastrique.



Janell Snider and husband, Kim Snider, enjoy dinner at Klondike Kate's for downtown Newark's annual Restaurant Week.

"It tastes like the best parts of Thanksgiving dinner," she said.

Alex also gave the dinner a thumbs up.

"I really like the risotto," he said, calling the walnuts "crunchy surprises."

Henker said her husband ordered the kalbi noodles made with brisket or seitan, carrot, jicama, broccolini, lo mein noodles and curry broth. They purposely got different dishes in order to share and try more of

Home Grown's special menu items, she said, which is the whole point of Restaurant Week: to try something new.

Home Grown's general manager John Holmes said the restaurant was busy,

with the busiest Monday lunch he has seen had in awhile.

"Restaurant Week always pops off," he said. "It's great."

Klondike Kate's floor manager Alisha Foore said Kate's also had a busy first night.

"Customers seem to be going for the special menu to try something new, and all-in-all, it's good publicity for the area," she said.

The Smiths have lived in Newark for 26 years and said they've seen a dramatic change over the years with the focus of making downtown a vibrant area, especially with DNP events like Restaurant Week.

"It was a sleepy little town 26 years ago," Charlotte said. "We didn't have anything like this."

Although Kate's was their first stop on Monday, she and Ed plan to go to Caffé Gelato and a few more places before Friday to get the most out of Restaurant Week as they can.

"It's more of a question of how many we can fit in," Charlotte said, laughing.

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