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Years after promised renovations, historic James Morrow House remains untouched



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JoAnn Dawson, 60, of North East, Md., stands in front of the James Morrow House on Ogletown Road, where her grandparents lived and operated a dairy farm for many years. In her hands is an old newspaper article about the property.

By KARIE SIMMONS

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JoAnn Dawson took one step toward her grandparents' old farmhouse on Ogletown Road, turned around and sighed.

"I can't even look at it, honestly," she said, her back to the property. "I want to cry every time I drive by here."

The vacant home with the boarded up windows and cracked facade just

east of city limits is known to many longtime Newarkers as the historic James Morrow House, but to Dawson it's just a happy memory turned eyesore. Her great-grandfather bought the farmhouse — built in the late 1860s — from Morrow in 1911, and her family operated a dairy farm on the surrounding land for more than 70 years before selling it in 1998 to Reybold Group.

In 2008, Reybold had the house moved roughly 450 feet to make

way for CarMax, but promised to renovate it into a restaurant or office building in the future. Those plans, however, never came to fruition. It's been almost 10 years and the house is still sitting vacant and seemingly untouched, like a piece of Newark history stuck frozen in time.

Jerome Heisler, Jr., executive manager of Reybold Group, said Tuesday

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Difficult decisions loom for Christina

District facing \$6M in state cuts

By JOSH SHANNON

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Once again, tough decisions loom for the Christina School District.

Just a year after finally finding its financial footing by passing a referendum, the district is facing a nearly \$6 million cut in state funding.

"We have a pretty good idea of what \$6 million looks like," new Superintendent Richard Gregg told the school board on Tuesday, his first day leading the district. "It isn't pretty. It's people, and it impacts kids."

Facing a \$394 million shortfall in the state's budget, Gov. John Carney is calling for an equal mix of revenue increases and budget cuts. His proposed budget raises \$64.6 million by

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Newark Food Truck Fest: Tonight, 5 to 8 p.m., at Market East Plaza, 276 E. Main St. Food trucks attending include Outlandish, I Don't Give A Fork, Mama Mia, Mojo Loco, Kapow, Sweet Josephine's and Cajun Sno, as well as the Passionista mobile clothing boutique. The Newark Arts Alliance will sell beer and wine. Free admission; attendees pay for food from the trucks.

Water walk: Saturday, 10 a.m., at the Newark Reservoir, 240 Old Paper Mill Road. Participants will walk around the reservoir carrying jugs of water in solidarity with the millions of people in other countries who have to walk to find clean water. The local charity Water is Life Kenya will use the proceeds to drill a well in Kuku, Kenya. \$25 for adults; \$10 for students. Register at waterislifekenya.com.

Earth Day hike: Saturday, 9 a.m., at the Judge Morris Estate, 76 Polly Drummond Road. New White Clay Creek Superintendent Vincent "Vinny" Porcellini will lead a 3.1-mile hike. Dress for the weather, bring plenty of water and plan about two hours of hiking. Hike meets at the Judge Morris Parking Lot. Call 302-368-6900 to register. Free admission, but state park entry fees are in effect.

Casting with cops: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Local residents are invited to spend an afternoon fishing with New Castle County Police officers. At-

tendees should bring a fishing rod and bait. Event also features police demonstrations, raffles and food. Free.

Concert: Saturday, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Newark, 292 W. Main St. The Chesapeake Brass Band will perform. Free; donations encouraged.

Concert: Sunday, 4 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road. Pianist Jim Hendricks, professor of music at Chicago State University, will perform. Free.

Candidate forum: Monday, 7 p.m., at Eden Support Services Center, 925 Bear-Corbitt Road. The Christina PTA Council will hold a forum for school board candidates.

District art show reception: Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m., at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, 50 Gender Road. Dozens of Christina School District students will have their art on display. Art show also open April 26-28 and May 1-2 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 3 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

String quartet: Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Mitchell Hall, 134 The Green. The University of Delaware's Serafin String Quartet will present the Mendelssohn Festival. \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and UD staff/alumni, \$5 for students.

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Cops to residents: Lock your car doors

By JOSH SHANNON

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In February, a Devon resident awoke to find her iPad missing from her car. In December, somebody swiped a .38-caliber revolver and a handful of silver dollars from a vehicle in Timber Creek. A month earlier, thieves nabbed wallets and expensive sunglasses from a car in Lumbrook, a camera from a vehicle in Southgate Apartments and a GPS unit from a car on Prospect Avenue.

These are just a few of the dozens of thefts from cars reported in Newark in the past year, and all have one thing in common: the victim left his or her car unlocked with valuables inside.

The solution to preventing such thefts is a simple one — simply hit the button on the car door that says "lock" and take your electronics and other valuables with you — but that's a message police officers are having trouble driving home to Newarkers.

"We've tried before to get the word out there through social media and news articles, but it seems to fall on deaf ears," said Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Now, police are trying a new method — an electronic sign flashing messages like "Lock your car" and "Don't be an easy target."

Officials are moving the hard-to-miss sign around the city, placing it at the entrance to a different neighborhood each week.

"People driving into their neighborhoods will see it right before they park their car," Nelson said, adding that NPD hopes to make it to nearly every community in Newark eventually. "We're trying to hit as wide of an area as we can."

Still, though, the message hasn't



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Newark Police are deploying an electronic message board in various neighborhoods, such as here in Silverbrook, to remind residents to lock their car doors.

reached everyone. Last week, as the sign was on Park Drive in Silverbrook, a resident of that very street had his wallet, credit cards and cash stolen out of his Jeep.

In 2016, police responded to 684 theft reports, an increase of more than 100 from the previous year. NPD doesn't track how many of those thefts were from unlocked cars, but Nelson said it's likely a sizeable percentage.

It's simply a crime of opportunity as thieves walk down streets and through parking lots trying door handles. Notably, Nelson pointed out, the city sees relatively few actual break-ins in which the criminal smashes a window or pries open a door to get into a car.

"Why would they bother breaking into cars if they don't have to?" he said. "It creates more noise and damage and is more likely to be noticed."

Officers have found that most victims simply forgot to lock their car doors.

"Most people think they locked it, but didn't," Nelson said. "There's no

signs of forced entry, and it becomes apparent to the officer that although the person said they locked the door, in reality, they didn't."

In 2016, Newark saw an increase in overall crime after several years of steady decreases. Police have responded with several initiatives, including undercover operations geared toward catching shoplifters, covert surveillance to combat bank and retail robberies and various community outreach projects. Officials see the "Lock your doors" sign as another way to help drive down crime numbers and nudge residents to take better precautions.

"Our goal is to end all thefts," Nelson said. "Some people blame the victim, but it's not the victim's fault somebody stole their property. Just because you forget to lock your door doesn't mean you deserve to be victimized."

So far, thefts are down nearly 20 percent compared to this time last year, but Nelson said there are likely several factors affecting that, not just the sign.

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March aims to raise awareness, tolerance of Sikhism

By JOSH SHANNON

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Dozens of people from all faiths joined together Saturday morning to show solidarity with the Sikh community and march for peace.

The demonstrators marched from South College Avenue down Main Street to the New Ark United Church of Christ, where participants gathered to hear speeches from faith leaders and others.

The peace walk was part of a month-long slate of activities planned for Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Delaware. Sikh leaders say they want to educate people about their faith in an attempt to promote tolerance.

Despite it being the fifth-most popular religion in the world, many Americans are not familiar with Sikhism, and because they wear turbans, Sikhs are often mistaken for Muslims. Following 9/11, that led to hate crimes against Sikhs, most notably in 2012, when a white supremacist killed six people in a Sikh temple in Wisconsin.

"The turban, some people take as a link to terrorism," said Charanjeet Singh Minhas, who helped organize the march. "We want people to know the turban is

for tolerance and stands for tranquility."

Followers of Sikhism keep their hair uncut and covered with a turban.

"It's a link to spirituality," Minhas explained. "It's a spiritual crown."

He said that even though most people associate turbans with Islam, 99 percent of people who wear turbans in the United States are Sikhs.

His daughter, Jasmine, who helped organize the march, said she hopes it educates people about the Sikh religion.

"People should know Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world," the 16-year-old Tower Hill School junior said. "The principals are hard work and selfless service. It's one of the only religions that in the beginning had gender equality. Women and men are equal because from women, kings are born."

Last month, Jasmine spoke before the Delaware Legislature and successfully encouraged the legislators to declare April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.

The local effort comes as Sikhs nationwide attempt to raise awareness of their religion. Earlier this month, the National Sikh Campaign launched a \$1.3 million ad campaign aimed at challeng-



Charanjeet Singh Minhas (left) helped organize the Sikh Peace Walk down Main Street on Saturday.

ing stereotypes and sending the message that, as one ad says, "Sikh values are American values."

Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first came to Delaware in the 1970s, and the state is now home to an estimated 2,000 Sikhs and two Sikh temples, called gurdwaras.

Neither Minhas nor his daughter have encountered discrimination here, they said.

"Delaware is lucky that our government has no tolerance for hatred," Jasmine said.

Minhas was delighted to see people of many faiths turn out to Saturday's march.

"I'm very happy," he said. "I never imagined the way they supported us and responded with love and encouragement."

The Rev. Cynthia Robinson, pastor of New Ark

United Church of Christ, pointed out that three religions came together in unity as they observed their holy weeks — Easter for Christians, Passover for Jews and Vaisakhi for Sikhs.

"I want you to look around you," she told those gathered at the conclusion of the march. "This is what democracy looks like, this is what the United States looks like and this is what the world looks like."

About Sikhism

Sikhism comes from Northern India and is the world's fifth-largest organized religion. There are more than 25 million Sikhs throughout the world and approximately half a million in the United States.

Sikhism was founded 500 years ago when a man named Nanak walked the South Asian subcontinent teaching that all paths lead to One God, all people are equal, and each of us can experience freedom through loving and serving others. The word "Sikh" means "Seeker of Truth."

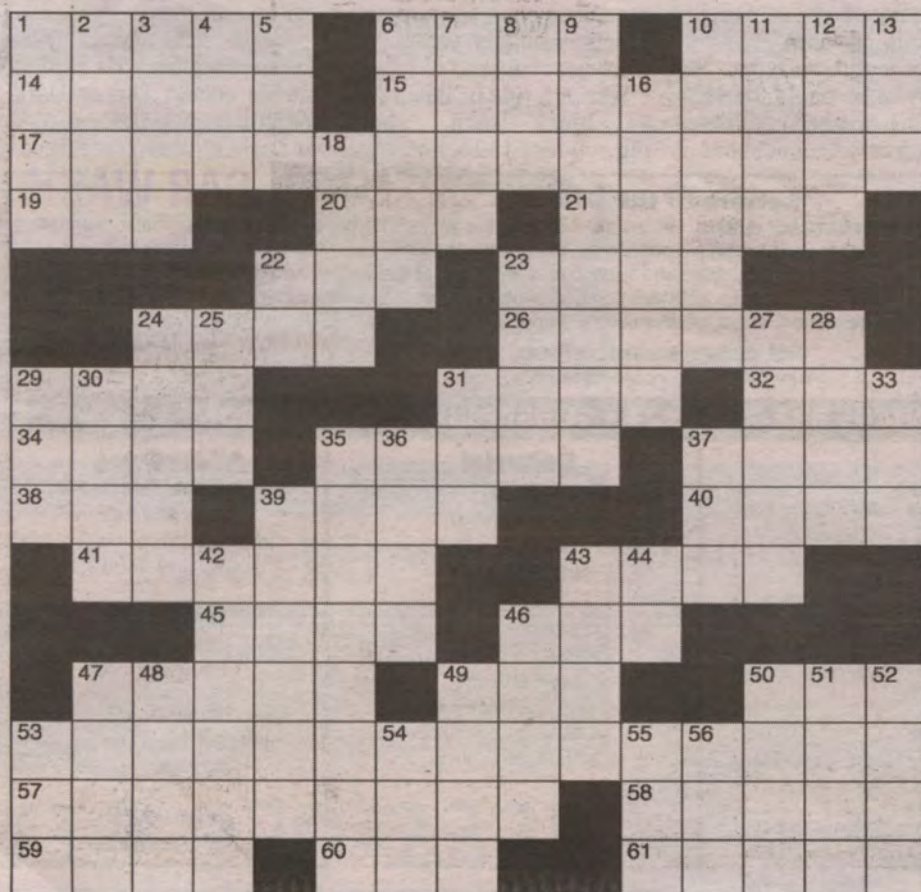
As a faith rooted in love, Sikhism stands for the equality of women and men and denounces any discrimination pertaining to gender, race, caste, creed, or color. There are three core tenets of the Sikh religion: meditation upon and devotion to the Creator, truthful living, and service to humanity.

Many Sikhs wear five articles of faith to express their commitment to these values, including long hair that men and some women wrap in a turban.

—Source: National Sikh Campaign

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8. Ultimate
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10. Quiet and dull
11. Cuckoos
12. Dishonest scheme
13. Adult female chicken
16. Breathe in
18. Pieces of land
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23. Type of footwear
24. Heavy clubs
25. Conductance unit
27. Approaches
28. Fungi cells
29. Devoured
30. Type of shark
31. Work steady at one's trade
33. Vegetable
35. Sound-mindedness
36. Matured
37. Chinese communist revolutionary
39. Large insect
42. Transportation tickets book
43. Female horse
44. Expresses surprise
46. Saudi Arabian king
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55. ___ Basinger, actress
56. Midway between north and northeast

Man charged with harassing UD students

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark-area man is facing charges after admitting to inappropriately touching and following several University of Delaware students last week, according to court records.

Carlos Maldonado, 26, was charged with two counts of third-degree unlawful sexual contact, three counts of harassment and one count of third-degree criminal trespassing.

The first incident came at approximately 2:30 a.m. April 12. An 18-year-old UD student

was walking on South Chapel Street when she noticed a vehicle driving slowly behind her on the road, said Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

As the car came closer, the driver, later identified as Maldonado, yelled vulgar comments about what he wanted to do to her sexually, court records allege.



MALDONADO

The student turned down Wyoming Road toward the Gilbert Hall dorm, at which point she noticed Maldonado had exited his vehicle and was following her on foot, police said. She was able to get inside her dorm safely and immediately called police.

Nelson said Maldonado struck again April 14.

He is charged with two inappropriate touching incidents, one that happened approximately 10 p.m. near the intersection of Haines Street and Lovett Avenue, and the other at 10:35 p.m. in the unit block of Prospect Avenue. In both

cases, Maldonado approached the victims – ages 19 and 20, respectively – and grabbed their buttocks as he walked by, according to police.

At 11:25 p.m., two other students, ages 20 and 21, were walking north on North Chapel Street near New Street when they noticed Maldonado behind them, Nelson said. He followed them on foot to Prospect Avenue until one of the students called police. Maldonado did not touch the victims in that case.

Detectives caught a break in the case when they found surveillance footage of a man

meeting the description given by the victims and tracked him to a gold Honda CRV with a distinctive after-market spare tire on the back, according to court records. They then used the city's automatic license plate recognition system – a camera on Main Street that logs the license plate number of cars passing by – to obtain the license number of the Honda.

Information about the vehicle led police to an apartment in the Liberty Square apartment complex off Red Mill Road. There, Maldonado's wife told police he had been driving the

Honda on the night of the inappropriate touching incidents. Detectives also seized the "distinct two-toned zip-up hoodie worn by the suspect" from the living room of the apartment, Detective William Anderson wrote in court filings.

Later, in an interview at NPD headquarters, Maldonado provided a full confession to his actions on the night of April 14 and admitted to following the student on April 12 while driving a different vehicle, Anderson added.

After being arraigned, Maldonado was released on \$5,100 unsecured bond.

Newark woman charged with multiple thefts from Acme

A Newark woman was taken into custody last week after Acme employees saw her stuffing items into her purse and called police, who later linked her to two other shoplifting incidents at the store, authorities said.

The defendant is 21-year-old Samantha Lennon.

Newark Police spokesman Lt. Fred Nelson said officers responded to the Acme in Suburban Plaza on April 14 for a report of shoplifting in progress and learned that a woman, later identified as Lennon, was actively concealing merchandise while in the store.

Nelson said Acme's loss prevention officer pointed out Lennon, and police found 15 assorted cleaning and hygiene products worth \$93.95 hidden in her purse. She was arrested

and later linked to two additional shoplifting incidents that occurred in August at the same Acme after the loss prevention officer said she matched the description.

"The officer reviewed surveillance images from the prior incidents and determined that Lennon appeared to be the suspect based on the surveillance footage," Nelson said.

Police determined that on Aug. 8, Lennon stole \$255.62 worth of merchandise and on Aug. 17 she took \$251.33 in merchandise, Nelson said.

Lennon was charged with all three shoplifting incidents and arraigned through JP Court 11, where she was issued \$1,500 unsecured bond and released.



LENNON

Wallet stolen from vehicle parked near theft-prevention sign

The Newark Police Department's new theft-prevention initiative wasn't enough to save a Silverbrook resident from having his wallet stolen from his vehicle – a vehicle that ironically was parked a block away from NPD's electronic sign warning residents not to leave valuables in their vehicles.

According to Newark Police Department spokesman Lt. Fred Nelson, the theft occurred sometime overnight between April 12 and April 13 in the unit block of Park Drive, located off South College Avenue.

The victim, a 26-year-old man, told police that someone entered his 2007 Jeep Wrangler and removed his wallet, cash and credit cards. He said his car was locked at the time of the theft and found a small scratch on the driver's

door window. The damage is valued at approximately \$150.

In an attempt to curb thefts from vehicles, NPD recently began deploying an electronic sign with messages reminding residents to remove valuables from their vehicles and to lock their doors. Nelson confirmed that, during the time of the theft, the sign was on Park Drive.

Nelson said police do not have any suspects and there is no surveillance footage of the incident at this time, but officers are still investigating.

Police: Newark man fled after high-speed chase ends in crash

Police in Maryland are looking for a Newark man who allegedly fled from the scene of a crash that ended a high-speed chase Sunday night in Maryland.

Police found more than 100 packets of heroin in the vehicle, which crashed in the newly constructed roundabout at

the intersection of Route 273 and Appleton Road, north of Elkton.

Rising Sun (Md.) Police Chief Francis "Chip" Peterson said Clayton Washington, 23, has been identified as the driver of the Honda Accord that his officers observed around 7:45 p.m. on East Main Street in Rising Sun.

"Officers observed the sale of narcotics," Peterson said, explaining how the incident began. "They initially pulled the vehicle over, but then he took off."

Peterson said officers "safely observed" the fleeing vehicle as it traveled in excess of 100 mph along Route 273 heading toward Delaware.

"The driver struck the roundabout and lost control of the vehicle," Peterson said, adding the damage disabled vehicle.

The driver fled on foot, stranding two passengers. Peterson said the passengers were not charged.

Washington is described as black man, standing 5-foot-11-inches tall

and weighing about 180 pounds.

Deep fryer stolen outside Chinese restaurant

Someone stole a deep fryer that was left outside a Chinese restaurant in the Park N Shop plaza over the weekend, police said.

According to Newark Police spokesman Lt. Fred Nelson, the theft occurred sometime between April 14 and April 16 at Kung Pao Palace, located in the plaza at 259 S. Main St.

An employee told police that someone took a Patriot brand deep fryer valued at \$600 and a set of hand weights worth \$20 that had been left outside of the rear of the restaurant.

The employee could not provide any suspect information, and Nelson said there is no surveillance footage available at this time; however, police are still investigating.

Anyone with any additional information about this incident should contact Officer David Whitt at 302-366-7100 ext. 3183 or David.Whitt@cj.state.de.us.

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Newark native returns home to open streetwear store

By KARIE SIMMONS

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With one swift rip, Josh Medina tore open the plastic bags he had slung over his shoulder and poured what seemed like a never-ending waterfall of sneakers onto the floor. As he matched each shoe to its mate, some looking as if they had never even been worn, he reminisced about the color, design and the day he bought them.

He's just cleaning out his closet, he said.

Call him a sneakerhead, but Medina, 25, of Newark, has been into hip-hop and graffiti culture his whole life, even drawing inspiration from rapper Pharrell, who often doubles as a fashion icon. He admits he has bought dozens of pairs of shoes over the years — probably hundreds — just to keep his style fresh, and now it looks like his investment might be finally paying off.

"My dad would always tell me, 'You're wasting your money,' and sometimes he was right, but I was too into the culture," he said.

Medina recently turned his passion into a business when he opened Fresh Milk — a consignment shop for high-end sneakers and streetwear — in Market East Plaza on Main Street. Customers can bring their shoes, T-shirts, hoodies, etc. in, and the store will sell it for them.

Items have to be in reasonable condition and the brand



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Josh Medina holds up sneakers inside his new store, Fresh Milk, in Market East Plaza.

has to fit in with the vibe of the store, explained manager Rob Adams, who also sells his Cream By Eighty clothing line at Fresh Milk. If the product is real and not a knockoff, he said he will work with the seller to come up with a price.

"We gotta find that middle ground where we can both make money," Adams said.

Shoes at Fresh Milk can range from \$10 to more than \$1,000, while T-shirts are between \$30 and \$100, and hoodies are \$60 to \$600.

Sellers sign up to a 60-day contract to keep their items on display and agree to give

the store 15 percent of the profit once they sell. As of now, Fresh Milk only uses Instagram — at the the handle @freshmilkde — to post its inventory, which is more of a calculated marketing decision, Medina said.

"It would be so easy for it to blow up, but I want it to grow organically," he said. "I want it to be word-of-mouth."

A successful videographer, Medina knows a thing or two about advertizing and marketing.

After graduating from Glasgow High School, he spent short stints at the Art Institute of Philadelphia,

Delaware Technical Community College and Drexel University, where he also worked as an IT analyst, before dropping out to shoot and edit music videos. He worked on a video for rapper French Montana and was a producer in New York at Highsnobiety, a publication centered around streetwear, sneakers and street culture. He also recently finished up an advertising campaign with Under Armour.

Medina came back to Newark to find an office where he could edit and produce his own videos. He moved into the space in Market

East Plaza and opened Fresh Milk, selling his own clothes and shoes as a way to pay the rent, but it didn't take long for word to spread and soon, people began asking Medina if he would sell their stuff, too.

"This literally just happened out of nowhere," he said.

If Medina hadn't opened Fresh Milk, Adams said their customers would have to drive up to Philadelphia to buy clothes and shoes like this.

"Delaware has been missing this for so long," he said. "There's so many kids in Delaware that love streetwear and this culture."

Adams explained that while anyone can buy or sell clothes at Fresh Milk, most of their customers are "everyday sneakerheads," which by definition means a person who collects limited, rare or exclusive kicks. Some collectors, Adams said, will spend thousands of dollars on a single pair of shoes for nostalgic reasons and never wear them, while others will buy shoes for a few hundred dollars and actually wear them for years.

The sneaker craze dates back to 1985, when the Nike Air Jordan I sneaker, originally made for basketball player Michael Jordan, was released to the public.

"Most people start with their first pair of Jordans," Adams said.

For Medina, his first set of really nice kicks came

in eighth grade, when he copped a pair of Nike What the Dunks, which he described as a "crazy-exclusive skateboard shoe."

Released back in 1985, the Nike Dunk was Nike's original team shoe. It was made in several colors to match the top schools across the country and also played a part in the design inspiration for the Air Jordan I. In 2002, Nike tried to gain a foothold in the skate shoe market by recasting the Dunk as a deck sneaker, calling it the Nike Dunk SB.

Medina said What the Dunk was one of the more anticipated Dunks that Nike SB released because it combined all the best Dunk SB's ever made mashed together into one sneaker.

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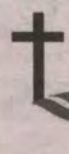
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increasing the income tax and eliminating itemized deductions, \$161.1 million by increasing the maximum tax that corporations pay and \$16 million by increasing the tax on tobacco.

Meanwhile, nearly every aspect of government would see cuts as Carney is calling for a 4.5-percent reduction in state agency discretionary spending, eliminating 200 vacant positions, and cutting millions of dollars from education.

However, Carney is also proposing that school districts be allowed to raise

property taxes – without a referendum – to make up a portion of the cuts. Currently, schools must go to referendum to seek approval from taxpayers before raising school taxes.

Under Carney's proposal, districts could impose a "match tax" to replace a portion of the state cuts. However, anything above

that would still require a referendum.

Christina could raise taxes to mitigate approximately \$4 million in state cuts, still leaving administrators to cut \$2 million from the budget, Christina Chief Financial Officer Bob Silber said. Doing so would increase school taxes by 7.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value, for a yearly increase of \$46.79 for the average homeowner.

But while raising taxes would lessen the blow of the state cuts, it would put the district in a tough spot. Increasing taxes likely would be unpopular and could damage the good will the district worked hard to build during last year's referendum campaign, when Christina leaders sold voters on a vision for a "new Christina."

The referendum, passed in March 2016, raised taxes by 30 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, for an average of \$192 more per year.

On Tuesday, Silber asked the board to start think-

ing about whether it would seek to raise taxes. The state legislature won't vote on the state budget until the end of June, but district administrators need to start planning for the impact of the looming cuts.

If the board raises taxes – limiting the funding loss to \$2 million – the district would see cuts to building budgets, technology, professional development, the high school credit recovery program and extra pay for extra responsibility – money teachers get for taking on extra duties like coaching sports. In addition, unfilled non-academic positions, like secretaries and custodians, would go unfilled, Silber said.

However, if the board chooses not to raise taxes, the cuts would go much deeper, and could involve eliminating academic positions.

"There is not a lot of room to squeeze anything out of this district," Silber said. "It's a fairly tightly run organization. Whatever we cut, wherever we cut,

people are going to feel the pain."

Board members expressed frustration that Carney is essentially shifting the burden – and the blame – for raising taxes from the state to the district.

"We're the ones who will get killed by the public," Shirley Sutton-Saffer said.

John Young concurred.

"It's not fair for the governor and legislature to slough off this responsibility onto us," Young said.

The board asked Silber to come back to a future meeting with a detailed list of the cuts required to accommodate a \$6 million funding loss.

Sutton-Saffer said the district needs to clearly explain the situation to residents and encourage them to lobby Carney and the legislature to find a way to avoid cuts to education.

"We've got to get out in front of it," she said. "If we don't, it's everyone in this district who will take the blame for it."

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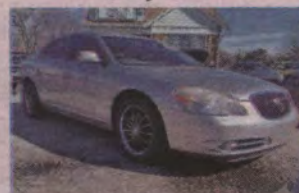
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Aetna firefighter Gene Paulus and New Castle County Police Department Sgt. Erich Selhorst compete in the Newark First Responders Wing Bowl.

Cops once again beat firefighters in wing bowl

By JOSH SHANNON
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In the second-annual Newark First Responders Wing Bowl, the Fraternal Order of Police repeated as champions, defeating the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company.

The competition, which raised money for charity, drew a few dozen people to Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen on Saturday afternoon. Grain donated \$1 for every wing customers bought during the three-hour event.

The firefighters jumped out to an early lead as Gene Paulus defeated New Castle County Police Department Sgt. Erich Selhorst, 14 wings to 10. But in the second round, Newark Police Department officer Corey Spencer gave the FOP a slight lead by defeating Aetna's Arlynn Hall, 15-10. In the final round, NPD's Cpl. Brandon Walker edged out firefighter John Weatherlow

15-14 to give the FOP an overall victory of 40-38.

"It feels good," said Walker, adding that the best part was raising money for Concerns of Police Survivors, an organization that helps the families of fallen officers.

This was Walker's second year participating in the wing bowl.

"I was trying to give tips to everybody else," he said, wing sauce still dripping from his face. "You look for the smaller ones and get those out of the way and then try to get everything down without losing it."

Aetna, meanwhile, chose to donate its share of the proceeds to National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in honor of member Jerry Fickes, who died battling a fire in Wilmington last fall.

The event raised approximately \$750, to be split between the charities selected by Aetna and the FOP. Grain also raised \$210 for Preston's Playground by selling T-shirts.

Push for county park on former orphanage site remains strong

By KARIE SIMMONS

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New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer says he is "committed" to finding the funding the county needs to buy the Felician Sisters' 181-acre parcel on East Chestnut Hill Road and turn it into a public park.

"Not only am I committed to it, I've already made numerous phone calls about it," Meyer said Tuesday during a Civic League for New Castle County meeting.

Several members of the group Save The Orphanage Property (STOP) – formerly Save Ogletown Pond – turned out to the meeting at the Christiana Presbyterian Church on North Old Baltimore Pike to protest the controversial housing development planned for the land at 487 E. Chestnut Hill Road, which is just east of Newark, and press Meyer for updates on the community's desire for a park there instead.

Angela Connolly, a Todd Estates resident and STOP co-founder, said that over the past two years she has spent fighting the project, she has often heard the words "last chance."

"For us, those two words mean the last chance for us in Ogletown to have a regional park that all of us can enjoy," she said, encouraging Meyer to hear them out. "If this gets away, it will not come back to us again. Once land is gone, it is gone forever."

An avid biker and hiker, Meyer sympathized with Connolly's concerns.

"I hear what you're saying and in my heart, I agree with what you're saying," he said, but added that it's not that simple.

Meyer said it comes down to a resource question: what money do we have in the budget and what is the will of the people and legislators? He said there are competing priorities

all across the county, which makes it hard for officials to agree to dedicate funding toward one specific project.

"I want more parkland where I live, and I hear that in the county almost everywhere I go," Meyer said.

The Felician Sisters of North America own the site, which is home to the shuttered Our Lady of Grace orphanage and an expansive open space that extends behind the Todd Estates neighborhood.

The Sisters have been attempting to develop the property into low-income housing for several years as part of their mission, but their progress depended upon the availability of federal tax credits. In 2015, they received credits from the Delaware State Housing Authority and released a plan for 60 low-income apartments. The housing was presented as part of a larger project by Joe Setting and Greg Lingo of Montchanin-based Setting Properties Inc., who are planning to build hundreds of townhouses, duplexes and single-family homes costing between \$200,000 and \$300,000 on the rest of the property.

Many nearby residents are outraged at the thought of more homes, increased traffic and the negative impact on the environment and have rallied against the project since it was first introduced, begging county officials and state legislators to buy the land and stop the development.

The county needs to cough up \$6 million to acquire it, but Meyer said it puts too much pressure on the county to foot the entire bill itself. The more private sources that contribute to the cause, the better, he said, adding that a few groups have already come forward.

In January, the state's Open Space Council dedicated \$250,000 to a potential purchase, and Meyer said he and

State Sen. Bryan Townsend recently connected with someone who identified \$1.5 to \$2 million in private sources, although he did not identify the organizations.

The expectation is that a down payment could be made for the property – derailing the developer's plan – and the state and county would then come up with the additional \$4 million to pay the Sisters back over time.

The Sisters have said they are open to selling the land to the state or county, but right now they don't have much of a choice if they want to fulfill their mission. The current zoning does not allow the apartments as a standalone project, only as part of a larger residential development, which is likely why the Sisters sought out Setting Properties. Selling to a developer would also help the Sisters fund future missions in the community.

The Sisters expect to finalize the approvals for the development plan in the next few months and, according to Townsend, the DSHA recently granted the Sisters an extension that gives them at least two more years to build the low-income apartments before they risk losing their tax credits.

The extension means more time for the Sisters, but not necessarily the residents and legislators who want to see the rest of the property become a park. Townsend said the county has to be willing to enter into negotiations with the Sisters in order to nail down a repayment plan, but the money in the county budget is too uncertain at the moment and the deadline for the June 30 budget is swiftly approaching.

It's difficult to set money aside for the park if there is no plan, and it's also difficult to come up with a plan if there is no money.

"It's a very classic chicken-and-the-egg situation," Townsend said.

Townsend said there are several "serious steps" the county needs to take over the next year in order to make this park a reality, starting with rezoning the property

so the Sisters can build the affordable housing without the rest of the project. The next step would be to allocate the money toward a repayment plan, but Townsend isn't sure county and state officials are even talking about that yet.

"There's no single hero. No

one is going to drop \$6 million out of the sky," Townsend said. "It has to be a team effort lead by the county. That's the only way this works."

"In theory, the funding could come together next year, but are the Sisters willing to wait that long?" he added.

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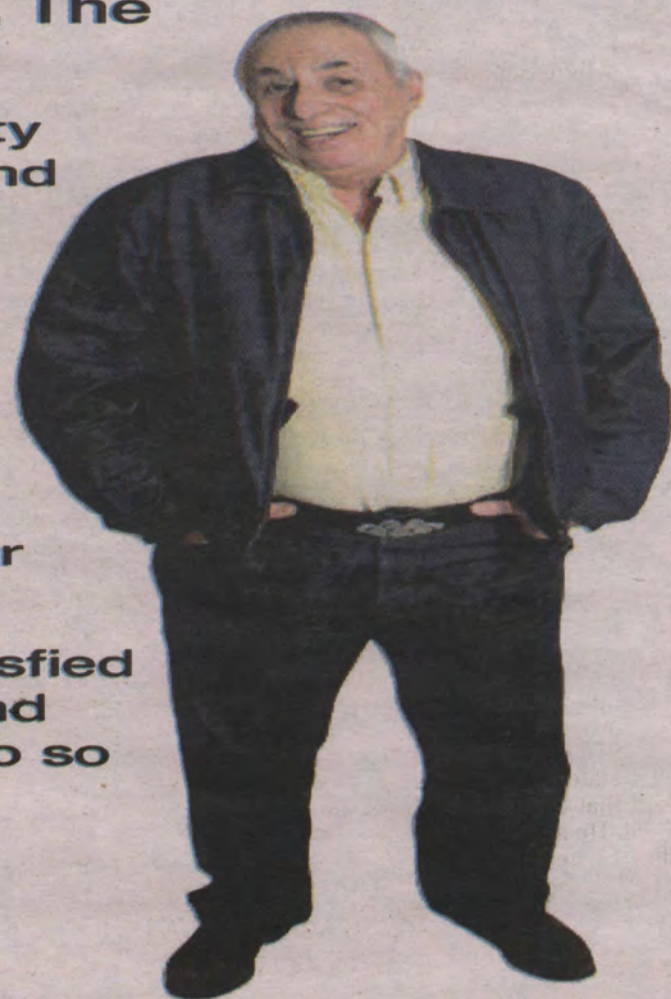
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Former Newark basketball star Wilbert 'TC' Ransburg a Hall of Famer

By JON BUZBY

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Wilbert "TC" Ransburg started playing basketball as a youngster at the Jackson Street Boys Club in Wilmington. He then played interscholastically at Wilmington High School and Newark High School before concluding his career as a collegian in Cochran, Georgia.

On Saturday, the 1979 Delaware Player of the Year will return to the city where it all started when he is inducted into the Delaware Legends Basketball Hall of Fame in a dinner ceremony held at Ed Oliver Golf Club Banquet Hall in Wilmington.

"I thought he was joking," Ransburg said with a laugh as he recalled the phone call from childhood friend Mark Sills earlier in the week when he learned of his induction. "It feels pretty good. It still doesn't seem like it's real yet. I just can't believe it right now."

Ransburg was a key member of Wilmington High's 1978 state championship team that compiled a 23-1 record. He averaged 12 points per game coming off the bench as the team's sixth man.

"I started point guard against Mount Pleasant in our first game of the season because the regular starter was sick," Ransburg recalled. "And we lost that game and everyone was pointing the finger at me. And then we didn't lose any more the rest of the year."

Following his junior year at Wilmington, desegregation forced Ransburg to attend Newark High.

"I didn't want to go," he admitted. "My other teammates were excited to go to other schools where they knew they could score

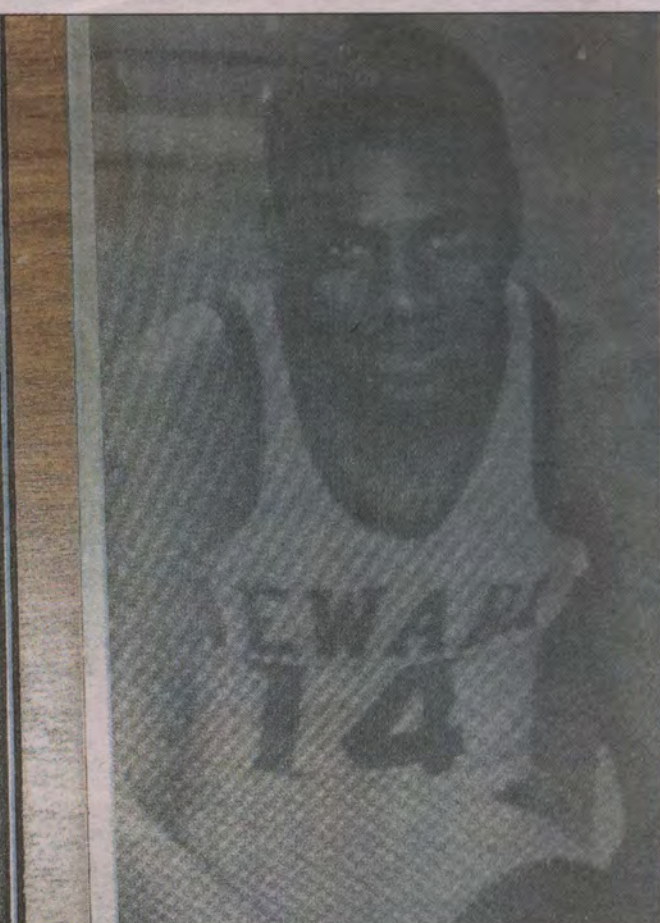
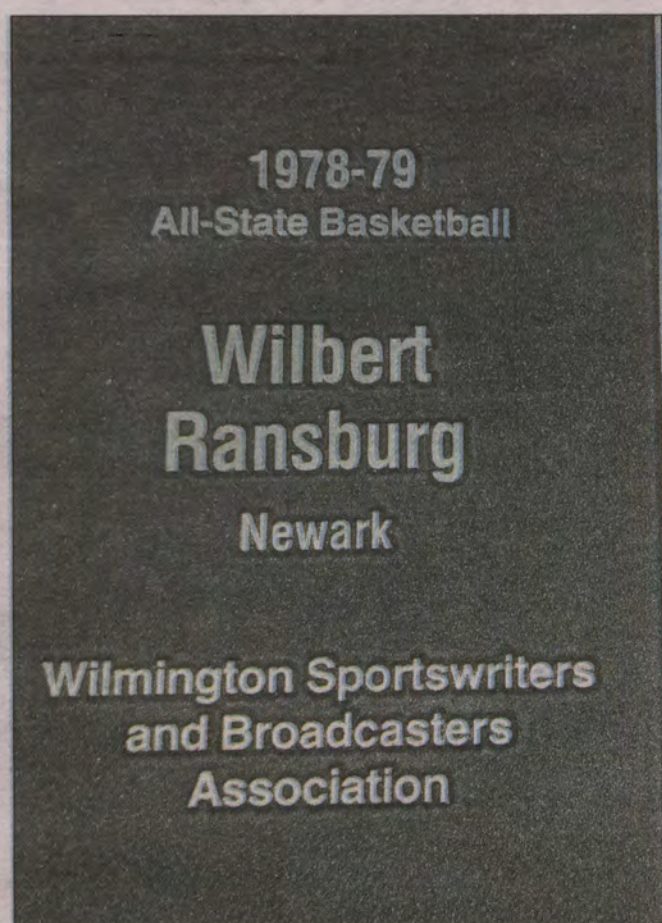
more points. But for me, it was never about points. I wanted to stay at Wilmington."

With the decision out of his hands, the point guard was bussed to Newark for his senior year and made an immediate impact on the program. Ransburg led the team and the conference in scoring with a 19.6 points per game average and led the Yellowjackets in steals and assists. His outstanding senior year resulted in him being named to the first-team All-State team and as Delaware's Player of the Year.

"I had seen him play, so when his name appeared on our rolls I was excited to know he would be coming to Newark," former Newark coach Jim Doody said. "He was a quiet leader who had the respect of all players in our program. I'm extremely happy for TC getting this most deserving recognition. Newark basketball's success started that season with TC's contribution."

Ransburg's high school career concluded with the opportunity to play in the Blue-Gold All-Star Game in Delaware, the Charm City Classic in Baltimore, and the Philadelphia vs. Delaware All-Star Game, where he scored 30 points and was named the game's most valuable player. It was a fitting finish to a stellar high school career, which included playing with perhaps the greatest Yellow-jacket basketball player in school history.

"We all loved TC's game," Terrence Stansbury, a first-round NBA selection, said in an email sent from Europe, where he is conducting basketball clinics and lectures. "He was a special player because his style of play was a true point guard's



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Former Newark High star TC Ransburg is being inducted into the Delaware Legends Hall of Fame.

basketball clinic. You learned how to play just by watching him. He made the game easy and simple because of his great fundamentals."

Ransburg was good enough to play in college and after graduation headed south to Middle Georgia College — now Middle Georgia State University — where he averaged 13 points per game and led the team in assists. His college career was cut short after two seasons.

"My mother got sick, so I had to come home and take care of her," Ransburg said. "I have some regrets that I didn't finish college, but family always comes first."

Ransburg is currently employed at Christiana Hospital and lives in Wilmington with his fiancée and his mother. It's the place he's always called home, and where he first learned to play the game that had a significant impact on his life.

"I believe basketball kept me off the streets and out of trouble," he said. "With a lot of kids now what they don't understand is if it wasn't for sports, they might be in trouble. Sports keep you off the streets, and that's what it did for me."

Other 2017 inductees include Jennifer Asbury, Bix Bush, Eric Edwards, Karen "KJ" Johnson, Kate Mills, John O'Connor, Joe Pennell, Carlene Albury and Dick Rago. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 and can be purchased by calling Ron Lewanski at 302-598-0375.

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Newarkers receive Jefferson Awards for community service

By JOSH SHANNON

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Mayor Polly Sierer honored dozens of Newarkers for their commitment to community service during a ceremony last week at Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen.

Sierer selected five dedicated volunteers – Gabby Alaimo, Jessica Bruen, Mark Deshon, Margie Masino and Marilyn Minster – to receive the Jefferson Award for community service.

Alaimo is a senior at the University of Delaware majoring in exercise science, a member of the Honors Program and a member of the varsity track and field team. She has been involved in numerous service projects, such as planning an on-campus Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Delaware, helping coordinate a bone marrow registry drive and participating in UD's celebration of National Women and Girls Sports Day.

"Gabby is inspired by all of the life lessons she has learned through sports and always looks to use her platform as a student athlete to help better the lives of those in the community," Sierer said during the April 12 ceremony.

Bruen, now a senior in high school, started volunteering when she was 3 years old and has logged hundreds of volunteer hours for city of Newark summer camps and other programs and last summer, served as art coordinator of Camp REAL, a free half-day camp held at Dickey Park. She also has volunteered for Angels Among Us Animal Sanctuary, Special Olympics of Delaware, Project Unify, Pennsville Visiting Nurses Association, Delaware State Parks and the Kenny Family Foundation.

"She devotes her heart and soul to assisting others, volunteering over 2,035 hours in her lifetime," Sierer said.

Deshon serves as chair of BikeNewark and also donated his graphic design and editing expertise to produce newsletters for the former Emmaus House and Pike Creek Valley Running Club. He is also an active volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Newark United Methodist Church.

"Mark has worked tirelessly to improve bicycle safety here



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Mayor Polly Sierer presented Jefferson Awards to several longtime volunteers last week. From left to right: Mark Deshon, Marilyn Minster, Sierer, Gabby Alaimo, Margie Masino and Jessica Bruen.

in Newark," Sierer said. "He donates his time and talents to Newark and Delaware organizations that seek to make the community a better place."

Masino has served as president of the Newark Historical Society since 2014 and, along with other volunteers, made strides toward improving and better marketing the Newark History Museum.

"Margie has worked tirelessly to preserve the history of the city of Newark through good stewardship by recognizing opportunities to engage the community in the past and by engaging art conservation students from the University of Delaware to work as curators of our history," Sierer said. "The Newark History Museum plays a large part in preserving the history of

Newark. Through understanding our history and the parts that many citizens have played, we gain a sense of community and pride in belonging to a place with such diverse and interesting stories to tell."

Minster is the owner of Minster's Jewelers and was a founding member of the Downtown Newark Partnership. She was also instrumental in pushing for the renovation of Newark Shopping Center and is a volunteer for and supporter of the Newark Historical Society. As one of Newark's most prominent business owners, she serves as a sounding board for other downtown businesses.

"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."

The ceremony also honored 13 groups and individuals as part of the Jefferson Awards LEAD360 Challenge, which is open to school kids and university students. Their projects engaged 3,375 volunteers, included 6,710 volunteer hours and impacted 35,150 lives.

A project by Sierra Ryan-Wallick took the top honor in Newark and will go on to be a state finalist. Ryan-Wallick's aspirations for environmental sustainability and recognition of excessive plastic bag consumption led her

to create the campaign Project Earth Love. She collects plastic bags, cuts them into strips and weaves the strips together to make bracelets, necklaces, belts and other accessories.

Other LEAD360 winners included Addierose Best, Aliza Eduljee, Braeden Mannering, Child HELP Youth Board, Days of Summer Camp, Ethan Downs, Healthy Kids Running Series, Lily Fish, MOT Charter School, the Newark High School Basketball and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Seth Bale and UD Parking Services.

"It is so inspiring to see the youth in our community so passionate about service to others," Sierer said. "Any idea, small or large, can make such a difference in the lives of others."

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that the company hasn't done anything with the house since it was moved in 2008 due to other obligations, but officials are still interested in renovating it.

"We're looking at two different opportunities to redevelop it," he said, but declined to disclose what those opportunities are. "We're going to keep it there, but not sure what the use will be."

Heisler said Reybold will likely make a decision in the next few months.

Those promises are a little too late for Dawson, 60, who now lives in North East, Md., and owns a horse stable called Fairwinds Farms. She said she placed her grandparents' house on the National Register of Historic Places back in 1983, hoping it would be saved from demolition and restored one day as an upscale restaurant, but now doubts that will ever happen.

"It's pretty much hopeless now. I wouldn't even care if they tore it down," Dawson said last week, her eyes scanning the property. "My aunts and grandmother had so much pride in this house and always kept it looking nice. I'm glad my grandmother isn't alive to see it now."

A century of farming

According to the National Register of Historic Places, James Morrow immigrated to the United States from Ireland when he was 16 years old and became a successful merchant. He owned a store on Market Street in Wilmington and bought four parcels of land near Newark between 1866 and 1875. He built the stuccoed, one-and-a-half story, gambrel-roofed house on the north side of Ogletown Road in the late 1860s, shortly after purchasing the land.

The property remained in the Morrow family until 1911, when it was sold to Dawson's great-grandfather, John F. Richards, who farmed the land and owned a dairy store in Newark. Richards eventually passed the farm down to his daughter Anna and her husband Frank Stafford, Dawson's grandparents. They continued the dairy business and kept the cattle in a large barn across the street, where the FMC factory now sits.

Dawson and her two older brothers grew up in a house next door and

spent much of their childhood helping their family run the farm, especially after her grandfather died in 1971.

She said she can still remember the inside of her grandparents' farmhouse. There were four bedrooms, a large kitchen, dining room, living room, parlor, a shed off to the side where her grandmother sold eggs and a garden where she grew produce. In the basement, Dawson said, there was a root cellar with a dirt floor and a room where they cleaned the chickens and removed their feathers before taking them to market to sell.

"I learned to do that when I was 8 years old," she said.

When Dawson looks at the house today, she remembers the rumbling sound of the CSX train going by and riding her pony named Lady through the fields, but most of all, she remembers her kind and hard-working grandparents, who seemed to never miss an opportunity to teach her something.

"It was a happy house," Dawson recalled. "You had to work hard and at the end of the day you were tired, but you felt like you got something done."

One-of-a-kind design

The James Morrow House was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 for its "unusual architectural design, it being the only raised-basement gambrel-roofed structure in White Clay Creek Hundred."

At the time, it also was important as one of the few surviving farms situated on the outskirts of Newark.

The house rests on a raised basement, which is a unique feature in New Castle County, according to the nomination form. The facade is symmetrically arranged with a transom-topped set of paneled doors at its center and two stuccoed interior-end chimneys with corbeled caps rise from each end wall.

At one point, a flat-roofed porch with a semi-circular stairway on each side sheltered the entrance, but the stairs are no longer intact today. There was also a one-story, shed-roofed frame wing abutting the east end wall, but that is also no longer standing.

Several 20th-century outbuildings were also situated on the property over the years, including a corn crib, barn and an assortment of poultry houses.

The barn, built in 1935 and known then as the largest in the county, stood

for 65 years as a Newark landmark before it was torn down in August 2001. Many years prior to its demolition, the barn was moved from its original home where the FMC factory sits to the north side of Ogletown Road because Frank Stafford was tired of traveling across the road to the barn from the farmhouse where he lived.

The barn was literally slid to its new home on railroad ties and hog lard.

House not far from home

Although relatively untouched for the past decade, the James Morrow House is not in the same location today as when it was built in the 1860s - it's 450 feet to the west.

In August 2008, Reybold hired Wolfe House & Building Movers of Bernville, Pa., to move the stone structure, weighing just under 500 tons, to a new foundation so the company could sell the land to CarMax.

Michael Brovont, an estimator at Wolfe House & Building Movers, recalled the move as if it happened yesterday. He said the house was hoisted on steel I-beams and rolled hydraulically on 96 truck-type tires while a crew of six people guided it along a pathway of steel platforms.

"That kind of spreads the weight out to make sure no one dolly or set of wheels sinks down into a soft spot," Brovont said last week, adding that the house's most unique feature - the raised basement - actually made the process easier.

"That only means we have less digging we have to do to get under the first floor," he said.

It took close to four weeks of preparation and roughly an hour to actually move the structure. Brovont said the crew had to work slowly and carefully due to the type of material.

"Stone covered in stucco is the most fragile type of structure to move," he said. "The mortar around the stones was very crumbly."

While the experience can be nerve-racking for onlookers, Brovont said Wolfe House & Building Movers has been transporting historical houses and structures for nearly 50 years and the process is tried and true.

"We've never lost a house and, occasionally, you'll get some hairline cracks in the drywall or the plaster and that's usually the only damage you'll see, but most old



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A 1952 photo shows the James Morrow House on Ogletown Road.

homes already have those cracks to begin with," Brovont said.

Dawson recalled watching the move alongside her brother, Robert Stafford Jr., and other friends and family members who stopped by to see the unusual event. It's not every day you see your childhood home moved down the street, she said.

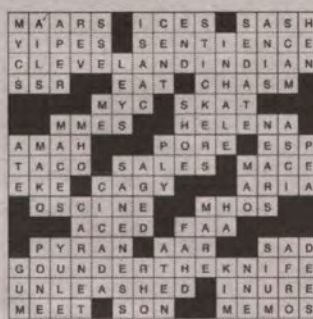
"It was kind of a strange sensation," Dawson said.

The James Morrow House played a big role in Dawson's family - her cousin had wedding pictures taken on the front lawn, she brought her two young children there around Christmas in 1992, and she wrote a book called "Bed, Breakfast & Beyond," in which she explains how growing up on the farm prepared her for running her bed and breakfast at Fairwinds Farm.

Dawson also wrote several children's books called "The Lucky Foot Stable Series" that mirror her memories on the farm and many of the characters are based on her own family.

"I'll never forget this place," she said. "It had every impact on my life."

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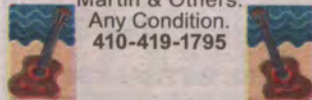
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FAMATTA KIAWU
Petitioner
Dated: 3/31/2017
203430

np 4/7,14,21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Bryan Thomas Light, residing at 10 Darby Rd., Newark DE 19711 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
Bryan T. Light
4/14/17
2706245

np 4/21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Eric Kelly Jackson, residing at 906 Westerly Court, Newark DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
Eric Kelly Jackson
4/17/17
2706620

np 4/21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Noell Wickersham, residing at 10 Charcoal Court, Newark, DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
Noell Wickersham
4/12/17
2705507

np 4/21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, David Bruce Wickersham, residing at 10 Charcoal Court, Newark, DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
David Bruce Wickersham
4/12/17
2705510

np 4/21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Carolina Clavijo, residing at 7 Brookfield Dr., Newark DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
Carolina Clavijo
4/14/17
2706104

np 4/21

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Timothy M. McKenna, residing at 301 Gregory Drive, Bear, DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.
Timothy M. McKenna
4/18/17
2706862

np 4/21

Public Notice

On March 3, 2017, the State Board of Nursing issued a civil penalty of \$1000 and indefinitely suspended the license of Otuniya A. Ndego, PA license no. RN581724, of Newark, Delaware, based on findings of disciplinary action by the proper licensing authority of another state, failing to report same to the Board and failing to disclose it on her renewal application.
np 4/21 2706941

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
VANESSA LYNN TECKER
Petitioner(s)

TO
VANESSA LYNN SMOKE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VANESSA LYNN TECKER 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 VANESSA LYNN SMOKE.

VANESSA LYNN TECKER
Petitioner
Dated: 3/31/2017
203336

np 4/7,14,21

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
WILLIAM MATTHEW CHAMBERS
Petitioner(s)

TO
BLAKE RYAN CHAMBERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WILLIAM MATTHEW CHAMBERS 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 BLAKE RYAN CHAMBERS.

WILLIAM MATTHEW CHAMBERS
Petitioner
Dated: 3/30/2017
203216

np 4/7,14,21

Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to the Delaware Self-Storage Facility Act, a public auction will take place on: 5/23/2017 at below listed PS Orange Co. facilities, for the following units, the contents of which shall be sold to satisfy the owner's lien.

201 Bellevue Rd. Newark, DE (302) 737-3253

TIME 10:00 am

A002 - Barton, Laquaria	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
A056 - Miller, Timothy	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
A063 - SMITH, DELORES V.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B037 - Cooling, Amanda	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B054 - Knox, Kenneth	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C057 - Peart, Erik	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
E054 - Brown, Ra-Nalda	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
E112 - Lingafelt, Jeanette	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
F018 - Novak, Renee	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
F056 - Dorsey, Natashaia	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools

3800 Kirkwood Hwy. Wilmington, DE (302) 737-3253

TIME 10:00am

1015 - Parag, Kathleen	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
1076 - Brewster, Tammie M.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
1119 - Rhoades, Rhoman	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
1130 - Reynolds, Casey M.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
2029 - Jensen, Samantha G.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
2034 - Culley, Heather	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
2059 - Hunter, Diane	Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers
2073 - Poteat, Larry	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
4058 - Buck, Donald	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
5055 - Spencer, Dayna	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
5078 - Tiller, Jovanna	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
5080 - SMITH, FREDERICK	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
5084 - Wharton Jr, Ralph C.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools

425 New Churchmans Rd. New Castle, DE 19720 (302) 328-9101

TIME 10:00am

B001 - Cross, Steven	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B018 - Thornton, Sheena	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B045 - Pratt, Rodney	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C031 - Solomon, Tyler	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C036 - Leech, Kyle	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C049 - TARVER, CHARLES W.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C061 - Foley, Jennie	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C154 - Wynn, Titania	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C155 - Thompson, Marques	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
D058 - Woods, Keith	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
E007 - Wallace, Angela	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
F070 - Gibbs, Ernest	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
F141 - Blankenship, Jason A.	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools

3801 Dupont Parkway New Castle, DE 19720 (302) 654-9892

TIME 10:00am

A144 - Brown, Lisa	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
A212 - Holden, Alisha D	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
A231 - Ringold, Regina	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B321 - Roberts, Rayannie	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B324 - Mcneil, Kamea	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B336 - Gooch, La Kia	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B348 - Carter, Marchelle	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
B441 - Lawson, Kiatanna	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C604 - Tull, Tina	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C607 - Mcghee, Brian	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
C626 - Logan, Clifford	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
D736 - Wilson, Michael	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
D804 - Dieng, Aissata	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
D828 - Hudson, Alisha	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
E1028 - Davis, Brian	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
E915 - Pollitt, Aadvon	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
F1092 - Wilson, Carol	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools
H1179 - Tucker, Linda	Bedding / Clothing; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture; Tools

All sales are subject to cancellation. Public auction terms, rules, and regulations will be made prior to the final sale.
np 4/21,28 2706494

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
RITU GOYAL
Petitioner(s)
TO
RITU TRIPATHI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RITU GOYAL 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 RITU TRIPATHI.

RITU GOYAL
Petitioner
Dated: 4/4/2017
203827

np 4/7,14,21

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ANDRIA ITALIA COOK
Petitioner(s)
TO
ANDRIA ITALIA MATUSIK COOK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDRIA ITALIA COOK 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 ANDRIA ITALIA MATUSIK COOK.

ANDRIA ITALIA COOK
Petitioner
Dated: 4/14/2017
206096

np 4/21,28,5/5

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BEAU BLAZE HALL
Petitioner(s)
TO
BEAU NICHOLAS REED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHARINA P. MILLER and CLIFFORD N. REED intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change their minor child's name to BEAU NICHOLAS REED.

KATHARINA P. MILLER
CLIFFORD N. REED
Petitioners
Dated: 4/3/2017
203769

np 4/7,14,21

Shree Mataji, LLC has on April 3, 2017 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner to expand the licensed package store by 1000 sq. ft. for a premise located at 246 East Delaware Avenue, Newark, DE 19711. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents of property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before May 3, 2017. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office.

np 4/7,14,21

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6 NORTH PARK DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DE 19805
MAY 5, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

2007 SUZUKI GSX	VIN #JS1GN7DA072102290
2008 VOLVO S40	VIN #YV1MS 3902822373759
2010 CHEVY IMPALA	VIN #2G1WB5EK1A1216322
2012 VW CC	VIN #WVWMP7AN2CE501740
2006 BMW 750	VIN #WBAHN83566DT26748
2012 CHEVY IMPALA	VIN #2G1WF5E38C1164154
2001 TOYOTA SEQUOIA	VIN #5TDBT48A51S052615
2008 PONTIAC G6	VIN #1G2ZG57B58423307
2005 MAZDA 6	VIN #1YVHP80C255M63107
1996 MERCURY SL500	VIN #WDBFA67F8TF129219
2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	VIN #KMHDC8AE3AU067876
2008 SUZUKI MC	VIN #JS1GX72A782105766
2005 BMW X3	VIN #WBPXA93415WD10327
2014 JEEP CHEROKEE	VIN #1C4PJMBS2EW201758
2008 DODGE CARAVAN	VIN #2D8HN44H08R752392

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GARAGE KEEPER SALE
6 NORTH PARK DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DE 19805
MAY 12, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

2005 ACURA RL	VIN #JH4KB16545C016850
2010 DODGE AVenger	VIN #1B3CC4FB0AN178839
1997 HONDA CIVIC	VIN #1HGEJ8241VL076707
2003 BMW 325	VIN #WBAEU33403PH87067
2003 TOYOTA CAMRY	VIN #JTDDBF30K530146540
2005 TOYOTA TACOMA	VIN #5TENX22N05Z143009
2009 SUBARU LEGACY	VIN #4S3BL626397233086

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**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

April 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM – CC

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*1. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None2. **ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Public (3 minutes per speaker)
- B. Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers
- C. University
 - (1) Administration (5 minutes per speaker)
 - (2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)
- D. Lobbyist
- E. City Manager
- F. Council Members

3. **ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:** None*4. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

- A. Appointment of Michael Chajes to the Board of Building, Fire, Property Maintenance and Sidewalk Appeals for a Term to Expire August 31, 2018

*5. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:
 - 1. Charles Emerson Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Update – Parks & Recreation Director

*6. **RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:**

- A. Recommendation on Contract No. 17-07 – Grass Cutting for 2017-2020
- B. Recommendation to Waive the Bid Process in Accordance with the Code of the City of Newark on Utilizing State of Delaware Awarded Contracts for the Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicle #936
- C. Recommendation to Waive Bid for Multi-Year Purchase of Sanitary Sewer Root Foaming Services Based on a Contract Awarded by New Castle County
- D. Recommendation on RFP No. 16-06 – Engineering and Project Management Services for the Rodney Park and Stormwater Management Project
- E. Recommendation to Award RFP No. 16-06 – Municipal Engineering Services and Project Management for City of Newark Projects
- F. Recommendation to Waive the Bid Process in Accordance with the Code of the City of Newark for the Purchase of License Plate Recognition System

*7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (Ending January 31, 2017)*8. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. **Bill 17-14** – An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to BL (Business Limited) 0.837 Acres Located at 139 East Chestnut Hill Road (Annexation Agreement Attached)
- B. **Bill 17-15** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Creating Regulations for Wireless Facilities in the Right of Way and Updating Regulations for Wireless Facilities Outside the Right of Way to Conform to Federal Regulations
- C. **Bill 17-16** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Housing and Property Maintenance, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Updating Code Sections to Allow Private Certified Rental Property Maintenance Inspectors, to Allow Financial Credits if Such Inspectors are Used and to Clarify Certain Aspects of the City of Newark's Annual Rental Inspection Program
- D. **Bill 17-17** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Updating Language Regarding the Planning Commission
- E. **Bill 17-18** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Changing the Composition of the Downtown Newark Partnership Board

*9. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:** None*10. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. **Council Members:**
 - 1. **Resolution 17-__:** Resolution to Express Support for Delaware's Efforts to Secure a More Equitable Funding Distribution Via the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission For the PJM Artificial Island Project – Councilman Markham
- B. **Others:** None

11. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Council Workshop Minutes – March 20, 2017
- B. Approval of Council Minutes – March 27, 2017
- C. Approval of Council Minutes – April 3, 2017
- D. Receipt of Alderman's Report – March 24, 2017
- E. Receipt of Alderman's Report – April 11, 2017
- F. Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes – February 7, 2017
- G. Receipt of Quarterly Tax Assessment Rolls – First Quarter 2017
- H. **First Reading – Bill 17-19** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Finance, Revenue and Taxation, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Sunset the Board of Business License Review – **Second Reading – May 8, 2017**
- I. **First Reading – Bill 17-20** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Housing and Property Maintenance, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Eliminating the Promoting Owner Occupancy of Homes Program – **Second Reading – May 8, 2017**
- J. **First Reading – Bill 17-21** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Building; Chapter 13, Finance, Revenue and Taxation; Chapter 16, Garbage, Refuse and Weeds; Chapter 17, Housing and Property Maintenance; Chapter 25, Sewers; Chapter 26, Streets; Chapter 27, Subdivisions; Chapter 30, Water and Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Permitting Liens on Properties for Unpaid Fines, Penalties and Costs as Permitted By Delaware State Code – **Second Reading – May 22, 2017**
- K. **First Reading – Bill 17-22** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Building, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Amending City Sign Fees – **Second Reading – May 22, 2017**
- L. **First Reading – Bill 17-23** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Finance, Revenue and Taxation, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Amending the City Business License Fee Structure and Removing Certain References to the City Treasurer – **Second Reading – May 22, 2017**

*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Posted – April 17, 2017

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Discount \$386



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