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Marilyn Minster, the longtime owner of Minster's Jewelers who was considered by many to be the dean of the Newark business community, died last week. She was 87.

A third-generation leader of the venerable family-owned jewelry shop, Minster was a founding member of the Downtown Newark Partnership and chaired the committee for 10 years, helping Newark win the prestigious National Great American Main Street Award in 2011. Feisty and never afraid to make her opinions known, she was a fierce advocate for downtown Newark – particularly Newark Shopping Center, where her store is the longest-running tenant.

"Marilyn was a force of nature," said Maureen Feeney Roser, a retired Newark planning director and former

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15 stories to watch in 2018

Will voters approve the city's ambitious, \$8.1 million plan to turn the Rodney dorms into a stormwater pond and park?

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What effect will a year-long repaying project have on Main Street traffic? Will the city's plan to install parklets along the street make downtown more inviting?

How will the opening of the STAR Tower impact Newark, and what other major projects might be announced for the University of Delaware's STAR Campus?

Will 2018 be the year city council finally decides on a direction to improve downtown parking, either by authorizing a parking garage or taking other measures?

All those questions and more are expected to be answered in the coming year. As the new year begins, we've broken down the 15 stories to watch in 2018.

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NCS students do chores to help Puerto Rico

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For many kids, school fundraisers often involve selling candy or asking family and friends for money. But for elementary students at Newark Charter School, a recent charitable effort required them to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

The "Chores for a Charter" fundraiser garnered \$3,200 to help schools in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico. Approximately 200 NCS students in kindergarten through sixth grade participated, signing "contracts" with family members to earn money by doing chores around the house.

For the kids, earning the money themselves was a proud achievement.

"It's important because you're not just getting money for your birthday and donating it. That's somebody else's money," said secondgrader Natalie Kudlick, who raised \$10 by doing the dishes, dusting and cleaning the bathroom at home. "You're working hard for it.'

"You feel really proud about it," added second-Grant Blackett, grader who raised \$10 by washing clothes, taking out the trash, making his own lunch and vacuuming.

Those comments left Prining as he noted the kids and again."



Nearly 200 Newark Charter School students did chores to earn money for hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico, including (left to right) second-grader Natalie Kudlick, fifth-grader Babita Bonis, second-grader Grant Blackett and fourth-grader Josh Horning.

picked up on the idea behind the service-oriented fundraiser.

"We wanted to make it meaningful for the kids," Wakeman said. "Once they get the rush of helping othcipal Jesse Wakeman beam- ers, they want to do it again

The project came together a way for the school to help. in the fall through the work of a few teachers who make up the school's service council. A school custodian has family in Puerto Rico, and when staff members saw news reports about the devastation, they wanted to find

Category 4 Hurricane Maria walloped the U.S. territory Sept. 20, killing more than 1,000 people and knocking out power to more than 3 million people, according to an analysis by the New York Times. More than three an individual school. Instead needed help.'

months later, half the island is still without power.

The original idea was to adopt a charter school in Puerto Rico, but communications with the island were so sporadic, NCS leaders couldn't get in touch with I was helping people who

they donated the money to the international aid organization UNICEF, which promised to earmark the money for helping schools.

"If you can't even reach out to find a school to donate to, it's pretty bad," said school secretary Kathi Hamelin, who heads the service council. "It's devastating to think about what they went

through."

NCS' high school campus does a number of service projects, but this was the first time the elementary school did a service-based fund-raiser, Wakeman said. The fundraiser was voluntary, but participation exceeded school officials' expectations.

"The response was overwhelming," Wakeman said. "It's a real testament to the students and families we have in this community.'

Fifth-grader Babita Bonis raised \$25 by cleaning the kitchen, babysitting her little brother and matching up socks.

"I didn't want to do it at first, but I knew that if I did, I would be helping someone else," she said.

Fourth-grader Josh Horning's parents paid him \$25 for emptying trash cans and cleaning several rooms.

"They were surprised because I don't normally like cleaning the house," Josh said. "I felt happy because





Financial literacy curriculum prepares NHS students for the real world

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Newark School senior Emma Argothy was assigned to do a project on credit and debt as part of the school's Academy of Finance program, she found that the research unearthed some practical information.

"I feel more prepared for my life," Argothy said Dec. 21 as she presented her project at a financial literacy fair held in the school library. "Eventually, I'll have to have a credit card and build up my credit score. So this has helped me for the future."

The financial literacy lessons have given her peace of mind as she prepares to graduate and leave Newark High.

"I was freaking out, but

now I feel better," she said. Last month's financial literacy fair was the culmination of the first semester of Newark High's Academy of Finance, a new curriculum intended to prepare students for a possible career in finance. It's one of several career pathways offered at

Newark is one of several schools in Delaware that have adopted the curriculum, which comes from a national network of education, business and community leaders that aims to help high school students "be future ready.

faculty members who teach the curriculum, said 88 students are enrolled in three sections of the inaugural class, which is the first installment of a multi-year program. The first half of the year focused on personal finance, and in the spring, the course will cover financial planning. Next year's class will tackle accounting.

The school has partnered with local business leaders, who serve as guest speakers. During the summer of their junior year, students will be offered a paid internship at a financial institution.

"Their leg up is that intern-

ship," Smith said. Teacher Edina Buzgon said students often don't get financial literacy lessons at home because many parents are embarrassed to talk about their financial situation or want to protect their kids from worrying about money. The result, she said, is many students are unprepared to handle their finances once they reach adulthood.

"Somebody has to say, This has to stop here," she said. "We're repeating the same cycles.

NHS previously offered economics and marketing classes, and also offers a banking program in which students work as tellers at a Louviers Federal Credit Union branch housed inside the school. The new curriculum, though, delves Ed Smith, one of two NHS more into personal finance, presentations during the



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Newark High School seniors Emma Argothy (center) and Dayana Lara-Corona explain their project to City of Newark Finance Director David Del Grande during a Dec. 21 financial literacy fair at the school.

Buzgon said.

"They may not talk about credit scores and identity scores," she said. "That's not something economics talks about."

Last month's financial literacy fair required students to pair up and research topics such as cash flow, credit scores, personal budgeting and types of loans. The students had to create a poster board and brochure about their topic and give brief

fair, which was attended by students from other classes, as well as business and community leaders.

Senior Aldo whose project focused on different forms of business ownership, said he opened a bank account when he was 16, but some of his classmates don't have the same proclivity toward saving. As he approaches graduation, he's quickly realizing the necessity of a savings account, he said.

"Seniors have to save money because senior year is a lot of money," Abrego said. "It's 'Should I buy these shoes, or get my cap and gown?

Sophomore Tabhata Ramirez and senior Joshua Caldwell researched personal budgeting and said it's an important skill for high school students to learn.

"I hear a lot of people who have jobs but not money," Caldwell said.

complaining

and don't know where their money goes," Ramirez said.

Senior Dayana Lara-Corona, who researched credit and debt along with Argothy, said she feels lucky to have been able to take the class.

"It really gets into detail so we have an understanding of everything we should know," she said, in between talking to visitors about credit scores and interest rates. "I'm going to have to understand it because I'll be going to college.

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ATM skimmer steals from nine customers at Louviers FCU

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Nine customers of Louviers Federal Credit Union fell victim to fraud on or around Christmas Day after a woman planted a skimming device on an ATM outside the South Main Street bank, police said.

Now, authorities are asking the public for help identifying the suspect, who was caught on surveillance footage.

The fraud first came to light Dec. 27 when customers began contacting the credit union to report unauthorized transactions on their accounts, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a



Police say this woman installed a skimmer on an ATM at Louviers Federal Credit Union and stole money from nine accounts.

Police Department.

Employees checked surveillance video and discovspokesman for the Newark ered footage of a woman then removing it at 7:45

placing a skimming device on the drive-thru ATM at 10:40 p.m. Dec. 23 and

Skimming devices typically fit over the debit card scanner of an ATM and capture card information, which the thief then uses to make fraudulent purchases.

Between Dec. 25 and Dec. 27, the woman used the stolen debit card information to make \$7,673.50 in purchases at convenience stores in Newark, Bear and New Castle.

Anyone with information about the fraud or the identity of the suspect should contact Officer Carter McKennon at CMcKennon@newark.de.us or 302-366-7100, ext. 3491.

A spokesman for Louviers FCU did not return a call seeking comment.



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NPD's newest K-9 graduates

Newark Police Department Cpl. Adam Stevens and his new K-9 partner, Varg, graduated from the Delaware State Police K-9 Training Program last month. Varg replaces K-9 Peti, who had to be retired early due to training issues.

Purse stolen from unlocked vehicle on Madison Drive

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A woman is missing her purse after she left it in her unlocked vehicle outside her home in the College Park neighborhood.

The incident happened at 10:10 a.m. Dec. 27 in the 100 block of Madison Drive, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The victim, 47, told police she left the car for only five minutes and when she returned, she discovered someone had taken the purse, which contained a wallet, cash, two cell phones and other assorted items.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Officer Carter McKennon at CMcKennon@newark.de.us or 302-366-7100, ext. 3491.

Graffiti vandal damages building, trashcans, portable toilet

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Police were left wondering "Why?" after a vandal spray-painted that word on a building, a portable toilet and trash cans around Newark last

Police believe the graffiti was sprayed sometime between Dec. 6 and Dec. 29, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. The first incident was reported Dec. 27 at a construction site in the 100 block of South Chapel Street. Someone had painted the words "WHY" and "DOME" on dumpsters and a portable toilet.

Two days later, another officer found "WHY" spray-painted on the side of a Cleveland Avenue business and a trash can on Wilbur Street.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should contact Officer Justin Roberts at JRoberts@newark.de.us or 302-366-7100, ext. 3493.



Someone painted "Why" on trash cans and other objects around the city, police said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Newark council to vote on parking fee increases Monday



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON A motorist pays for parking in Lot 4.

By JOSH SHANNON ishannon@chespub.com

If all goes as planned, city council will vote Monday on proposed increases to the cost of parking in downtown Newark.

Council was supposed to discuss the issue Dec. 11, but the meeting ran long, and council voted to adjourn before taking up the parking debate. At least three people had waited four and a half hours to voice their concerns about the fee increases, only to be told to come back in a month.

The ordinance would increase the cost of parking at meters in the core downtown area - Main Street west of Chapel Street from \$1.25 an hour (12 minutes per quarter) to \$2 an hour (7.5 minutes per quarter.)

Meanwhile, lesser-used meters east of

the Pomeroy Trail would be reduced to \$1 an hour.

Council will also discuss a controversial plan to increase the cost of parking in cityrun lots during the busiest times.

Under the plan for "peak" and "off-peak" rates, the cost to park would double to \$2 per hour Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The current \$1-per-hour rate would remain on weekends, nights and during the summer.

By raising the rates, the city aims to incentivize visitors to park in university parking garages or at parking meters on the outskirts of downtown, thus freeing up spaces for others.

The increase was supposed to take effect in October but was delayed after an outcry from business owners.

"It's a tipping point for Newark. This sends red flags up to the outlying community and Newark residents alike – do not come to downtown Newark," Donna O'Dell Hoke, owner of Unique Impressions, told council Oct. 23. "Newark is not an island. There are plenty of places to shop and dine.

Unlike the cost of parking meters, the parking lot fees can be changed by the city manager without approval from council. However, some council members have expressed interest in changing that policy.

Also on Monday's agenda is a discussion about the date of the Rodney stormwater pond referendum and an update on the sculpture park planned for South Main

The council meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday at city hall, 220 S. Main St.

Newark residents have several ways to recycle Christmas trees

are encouraging residents trees this year.

"Recycling trees has been an environand we hope that Delawareans continue that tradition this holiday season," Delaware Department of vironmental Control Secrein a statement.

POST STAFF REPORTmondHillRoadCom-State and city officialsmunityYardWasteDemonstration Site, located to recycle their Christmas on Polly Drummond Hill Road, about a half-mile Christmas north of Kirkwood Highway. Its hours are Saturmentally-friendly tradition days and Sundays only, 8 for many years in the state, a.m. to sunset, through

Another option is Copeland's Mulch Depot, 2 Honeysuckle Drive in Stanton. Natural Resources and En- It is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. tary Shawn M. Garvin said to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The cost to recycle a tree is \$5, Trees will be accepted unless the tree was purfor free at the Polly Drum- chased from Copeland's.

Christmas tree decoraincluding tions, hooks. tinsel and ornaments, as well as wood and metal tree stands, must be removed from all trees.

Residents of the city of Newark have an even easier option. The city will collect Christmas trees curbside through Jan. 26.

Unlike past years, there is no set schedule for tree pickup. Instead, crews will sweep through the entire city each week. Residents should make sure trees are out for collection each week by Tuesday at 7 a.m.



Newark residents have several options for recycling their Christmas trees.

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Marilyn Minster's death another huge loss for Newark

Guest Commentary Jim Streit



FERNANDINA BEACH, FLA. — In June 1992, I arrived unannounced to the staff and public as the new publisher of Newark's hometown weekly. The Newark Post had been around since 1910 but over decades had slipped in popularity and profitability. This was a fate not uncommon in that era to papers that once operated in "small towns" which slowly morphed into suburbs. Essentially, my job was to save the Post. It was a daunting task.

As the new publisher, I became the latest in a long line of personalities that included Everett C. Johnson (the paper's founder), Richard Ware, Bill Waggaman, Rocky Rockwell, Henry Galperin, Blake Wilson, Neil Thomas, G. Scott Lawrence and others.

The financial pressures of my

new gig seemed overwhelming, but following in the footsteps of these news professionals was, simply, intimidating.

My wife, Linda, and I had chosen Newark as what became the final stop in my news career because we were tired of moving. At the time, we were looking for the "perfect" community in which to raise our two children as I did my work. Hence, the smartest relocation we made in our now 44-year marriage.

My previous jobs as the top guy at struggling newspapers in Maryland, Virginia and Maine had conditioned me to "go slow" in Newark. I had learned to be aggressive but friendly, keep my mouth shut and just listen. Then make decisions

My goal was to win the staff's. readers' and community's respect. And, in due time, I did, I think.

I am writing today to salute some of the kind people who not only accepted me during my 14-year stint at the helm of this newspaper but made me feel like I was one of their own. When you are the new guy in ber those who made you feel welcome. Not all did.

Unfortunately, but no surprise, some of the Newark icons that contributed to the rejuvenation of the Newark Post in the early 1990s are slowly passing away. The latest shoe fell last week when Marilyn Minster passed.

Long-time Blue Hens football announcer and UD historian Elbert Chance died in 2016. It took all of my persuasive skills to recruit him away from The News Journal to become a columnist for the Post during my watch.

The Rev. Marvin Hummel, who often had me diving for my Funk & Wagnalls in order to understand unfamiliar words he used, died in 2014. His commentaries were thoughtful, provocative and entertaining. Marvin was the Episcopal chaplain at UD for nearly two decades before he began writing commentaries for the Newark Post.

Phil Toman, the best of them all, was the former Newark school dis-

talk with people and find out what they thought. No other person bar none - was more loved and respected than Phil. On WNRK-AM (remember it?) and in our paper, weekly he offered his analyses of classical recordings and performances in the area. Keeping an unabridged dictionary nearby was necessary when I edited his columns. He may have been one of the smartest people I've met in my life ... and certainly one of the nicest. His arts column in the Post ran for 37 years, a tenure unmatched by others in the paper's "staff box." Phil died in 2008.

While I came to know and love Marilyn Minster when she enthusiastically supported the concept of the Downtown Newark Partnership from Day One, what I appreciate most is that she never held me at arm's length during our early encounters. She, like her contemporary Selena Bing, owner and operator of Bing's Bakery for a zillion years, cared deeply about

a long-established town of tens of trict's PR guru. I worked in New-the town, all of Newark far beyond thousands of people, you rememark for 14 years. My job was to the confines of its downtown business district. And she and Selena and others were kind to me when I was the new publisher, even when I came up with hair-brained ideas. Marilyn knew I could have been another flash-in-the-pan whiz kid (and maybe I was) but she shared the visions that I and others had about Newark's future. She always supported me when I pushed forward. was particularly thrilled that she followed me as chair of the DNP.

A few years from now, Minster, Bing, Toman, Hummel, Chance and Streit will be names recognized only by those scrolling through historic microfilm at the University of Delaware library. Hopefully, our collective efforts to make Newark a better place to live will last much

The writer, now 67 and retired since 2009, drives his beloved 1965 Chevrolet Corvair convertible yearround along the Atlantic shores on Amelia Island, Fla. He and his wife, Linda, are new grandparents. His email address is jimbo@dca.net.

MINSTER

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DNP administrator. "She had boundless energy and worked tirelessly for the causes she believed in.'

Minster was a strong proponent of the long-discussed project to renovate the aging shopping plaza, which she finally saw come to fruition two years ago. It was a tri-

umphant moment for Minster, who was given a prominent role in the September 2015 grand reopening ceremony, which also marked the shopping center's 60th anniversary.

"I'm probably the happiest person in this shopping center," she said at the time. "I have finally seen a dream come true."

Her son, Will Minster, said that "every Main Street has their champion," and his mother served in that role first for Elkton, Md., and then for Newark.

"She worked more for Newark than for herself or the business," he recalled Tuesday.

Whether it was advocating for downtown Newark or organizing community events in Elkton, she always stepped up when there was a need, and others would always follow.

"People like that are what define a community," Will Minster said.

Growing up, he recalled, he often accompanied his mother to business and community functions and saw firsthand the challenges she faced as a female business owner in what was then very much a man's world. She was a pioneer for Newark women in business, along with Selina Bing and Vieve Gore, he said.

Women were secondclass citizens in business," he said.

Minster started working at J.J. Minster and Sons Jewelers in 1945, when she was 15 and the business was located in Elkton. She was friends with William Minster, the teenage son of second-generation owner John Henry Minster, and often visited him at the store. The elder Minster told her, "If you're gonna come in here, you might as well come in to work," she recalled years later.

She and William eventually wed, and in 1955, she helped the family open a second location in the newly built Newark Shopping Center. Minster, who had a degree in interior design from the Maryland Institute of Art, designed the store, which at the time also sold china, silver and other similar products.

She took the reins of the company in the 1960s, when her husband retired due to health issues and later died.

'She was thrust into it, but she was destined for it," Will Minster said, noting that his mother always wanted to be active and helping change things for the better. "She wasn't going to be a stay-athome mom.

A self-professed "jeweler by osmosis," she quickly became a respected member of the Newark business community. She later introduced her own line of iewelry that she designed herself.

In 1995, when the store marked its centennial, she made it clear she had no plans to retire.

"I'm not ready to give it up because I love what I'm doing," Minster told the Newark Post that year. "As a person who has been seemingly alone in business, I have found that as you go through life, you really never do anything totally alone. Lots of my customers are my friends. I like having the young people come in and say that they remember coming in with their parents. We have served the community, and the community has helped us back. That is what has allowed us to survive and reach 100 years. The people have been good to

Indeed, Minster continued working in the store until just a couple weeks before she died Dec. 28.

Will Minster said the family is still determining exactly how to proceed with the store.

"We're not in any hurry to do the wrong thing," he said, adding the store could scale back, or it could grow. None of the family members currently work there, though he helped out there this Christmas season.

Outside of the business world, Minster was known as a strong supporter of the arts in Newark, serving stints on the boards of the Newark Symphony Orchestra and the Chapel Street Players. She was also an avid supporter of the Newark Historical Society, which in 2016 honored her with its Historical Service

"She is always ready and willing to offer constructive and creative advice to help advance the society and museum," Margie Masino, president of the Newark Historical Society, said at the time.

Last spring, Mayor Polly Sierer honored Minster with a Jefferson Award for public service.

"Marilyn has been a significant contributor and volunteer to our city for so many years and in so many ways, Sierer said. "Her dedication and commitment to our city is remarkable, and her devotion to making it the best city to live, work and play is certainly reflective to her public service.'

Feeney Roser noted that anytime the DNP had an event or project, Minster volunteered her time, money or both, and as a cheerleader for downtown, convinced others to do the

"She was also a great person, courageous and kind. She was a real role model for me," Feeney Roser said. "She made Newark a better place, and she made the people she worked with better people."

Minster is survived by her second husband, Henry Ostheimer, and children, Will Minster, Melissa Minster and Alice Minster Cody.

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Top 10 sports stories to watch in 201

By JON BUZBY

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It's not completely coincidental that the Top 10 sports stories from one year often lead to many of the stories to watch the next year. And 2018 is no different.

Here are my top stories, in no particular order, with some opinions, questions, answers and predictions sprinkled in.

Butch Simpson Field

This is going to be my pet peeve until it's done. I've written it in print before, just last week in fact, that it's embarrassing the field hasn't already been named after one of the state's most legendary coaches. Hopefully, it becomes my biggest story in fall 2018.

UD's major sports making a comeback

With Blue Hen field hockey, men's soccer, women's golf and baseball teams winning conference championships in recent years, will the men's and women's basketball teams and the football team start making noise in the Colonial Athletic Association conference? Noise, yes. Championships, not yet. Although all three should make noise in the upcoming postseasons, I think all three are still at least a year away before they seriously contend for CAA titles.

Newark High football

It's been six straight seasons that the Yellowjackets have not played in the post-

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

Members of the 1977 team, Butch Simpson's first year as head coach, present him with a trophy following his final game in 2015. Columnist Jon Buzby writes that 2018 should be the year Newark High's field is named after the longtime coach.

classmen with similar talent ing in the right direction, on to the Yellowjacket teams that won five state championships back in their heyday. Will the Yellowjackets make the postseason next fall? Probably not yet, given the number of very good teams in the Blue Hen conference. But I do believe they will be more competitive than the past few years, even if that season. Newark High has a just means losing by fewer

promising group of under-points. It's a program head-contender. For that to hapand off the field.

Trusting the process

The Sixers are already better this year than last, and not coincidentally, healthier. But the question still remains whether the pieces obtained during "the process" are the ones needed to go from a playoff-caliber team to a championship

pen, Joel Embiid must stay healthy. If he does, I think next year at this time, the Sixers might be talking about a home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Sevens moving out of town

With the impending construction of the 76ers Field

Sevens eventually will no longer play their games at the Bob Carpenter Center. Is it a huge loss to the local economy? No. But it does mean fewer kids will get to experience minor league basketball, because I don't think Newark residents will make the effort to drive to Wilmington on a cold winter night. The good news is that it might mean a boost in attendance at UD basketball games since they'll be the only game in town. The months ahead are an opportunity for UD to start focusing on attracting families with youngsters. Here's one idea – toss T-shirts into the stands that actually fit the kids who battle to catch

Christina School District sports

You can count on one hand the number of high school teams in the Christina School District that advanced to state tournaments in 2017. By my count, Newark's boys soccer and basketball teams, along with Glasgow's boys basketball squad, are the only three to play in the postseason. A few others got close and I'm hoping will make it in 2018 so that next year at this time, we need both hands to count the numbers up.

Newark Charter success will continue

The other local school in town, Newark Charter, seems to be improving every year in just about every

House in Wilmington, the sport. While the naysayers might complain that the school has an advantage because it's a charter school, just look around the state and vou'll realize that there isn't another charter school that is experiencing the overall success that the Patriots are in athletics. And remember, Newark Charter's students are chosen from a random draw and must live within 5 miles of the school. No other Delaware charter school that I know of follows those guide-

E-A-G-L-E-S, Eagles!

No matter how far they go this year, short of winning the Super Bowl, next year's team will be expected to go even farther. Assuming Carson Wentz has a complete recovery from his torn ACL, the local NFL favorite could be the story of the year in

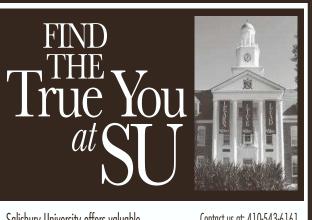
Newark High golf program

As it's a lifetime activity enjoyed by many, I hope golf is reinstated at Newark High, and not at the expense of another sport or any school activity for that matter.

Phillies fans beware

With the addition of Carlos Santana and the return of Rhys Hoskins, even the most pessimistic Phillies fan has to admit to having a hint of optimism. Just ask me.

Best wishes for a happy healthy 2018, hopefully filled with many successful, positive and fun sports



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15 stories to watch in 2018

By JOSH SHANNON ishannon@chespub.com

• Rodney stormwater pond

The defining story of 2018 likely will be the referendum on the Rodney stormwater project, which, if approved, will reshape the Hillside Road area and drive the conversation for the next two years.

City officials want to buy the University of Delaware's shuttered Rodney complex, knock down the buildings and construct a stormwater pond and a surrounding park that will become a "unique recreational destination" featuring a walking trail, playground, fishing pier and other amenities.

In order for the project to proceed, voters will have to approve a referendum giving the city the authority to borrow up to \$9 million.

The referendum likely will be held in conjunction with the April 10 council election, or on a separate ballot in June. In the meantime, expect officials to ramp up a major public relations campaign aimed at winning support for the project, which has been a top city priority for two years.

If the referendum is approved, work could begin quickly, with demolition tentatively set for next winter and the park set to open in fall 2019. A "no" vote, however, would deal a huge blow to city officials, who would then look for other ways to solve stormwater issues, which they recently warned could involve eminent domain.

Complicating the referendum is city council's decision last month to fund the capital improvement plan with debt financing, requiring a second ballot question seeking approval to borrow another \$23 million. It remains to be seen the effect that will have on the Rodney question and how city officials will sell the capital budget, which includes mostly projects less exciting than a new park, such as repairing parking lots and replacing electric cables.

2. Development projects

After a relatively light year for development than the STAR Camment projects, other than the STAR Campus, 2018 appears to be shaping up to be much busier, as a number of projects are working their way through the city's development process.

Likely to be among the first considered by the planning commission is the plan to demolish the shuttered M&T Bank building in the Park N Shop on South Main Street and replace it with a 10,600-square-foot. three-story building containing retail space and 12 student apartments. Also in consideration is a plan to build 44 two-story townhouses on an 8.9-acre wooded lot off West Chestnut Hill Road, which has encountered fierce opposition from neighbors.

Other proposed projects in the pipeline include: tearing down the building at 92 E. Main St. (formerly home to Abbott's Shoe Repair) and replacing it with a four-story building containing commercial space and 15 apartments; knocking down an office building at 1501 Casho Mill Road and replacing it with 23,000 square feet of retail/ office space and 60 apartments; building a 112-unit assisted living and memory care facility at 924 Barksdale Road (a vacant lot next to the International Literacy Association that was last used as a temporary home for Newark Charter School); annexing a property on Paper Mill Road to build 18 single-family homes; annexing a property on yet been disclosed.

Welsh Tract Road to build 22 townhouses; and building two townhouses on New Lon-

All those projects would require approval from city council.

3. Downtown parking

Parking issues have been a hot topic in recent years, and all evidence points to 2018 being no exception.

The year will begin with a debate over a plan to raise the cost of parking downtown. City officials want to increase the cost of parking at meters in the core downtown area Main Street west of Chapel Street – from \$1.25 an hour to \$2 an hour and also double the cost of parking in lots at peak times. The plan, however, faces opposition from business owners.

Meanwhile, a planning commission subcommittee is studying outside-the-box ways to improve parking and is expected to make recommendations to city council later this

The elephant in the room, of course, is whether there will be any action on the longdiscussed plan to build a parking garage on Main Street. Last January, five developers pitched proposals to build mixed-use parking structures as a public-private partnership. However, city council never moved forward with the next step in the process.

4. STAR Campus

2017 was the most momentous year for the former Chrysler site since the University of Delaware bought it in 2009 and rebranded it as the STAR Campus. Expect 2018 to bring even more excitement to the sprawling South College Avenue property, as this ear's investments begin to show dividends.

This summer, the 10-story STAR Tower will open. The tower, described as the "hood ornament" of the site, will house part of UD's health sciences college as well as yetto-be-announced commercial tenants.

Meanwhile, construction will continue on upgrades to the Newark Train Station as well as two projects slated to open in 2020: a six-story, \$156 million biopharmaceutical building and a \$150 million research and development center for Chemours.

Also, don't be surprised if more projects are announced as UD moves quickly to build up the STAR Campus.

Main Street repaying

One of the most noticeable - and likely annoying - stories of the year for Newark motorists will be a major project to repave and upgrade Main Street.

The Delaware Department of Transportation plans to start construction this spring, and the project - including lane closures could last up to a year.

The payoff, however, will be a new, smooth road surface to replace the pothole-plagued pavement that even a DelDOT representative called "lousy."

City officials are also planning to install several parklets, which would take up one or more on-street parking spaces, extend out from the sidewalk and span the width of the parking space. Amenities could include benches, bicycle parking, landscaping and public art installations.

The exact timetable of construction - and the impact it will have on motorists - has not



An artist's rendering shows the building proposed for 92 E. Main St., where the former Abbott's Shoe Repair was located.



An artist's rendering shows what a parklet could look like on Main Street. City officials hope to install several parklets during a repaving project scheduled to begin this spring.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

The 10-story STAR Tower is slated to open this summer on the former Chrysler site.

6. Election

In the annual city council election April 10, voters will go to the polls in districts 3, 5 and 6. Those seats are currently held by Councilwoman Jen Wallace, Councilman Luke Chapman and Councilman Stu Markham, respectively. Candidates have until Feb. 5 to file.

Adding to the intrigue this year, the referendum on the Rodney project will likely be held on the same day, likely leading to a higher turnout. It remains to be seen how a higher turnout could affect contested races.

The Christina School District board election is set for May 8, with Fred Polaski and Harrie Ellen Minnehan up for re-election.

In the fall, attention will turn to federal, state and local general assembly races. The primary is set for Sept. 6, with the general election scheduled for Nov. 6.

Statewide, voters will select a U.S. representative in congress, U.S senator (the seat currently held by Tom Carper), attorney general, state treasurer and state auditor. Locally, all state representative positions are up for election, as are state senate districts 10 and 11 (currently held by Stephanie Hansen and Bryan Townsend) and county council districts 3 and 5 (currently held by Janet Kilpatrick and Lisa Diller.)

7 • Medical Marijuana

A medical marijuana growing facility and dispensary is slated to open this year in the former home of Alexander's Lawn and Garden on Ogletown Road, which closed last summer.

Crews will turn an existing 1,250-square foot potting barn at the former lawn and garden center at 800 Ogletown Road into a medical marijuana growing facility for Compassionate Care Research Institute, a New Jersey-based nonprofit organization.

The work is the first phase of a project that also includes creating a dispensary that will offer more than 20 strains of marijuana. CCRI will hire a pharmacist to counsel patients and create 25 to 40 jobs over the next two years, a company official said in August.

City manager search

One of city council's primary tasks in 2018 will be to select a new city manager.

Čarol Houck left in May, and Public Works Director Tom Coleman has been leading the city on an interim basis. The process of finding a permanent replacement got off to a slow start, but in December, council selected a consulting firm to assist in the national search.

At least two current city employees, including Deputy City Manager Andrew Haines, have expressed interest in the job. Coleman, however, is not interested in it, despite the attempts of some council members to convince him to change his

Shopping center upgrades

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Once again, the new year brings the promise of improvements for several of the city's shopping cen-

A Food Lion is expected to open in Fairfield Shopping Center in late 2018, answering the wishes of neighbors who have been clamoring for a new grocery store there since Superfresh closed in 2015. The store is said to be part of a \$4.5 million renovation project of the shopping center, but few details have been released publicly.

Meanwhile, renovations continue - albeit extremely slowly at College Square Shopping Center, where the owners aim to attract new tenants to replace the many vacancies currently plaguing the center. The developer is also advancing a plan to extend Delaware Avenue through College Square and has considered adding housing to the property.

Additionally, the Park N Shop on South Main Street could take on a whole new look if city council approves a plan to replace the vacant M&T Bank building with a mixed-use complex featuring apartments and more retail space.

City hall staff 10. reductions

A debate over reducing personnel costs for city government through layoffs or other staff reductions - could re-emerge after first being broached last fall.

At least three councilmembers pushed for layoffs of management employees to be included in the 2018 budget, but when council voted on the budget in December, there was no discussion of staff cuts. Instead, council discussed the issue behind closed doors and directed city staff to pursue an undisclosed collective bargaining strategy with the unions representing city employees.

Councilman Jerry Clifton hinted that changes in staffing could be revisited in 2018.

"I haven't forgotten about it," he said.

• Growing hospitality

The 132-room Marriott SpringHill Suites hotel under construction at the intersection of Ogletown Road and Library Avenue is set to open in the spring. The property will also include a standalone restaurant, but the tenant has not been announced.

Meanwhile, the owner of the Red Roof Inn on South College Avenue has proposed tearing down the hotel and replacing it with a smaller Hilton hotel and a convenience store with gas pumps. The proposal could go before the planning commission and city council later this year.

The University of Delaware is also considering building a hotel and conference center on its STAR Campus.



An artist's rendering shows what the observation deck and interpretive signage at the Rodney stormwater pond and park could look like. If voters approve a referendum, work on the project could begin in late 2018.

Preston's Playground

After three years of fundraising, Preston's Playground is expected to open this year at the base of the Newark Reservoir.

The playground is designed to accommodate children with disabilities and is meant to encourage kids of all abilities to play together. Organizers believe the playground will attract visitors from surrounding areas to Newark.

Construction has been pushed back a few times, but organizer Nic DeCaire confirmed in December that all the money needed for the playground has been raised. Work is expected to begin this spring.

15. Pomeroy Trail connector

Residents of Fairfield Crest and surrounding neighborhoods will soon have a new way to access Newark trails.

The city is planning to improve and pave a trail that runs from Fremont Road to the Pomeroy Trail, giving pedestrians and cyclists easy access to head north into White Clay Creek State Park or south toward downtown and the Hall Trail.

The \$150,000 project was originally slated for 2019, but city council moved it forward to this year after pressure from residents.

Delaware Avenue 14. crosswalk

Traffic relief will come to Delaware Avenue this spring, when a new traffic signal is installed where The Green intersects with the road.

The pedestrian crosswalk has long vexed motorists and causes long backups during UD's peak class-change times.

Currently, cars have to stop whenever a pedestrian wishes to cross. However, under the new plan, crews will install a traffic light as well as pedestrian signals, with vehicles and pedestrians each getting their turn to proceed.

The signal will be timed with the light at Delaware Avenue and South College Avenue. When that anniversary this year, and the de-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

A medical marijuana growing facility and dispensary is expected to open this year in the former home of Alexander's Lawn and Garden, located at 800 Ogletown Road.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JANE BELLMYER

A crew works in College Square Shopping Center earlier this year. Expect facade renovations to continue as a plan to rejuvenate the vacancy-plagued shopping center slowly takes shape.

light turns red for Delaware Avenue traffic, so too will the new light at the crosswalk, allowing pedestrians to cross.

A similar measure was installed on Main Street in 2016.

Parks and Rec • 50th anniversary

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department marks its 50th partment is planning to celebrate with a yearlong slate of activities.

Parks and Rec has planned "50 days of fun" throughout 2018. Included are traditional events, such as Community Day, the Memorial Day Parade and the Independence Day fireworks show, as well as new events, such as a 50th anniversary art show, an Earth Day volunteer event and a community fishing event at Curtis Mill Park.

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.

May-July 1938: George Cook would paint the water

Great Depression, Newark continued to grow with new homes. Developers on Townsend Road were requesting sewer service.

Local man George Cole audited the town books for \$20 as opposed to over \$200 by an auditing firm. A tower on West Main Street new garbage collector, Mr. for \$120. Even amid the Gorman, wanted town busi-

collector Mr. Brannan was asked for a bid, but said he couldn't do it for less than current payment. Council was undecided as to whom to hire.

A new adding machine was purchased for the town office. To save time, street improvement bids were solicited from former contractors instead of advertising for others. Mr. Kumler requested that something be done about reckless motorists on West Main Street.

Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company received \$250 toward expenses of the State Firemen's convention to be held in Newark in September. Mrs. Louise Johnson, owner of the Press of Kells, which published the Newark Post, asked for and received a \$4,000 reduction of taxes for 1938.

A 6-inch water main would be installed from Manuel Street along Kells Avenue. The Board of Health disapproved of building where

available. Phillips Packing Company would have to clean up decaying pea vines and other conditions objectionable to neighbors. Mr. Dameron of Ogletown Road was asked to submit proposed building plans prior to a decision about town extending water and sewer lines.





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2017: The year in photos CECIL COLLEGE

This week, we continue our look at the moments that made news during 2017, as seen through the lenses of Newark Post photographers. For the full Year in Review photo gallery, visit www.newarkpostonline.com.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON Romeo Rea, 7, proudly shouts "I made it!" after crossing the creek by jumping from rock to rock in Rittenhouse Park in July.



K-9 Peti chomps down on "bite dummy" Ofc. Corey Spencer as handler Cpl. Adam Stevens looks on during a June event celebrating the Newark Police Department's 150th anniversary.



Workers hoist the final steel beam into place atop the University of Delaware's STAR Tower during topping off ceremony in August.



Danielle Johnson, of the Dover-based band Hoochi Coochi, points to an audience member while performing during the Wine and Dine Festival in March.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON University of Delaware graduates march into Delaware Stadium in May.



Ten-year-old Andrew Peffley, who has spina bifida, crosses the finish line of the Main Street Mile and gets a standing ovation from the crowd in October.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS Eric Johnson, 34, flexes his muscles before swimming across the pool during the Special Olympics Summer Games in June.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON Adalynn Bedford, 4, dances with grandmother Jen Alexander at the Suburban Plaza Harvest Festival in October.

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James R. "Jim" Pennington Jr.

James R. "Jim" Pennington Jr., 62, of Newark, DE, passed away on December 25, 2017.

Born in Welch, WV, on May 30, 1955, he was the son of the late Roy J. Pennington Sr. and Susie Etta (Rose) Pennington Holmes. He was a graduate of Delcastle Technical High PENNINGTON School. Iim retired

a parking supervisor after 36 years of dedicated service.

He enjoyed collecting comic books and movies. Jim never met a stranger and was a dear friend to all. He will be truly missed by the many lives he has touched.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death

by his sister, Goldie Florence Pennington and brother-in-law. Ieffrey Evick. He is survived by his sister, Susie Evick; twin sister, Shelia Permenter (Richard); and many nieces and nephews.

visitation for Α from the City of Newark as family and friends was held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday evening, January 4, 2018 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark, DE. A

Newark native's music

second visitation will be held the following morning from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the funeral home where a funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway. New Castle, DE.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jim's memory may be made to The Krysti Bingham Cerebral Palsy Foundation, 5577 S. DuPont Parkway, Smyrna, DE 19977, or by visiting: www.krysti.org To sign guestbook, visit:

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featured on MTV show By KRIS KIELICH kkielich@chespub.com It's every musician's dream to have their song featured on TV or in the movies, and local musician and singer/ songwriter Rory Sullivan accomplished just that when his

Sullivan, a Newark native, recalls his music career starting at a young age. I picked up the violin when

side project Go Mordecai's

song "Here I Go" was fea-

tured on MTV's "Teen Mom."

I was young, but I wanted an instrument that was more universal, which led to guitar," Sullivan said. "That led to lessons, which led to me writing my own songs. But I still remember playing Woody's Crab House [in North East, Md.] every Saturday.'

After signing a record deal and recording his first record in Vermont, Sullivan traveled across the country, bringing his brand of upbeat acoustic rock to Chicago, New York, and, ultimately, New Orleans, where he now lives with his wife. It was a pretty standard road for an independent musician, but it was there in the Big Easy that Sullivan embarked on a new musical undertaking.

'Music licensing is pretty elusive to musicians, including myself, but I've been studying what music gets played on TV," he said. "I created a side project with my wife called Go Mordecai, and we work with producers to write songs with specific characteristics and try to get

those songs licensed for TV." While there are some differences when it comes to writing music for a specific goal,



Local musician Rory Sullivan recently had a song featured on MTV's 'Teen Mom.

Sullivan said there's similarihe carries with him. ties in the process, too. When writing with specific themes in mind, like loneliness or happiness, there's still an aspect of creativity involved that certainly isn't manufactured or forced, he said.

"I write four hours a day, and I love to get inspiration from anything. I think about themes and what's going on with me," Sullivan explained.

As for "Here I Go," Sullivan said he found out the song had been chosen for "Teen Mom" in the simplest way possible.

"We literally just got a call that our song was picked to be on the show," he said. "It was really that simple.

The song is an upbeat, driving song that you could easily find playing on any adult alternative station today. It's infectious and toe tapping, and certainly a big milestone in Sullivan's career. But after a long musical journey so far and a lot more to cover in the future, Sullivan has learned some important lessons that

"I think you need to be in it for the long haul as a musician," he said. "I didn't know that when I started, and there's a learning curve to everything, but I had to cut my teeth.'

And to all those out there who share his passion and aspire to his path, Sullivan had one last piece of advice.

"With everything changing in the music landscape, it's an empowering time to be an independent musician," he said. "You just have to have patience."

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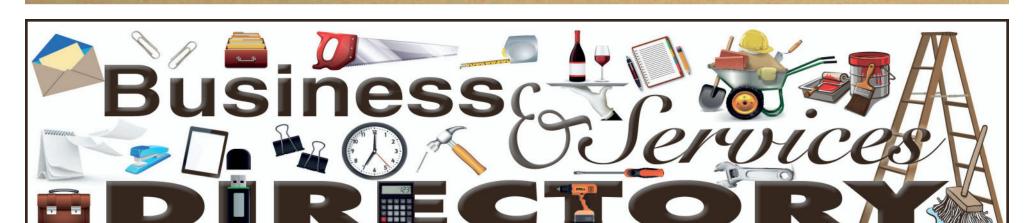


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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
JANUARY 18, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 32, Article XIX of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware, to hear the following appeals:

The appeal of McDonald's USA, LLC, property address 815 South College Avenue, for the following variance:
a. Sec. 32-60(a)(2) — Sign Standards for Business Districts — (2) Standards for business zoning districts shall be permitted in all business districts as per the following standards: Ground: Maximum number of one. The applicant is request three additional ground signs. A variance of two signs is needed signs is needed.

The application and related materials may be examined at the City Secretary's Office, 366-7000, prior to the meeting.

Jeffrey Bergstrom Chairman

238960

CITY OF NEWARK **DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

January 8, 2018 - 6:30 P.M. - CC

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

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(9) for the purpose of the discussion of personnel matters in which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed

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

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Potential vote on employee on-the-job injury settlement

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:

A. Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers

University

Administration (5 minutes per speaker)

(2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)

C. D.

City Manager

Council Members

Public (3 minutes per speaker)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Council Minutes – December 4, 2017

B. Approval of Council Minutes – December 11, 2017

C. Approval of Council Minutes – December 13, 2017

D. Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes – December 5, 2017

E. Receipt of Planning Commission Parking Subcommittee Minutes – November 16, 2017

F. Receipt of Alderman's Report – December 11, 2017

G. First Reading – Bill 18-01 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Designate the South Side of New Street as "No Parking Apytime" – Second Reading – January 22 to Designate the South Side of New Street as "No Parking Anytime" – Second Reading – January 22

- ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING: None
- APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS: None

*6.

- SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

 A. Update and Path Forward for City Solicitor Recruitment Director of Legislative Services

 B. Review of Downtown Newark Partnership Artpark Sculpture Jury and Potential Appointment of Council Representative DNP Design Committee Chair
- 2018 Capital Project Referendum Timetable Acting City Manager/Director of Legislative Services

RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:

A. Waiver of Bid for Grant Research/Writing – Millennium Strategies

*8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (Ending October 31 and November 30, 2017)

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING: ٠9.

- Bill 17-54 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Change the Rates for Metered Parking and to Change the Length of Time Permitted for Parking Meters East of Tyre Avenue

 1. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Potential Increases to City Parking Lot Rates

 Bill 17-55—An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Minors, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Clarify the Prohibition of
- the Procurement of Alcohol for Persons Under 21
- Bill 17-56 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Permit U-Turns Eastbound on South Main Street at Veterans Drive
- *10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: None
- *11. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:
 A. Council Members: None

B. Others: None

np 1/5

*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Posted - December 29, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MAKHAI JAMES BROWN

AMARA I FXI BROWN

Petitioner(s)

MAKHAI JAMES REMBECKI AMARA I EXI REMBECKI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ASHLEY REMBECKI intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor children's names to MAKHAI JAMES REMBECKI and AMARA LEXI REMBECKI.

ASHLEY REMBECKI Petitioner Dated: 1/2/2018 2759116

np 1/5,12.19

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MILIO NEFTALI SANTIAGO

Petitioner(s)

CHAANCE ANTHONY HUTT-ASHE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LATONYA HUTT-ASHE 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 minor child's name to CHAANCE ANTHONY HUTT-ASHE. LATONYA HUTT-ASHE

Petitioner Dated: 12/6/2017

np 12/29,1/5,12

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JOSHUA AMOS KIST, JR.

Petitioner(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NICOLE M. LESTARDO 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 minor child's name to JOSHUA KIST LESTARDO.

NICOLE M. LESTARDO Petitione Dated: 11/30/2017

np 12/22.29.1/5

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

MICHELE DARLENE LEWIS Petitioner(s)

TO

NICHELE DARLENE DEBA SALDANHA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHELE DARLENE LEWIS 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 MICHELE DARLENE DEBA SALDANHA.

MICHELE DARLENE LEWIS

Petitioner Dated: 12/8/2017

np 12/22,29,1/5

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JANET PILAR O'NEAL

Petitioner(s)

YANET DEL PILAR LOPEZ NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANET PILAR O'NEAL 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 YANET DEL PILAR LOPEZ.

JANET PILAR O'NEAL Petitioner Dated: 12/12/2017

np 12/22,29,1/5

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

BISHNUHARI PAUDYAL Petitioner(s)

BEN PAUDYAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BISHNUHARI PAUDYAL 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 BEN PAUDYAL.

BISHNUHARI PAUDYAL Petitioner

Dated: 12/13/2017 np 12/22,29,1/5 2756027

2758954





LEGAL NOTICES

The household goods and personal effects of the following person will be sold at public auction on the premises of Delaware Moving and Storage Inc. 214 Bear Christiana Road, Bear, DE 19701 on Wed January 17, 2018 Shrestho Sazzad Unknown

np 1/5.12 2759223

The household goods and personal effects of the following person will be sold at public auction on the premises of Delaware Moving and Storage Inc. 214 Bear Christiana Road, Bear, DE 19701 on Wed January 10, 2018 Rose Marie Papa Unknown Rosa Turner Unknown np 12/29,1/5 27 57178

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Robert Eugene Hackett, residing at 13 Ravenworth Court Newark, DE 19702, will make application to the judg-es of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Robert Eugene Hackett

1/2/18 2759019 np 1/5

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Michael Joseph Ryan, residing at 202 Nathan Ct.,
Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my per-son(s), or property, or both. Michael Joseph Ryan

np 1/5 2759048

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Thomas Joseph Petrella, residing at 206 Nathan Court, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilm-ington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my per-

son(s), or property, or both.
Thomas Joseph Petrella 1/2/18 np 1/5

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

JANUARY QUARTER 2017/18 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The Supplemental Assessment Roll for New Castle County and the City of Wilmington property and school taxes for the January Quarter of the 2017/18 tax year may be inspected in the Office of Property Assessment of New Castle County, New Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective Jan-

uary 1, 2018. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments may be obtained from the Office of Property Assessment at the address aforesaid and must be filed with the Office of Property Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2018. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will sit in the New Castle County Government Center, or some other public place to be announced, to hear appeals from these Supplemental Assessments. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec.

np 12/29,1/5 **25**499

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A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 2/14/2018 at 12:00
pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage
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Unit #6052 - Alec Valcich - dresser, desk, file cabinet and glass

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Wilmington, DE 19804 (302) 999-0704 A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auc-

Unit # 303 - Stephen Obrian - bags, boxes, folding chair, clothing, ladder, tool box, totes, tools, lathe, telescope, hand truck

Unit # 1230 - Keturah Bell - air conditioner, baby chair, bags boxes, totes, power wheel truck
Unit # 2110 - Charles J. Decino Jr. - air conditioner, bags, box

es, clothing, hamper, ice chest, shelving, speakers, totes, dollies, small fish tank, misc household items, crib mattress, ottomans,

Unit #3104 - Clarkson V. Saunders - bags, bedframe, mattress, boxes, upholstered, sofa, dresser, hamper, pictures, totes, flat

Unit # 3137 - David Cassidy - bookcase, boxes, dryer, fishing equip, end table, totes, toys, tv, washer, corner curio, tools, chain saw, file cabinet, wooden chest

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Unit #359 - Kenneth Ervin - bags, bed frame, headboard,

Unit #359 - Kenneth Ervin - bags, bed frame, headboard, couch, totes, recliner
Unit #355 - Thomas Pitts - boxes, 2 laptop computers, ladder, generator, monitor, shelving, dining table, step ladder, trash can, table saw, milk crates, power tools, work bench, cooler
Unit #139 - Leonard L Bailey - boxes, pictures, snack table, totes, Christmas decorations, TV wall mount
Unit #315 - Jeffery Beard - bags, boxes, clothing, totes
Unit #362 - Susan H Boardman - bags, box spring, mattress, boxes, kitchen cabinet, kitchen chairs, desk, fan, filing cabinet, standing mirror, shelving, coffee table, tool box, kitchen hutch, 2 corner hutches, coat rack corner hutches, coat rack

333 E. Lea Blvd.

Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 764-6300

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #317 - Robin P. Price - Sofa, love seat, big screen TV, cab-

Unit #379 - Corrine Ned - Bags, boxes, box spring, mattress office chair, totes, vacuum. np 1/5,12 2758119

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Christopher H. Longstaff, residing at 1 Coach Hill Dr., Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilm-ington 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.
Christopher H. Longstaft

12/26/17 2757925

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Asbury L. Wilkins, III, residing at 302 Radcliff Drive,
Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilm-ington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my per-son(s), or property, or both. Asbury L. Wilkins, III

12/28/17 np 1/5 2758510

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The offices for which an election will be held are the office of Council Member for Districts 3, 5 and 6. Council Members serve two-year terms.

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

All nominations for Council Member shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each nominating petition for Council Member shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in the district from which the candidate seeks election. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m., EDT, on Monday, February 5, 2018 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 10, 2018 election.

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

np 1/5.19.2/2

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