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With normal graduations not possible due to the pandemic, local high schools held drive-thru ceremonies last Friday. **(Top)** Newark High graduate Mariel Hazelwood receives her diploma from Principal Aaron Selekman while wearing a face mask representing West Virginia University, where she plans to study musical theater. **(Right)** A Christina High graduate prepares to receive her diploma. **(Bottom)** A Glasgow High graduate celebrates as he awaits his turn to cross the stage. Turn to page 8 for an article and more photos.



Voters approve Christina tax hike

Referendum passes by large margin; budget cuts will be restored

By JOSH SHANNON

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Teachers and students in the Christina School District can breathe a sigh of relief, as voters approved the district's operating and capital referenda Tuesday night.

Residents overwhelmingly supported a tax hike, with nearly 70 percent of people voting yes for all four questions.

"I think it proves that the community believes that Christina School District is a district that they can trust," district spokeswoman Alva Mobley said shortly after the results were announced. "Somewhere in there, I believe there's trust again where there wasn't before. The tide is turning, and people believe that they can trust us to be good stewards of their money and they can trust us to provide a quality education."

The operating referendum will raise taxes for the average resident by \$282 over three years and generate an additional \$24 million per year. The money will relieve the district's budget deficit, allowing the district to meet rising costs, upgrade technology, recruit and retain staff and purchase a new English-Language Arts curriculum.

It also means that the district

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Hundreds march against racism, police brutality

By JOSH SHANNON

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Hundreds of protesters marched down Main Street on Saturday afternoon, calling for an end to police brutality and systemic racism.

The peaceful protest was one of hundreds of demonstrations that have been held around the country after the killing of George Floyd in Minnesota last month. Floyd died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck while arresting him.

In Newark, the protesters gathered at the Newark Free Library and marched down Main Street as police blocked traffic. Chanting phrases like "Black Lives Matter," "Hands up, don't shoot," and "Say his name," they walked the roughly mile and a half to the Newark Police station on South Main Street, where they gathered in the parking lot for a brief rally.

There, the crowd knelt in memory of Floyd and other victims of police brutality and later paused for 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence, representing the amount of time officer Derek Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck.

A few of the protesters addressed the crowd via a megaphone before the march continued down Delaware Avenue and back to the library.

"We're fighting for justice. We're fighting for equality," said one woman, who didn't give her name. "We're fighting for rights that some of you guys here were born with, like everyone should be born with. But for some reason we don't have them."



A police officer watches as protesters gather outside the Newark Police station on Saturday afternoon, calling for an end to police brutality and systemic racism.



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A woman uses one of the new parking kiosks in Municipal Lot #1.

Newark reinstates downtown parking fees

Certain meters remain free for up to 15 minutes

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After a nearly three-month reprieve, visitors to downtown Newark will once again have to pay to park in city-run parking lots.

However, on-street parking on Main Street between North Chapel Street and the University of Delaware Green will be free for up to 15 minutes to allow customers to pickup take-out orders at local restaurants. Those spaces are limited to 15 minutes only; motorists who need to park for a longer period of time must pay to park in a lot or at meters elsewhere in the city.

In March, city council suspended parking fees as a way to support businesses during the coronavirus shutdown and also as a way to save money on parking enforcement during a time when most people were staying home. On Monday, with many businesses starting to reopen, city council voted to reinstate the parking fees.

Visitors returning to the paid lots will no-

tice some changes. City officials used the shutdown to finish converting the lots and Main Street meters to a new parking kiosk system. Individual parking meters were removed, as were the parking attendant booths in the lots.

A total of 23 parking lot attendants and parking lot managers were laid off.

The kiosk system, which was first installed in the lot behind the Main Street Galleria last year, requires motorists to pay for parking by entering their license plate into the kiosk or using the Passport smartphone app.

Under the old system in the lots, drivers parked for as long as they wished and paid as they left. Now, they have to pay in advance for the time they think they will use, and those who return to their car late will be fined, just like at an on-street parking meter. No refunds will be offered for drivers who leave early.

Parking enforcement officers enforce the parking by driving around streets and lots in vehicles equipped with automatic license plate readers. When the license plate reader finds a car that has exceeded its time, the system alerts a second officer to respond on foot to issue a ticket.

City hall reopens for limited in-person services

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After being closed to the public for nearly three months, Newark's city hall reopened for limited in-person services last week.

Most employees are still working from home, but a limited number of customer service representatives are on duty to serve customers, city spokeswoman Jayme Gravell said. Residents can now come in to pay bills, apply for permits and sign up for parks and recreation programs.

"Customers entering the building will be required to check-in with their desired department and will be assisted on a first come, first-served basis," Gravell said. "The city hall atrium will have socially distant seating available and directional signage to ensure all patrons are entering and exiting in the same direction."

An armed bailiff, who normally guards Alderman's Court, will be stationed in the lobby to direct customers and monitor occupancy.

Inside, officials have installed dividers and tape on the floor to enforce social distancing. The customer service windows have been modified so they can remain closed while payments and forms are passed through a slot.

Per the governor's emer-



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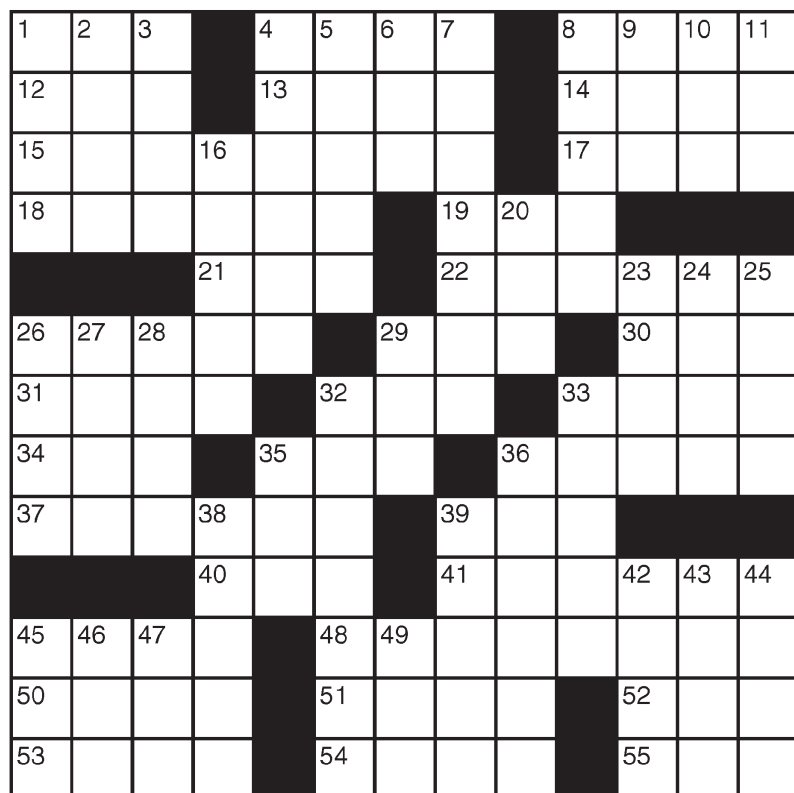


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gency order, customers are required to wear face masks unless they have a medical condition that prohibits them from doing so. Any one who is sick should stay home and complete business online, Gravell said.

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Without public input, Christina hires new superintendent

By JOSH SHANNON

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Allowing no opportunity for public input, the Christina School Board last week hired a new superintendent to lead the district.

After just eight minutes of discussion June 4, the board unanimously voted to approve a contract for Dr. Dan Shelton, a former Christina teacher and principal who currently serves as superintendent of the Capital School District in Dover.



SHELTON

Shelton – who will replace Richard Gregg, who announced in December he would step down June 30 – grew up in Newark and is well-acquainted with Christina. He taught at Drew-Pyle and Bayard and later served as an administrator at Galaher, Maclary, Christina Early Education Center, Smith and Kirk. His children attend Maclary.

He has worked for Capital School District since 2015.

“I am so excited to be coming home to the Christina School District,” Shelton said in a pre-written press release sent to media outlets just minutes after the vote. “There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to retain, rebuild and restore Christina School District. I look forward to reconnecting with colleagues I have worked with before and building a leadership team that will help guide our students and staff in making Christina a destination district.”

Dr. Meredith Griffin, chair of the Christina board, said Shelton’s familiarity with the district and passion for Christina make him the ideal person to lead the district.

“His enthusiasm and emphasis on student success, building strong community relationships and responsible financial management, fit perfectly with what we

hope to accomplish for the future of our district,” Griffin said.

Discussion occurred behind closed doors

Gregg announced his pending departure in December, but the board did not formally begin the search for his replacement until April.

The board hired the Delaware Academy for School Leadership (DASL), part of the University of Delaware’s College of Human Development and Education, to manage the superintendent search. At a cost of \$14,000, DASL helped advertise the position, handled communication with applicants, screened the candidates, arranged interviews and completed a background check on Shelton.

Griffin said the board received eight applicants and chose to interview five of them, using a numerical scoring system to rank the candidates.

However, because nearly all of the discussion regarding the superintendent candidates occurred in executive session – a private meeting open only to board members – the public has few details regarding how board members reached their decision.

In an interview after the meeting, Griffin acknowledged that Shelton had been offered the job, engaged in contract negotiations and accepted the offer prior to Thursday’s vote to approve his contract – the only public action the board has taken regarding Shelton.

Under Delaware’s open-meeting law, government bodies are permitted to discuss the qualifications of superintendent candidates in executive session but are not allowed to take votes behind closed doors. Furthermore, previous rulings by the attorney general have held that governments cannot conduct “straw polling” or otherwise reach “consensus votes” in executive session and

later seek to ratify them through a public vote.

Griffin insisted that no vote took place in executive session.

“I can say to you that there was no vote,” Griffin said. “And I can say this because it is the truth. There was no vote; there was no wink or nod.”

It remains unclear how the board could decide to offer the job to Shelton without taking a vote or otherwise reaching consensus in executive session.

“I understand that there is a perception that this or other boards are trying to do something behind the scenes, and I can assure you that we’re doing nothing except seeking to choose a superintendent that can lead the district forward,” Griffin said.

Process less transparent than previous searches

The process used to hire Shelton was far less transparent than the method used when Gregg was hired in 2017.

That year, a task force made up of teachers, district staff members, community members and a student reviewed eight semifinalists and narrowed the list down to five candidates. The board, using recommendations from the task force and various subject matter experts, chose three to interview.

The board publicly announced the names and biographies of the three finalists. A few weeks later, the finalists each visited two schools and participated in a public meeting, in which they discussed their plans for the district and took questions from the audience.

The board later conducted private interviews with the finalists before taking three separate public votes. In January 2017, it voted to begin contract negotiations with Gregg, in February it approved an initial offer and in March it ratified his final contract.

This year, however, the public’s only chance to weigh in came

long before applicants had even submitted their resumes, when the district held three meetings to garner feedback on what qualities are desired in a new superintendent and what questions the board should ask applicants.

Shelton’s name was not made public prior to Thursday’s meeting, and the agenda referred only to “board action on superintendent search.” During the meeting, Shelton was announced as the candidate after the public comment period of the meeting was over.

Board member Fred Polaski said the board initially planned to have another round of interviews, but decided that the choice was obvious.

“It’s clear to us which of those candidates that we interviewed was clearly outstanding above the rest and [we] decided just to move on it,” Polaski said. “We know some people are going to say, ‘Well, did you rush it?’ I don’t think we rushed it. We went through the process and discussed the candidates and rated how they did in the first interviews, and Dr. Shelton did better in the interviews than anybody else clearly. It wasn’t close.”

He added that disclosing the names of finalists can be harmful to those not selected by alerting their employers they were seeking another job. He also noted that the last two times the public weighed in on superintendent finalists, the board ended up hiring a candidate other than the one the public preferred.

“You heard the vote – 7-0. It was clear when we discussed the candidates that it was strong support for Dr. Shelton. Did we want to go through another step in the process that wasn’t going to change our opinions on things?” Polaski said. “We interviewed everybody. It would be nice if you could take three months and go through that and do all kinds of interviews. One way or another, somebody’s not going to be happy with us.”

Griffin added that Shelton was “far and away” the best candidate.

“We knew that there would be some criticism for doing it this way, but again, we believed that the candidate that we chose was without a doubt for us the candidate who can do what we desire, and I believe the community desires as well,” he said. “We would have been naive not to think that because this was a different way than Christina has done it in the past, that there would not be some criticism of the way we’ve done it. But we also at some point understood that we are elected to make a choice of whomever the candidates may be and who the next superintendent would be.”

Board withholds salary information

Shelton’s contract was not made public, and both Griffin and Polaski declined to release Shelton’s salary. They said anyone who wants to know would have to file a formal Freedom of Information Act request, which the Newark Post did last week.

However, the district previously said it does not intend to respond to FOIA requests until 15 days after Gov. John Carney lifts his coronavirus state of emergency. A provision of the governor’s order allows governments to delay responding to FOIA requests, though it does not require them to do so. The Newark Post is still waiting for responses to two unrelated FOIA requests submitted to Christina on April 15.

According to public records, Shelton earns \$181,937 per year as superintendent of Capital School District.

Gregg started out making \$180,000 per year and currently earns \$188,181. His contract included yearly increases of 2.25 percent and a monthly \$400 vehicle allowance. The terms of his contract were made public the day it was voted on in 2017.

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UD group invents 3D-printed face mask

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A team at the University of Delaware has invented a new kind of face mask it says can provide better protection from COVID-19 than surgical masks or masks sewn from cloth.

The 3D-printed HensNest Face Mask features a reusable wireframe design that conforms tightly to the face and is used with replaceable filter materials, such as shop towels, tea towels and tote bags. Depending on the type of filter that is used, the HensNest provides

four to 20 times the protection of surgical masks or sewn face masks, UD officials said. The masks are intended for use by medically at-risk individuals, their caretakers, or individuals who are at high exposure risk to coronavirus such as grocery store workers and delivery persons.

The mask was invented by UD's engineering department and is now being manufactured by two companies, NegriBossi in New Castle and Stratasys Corp in Minneapolis. The companies plan to pro-

duce a total of 30,000 face mask frames at no cost.

Donate Delaware, a local nonprofit organization, is packing the masks, and they are being distributed by a variety of local groups, including The Newark Partnership, Little Goat Coffee Roasting Co. and The Journey Church.

Last week, TNP dropped off 200 masks to the city of Newark and the Newark Police Department.

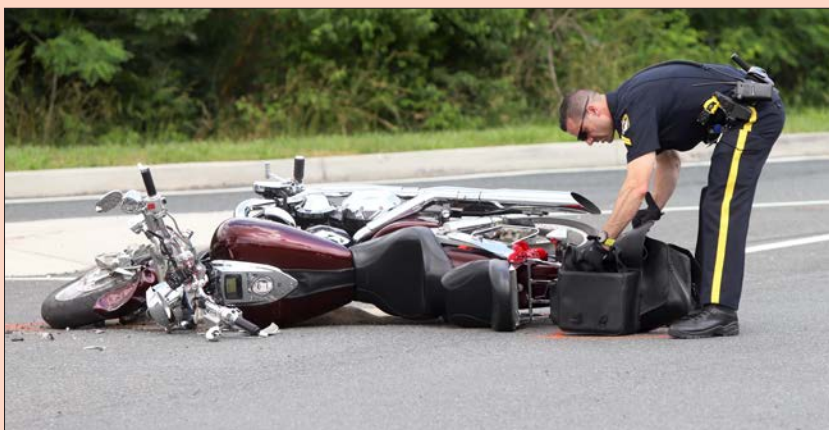
UD also released the design files for the mask, so people with a 3D printer can make their own.



University of Delaware senior Emily Suwala (right) and representatives of The Newark Partnership donate face masks to the Newark Police Department last week.

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Motorcyclist injured in crash



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A Newark Police officer investigates a motorcycle crash on Christina Parkway on Wednesday afternoon. Police said the motorcycle was heading west on Christina Parkway when it collided with an eastbound tractor-trailer turning into Bloom Energy. A helicopter flew the motorcyclist to Christiana Hospital. Further details were not available as of press time.

UD hydrogen bus catches fire, damages building

By JOSH SHANNON

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One of the University of Delaware's hydrogen buses caught fire last week, damaging three other buses and the building they are stored in.

The fire broke out around 7:15 p.m. June 4 in a building located far back on the STAR Campus, according to Deputy Chief Jeff Sands, of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company. The building was once part of Chrysler's paint shop and is now used by UD to store the

hydrogen buses.

Firefighters arrived to find smoke pouring from the building.

"There was a pretty good fire in there. With access issues, it took a while to get in," Sands said.

He explained that firefighters had to cut through a fence and force entry into the building because UD officials couldn't immediately locate keys to the building.

Once inside, firefighters found one bus on fire. Three other buses and the building

itself sustained smoke and heat damage, Sands said.

No one was inside when the fire began, and no one was injured.

The fire marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

UD unveiled its first hydrogen fuel cell bus in 2007 and later added several more to its fleet of campus shuttle buses. The buses create electricity by combining hydrogen and oxygen, and their only emission is water, rather than the greenhouse gases emitted by typical diesel buses.

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Annual Newark Garden Tour set for Saturday

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The Newark Arts Alliance will hold its annual Newark Garden Tour on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Several local gardeners will welcome participants into their yards to tour their garden and ask questions.

This year's self-guided tour, which will be held rain or shine, includes six private residences, five in the Newark area and one in Cecil County, Md.

"Gardeners have made creative outdoor spaces using native plants, natural elements, garden structures and arranged plantings," NAA Executive Director Terry Foreman said. "As a result, you'll learn ways to bring creativity to your own landscape. Live music and original art will be featured in some of the gardens."

Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$18 for NAA members. They can be purchased online at www.newarkartsalliance.org/event/newark-garden-tour or purchased on the day of the event at NAA's headquarters, 276 E. Main St., Suite 102.

Guests are asked to wear face masks and maintain six feet of distance between other guests during the tour.

By tradition, the locations are kept secret until the day of the

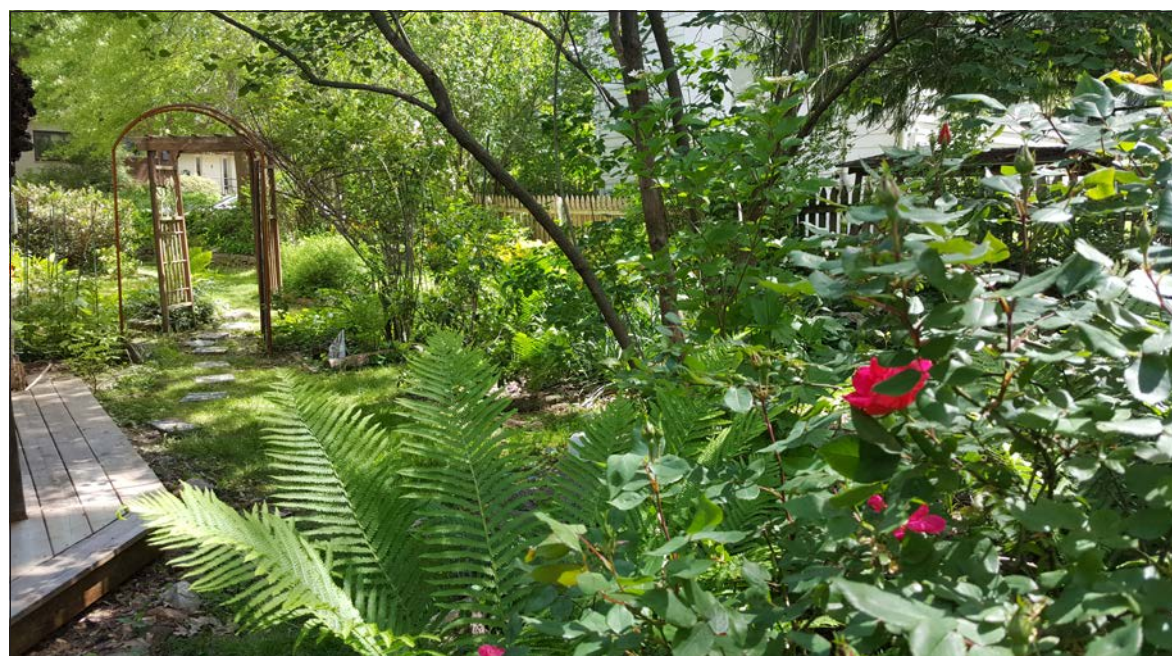
tour, when a garden brochure with a map will be emailed to guests or can be picked up in person at NAA.

However, NAA released the following descriptions of the gardens attendees will see.

1. The Grimaldi House sign greets you. Paths lead you past boxes filled with geraniums and veronica, under an ivy arch surrounded by rose and hydrangea bushes to a pond. Frogs will scurry, but coy and goldfish will bubble to the surface convinced that you are here to feed them. Follow The Creeping Jenny slate path takes you to the "Secret Garden" Sit and breath in the scent of Roses, Cat Nip and Day Lilies. Let all of Natures Bounty put her arms around you and give you peace

2. Woodland garden featuring a range of native American azaleas and other native perennials. Whimsical features from the artist in residence. There is no such thing as garden waste here. Everything is composted or re-used in a fun way to create natural habitats.

3. This garden, naturalistic in design, features a mixture of herbaceous perennials, deciduous flowering shrubs and trees, and conifers, with emphasis on native plants but not exclusively. The mostly curvilinear planting areas are connected by grass pathways leading to the back section of the property where it finishes in a



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This is one of the gardens that Newark Garden Tour attendees will visit.

modest section of woodland garden. A pleasure garden, there are various garden "rooms" for repose with an emphasis on solitude but always featuring plants as the focal point, lending a sense of the mystery of what might be around the next turn.

4. This garden reflects the gardener's joy. Each plant is a personal choice reflecting love of color and form. Follow a lush lawn pathway winding past the vibrant color

of iris, peonies, lilies, ferns, coral bells, astilbe, day lilies, camellia bushes, azaleas, columbines and hydrangeas.

5. A Backyard Habitat since 2006, this former 1/4 acre of lawn features over 90 species of native trees, shrubs, ferns, grasses, vines, and perennials. The Button Bush, Bee Balm and Elderberry are pollinator hotspots in the spring and summer. The Milkweed, Violets and Oak tree are essential host

plants to the larva of butterflies and moths. Dogwood, Viburnum and Coneflower provide nutritious seeds and berries. Asters, Goldenrod and native grasses light up the fall scene with color and pollinator buzz.

6. Shade, roots and water inspired this unique design. Tall trees, rhododendrons, wildflowers and an extensive collection of ferns form an oasis attractive to songbirds and people.



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Brookside teachers say goodbye to students with parade

By JOSH SHANNON

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When Brookside Elementary School teachers said goodbye to their students March 13, they had no idea that was the last day they would see them in person.

That evening, however, the governor ordered schools to close as a precaution against the coronavirus, and that closure was later extended through the end of the school year. Though teachers have been conducting classes online, it's not quite the same, teacher Paula Hutton said.

"I won't get to see my kids after this," said Hutton, whose fifth-

graders are all leaving Brookside to head to middle school in the fall. "It feels very undone."

On Monday, approximately 35 Brookside teachers and staff members paraded through the neighborhoods surrounding the school as a way to say farewell to their students. With their cars decorated with signs and balloons, the teachers honked their horns and waved as students and families stood outside in their yards. A fire engine from Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company led the parade.

"We wanted to see our kids one last time and have a feeling of closure," Hutton said.



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The show must go on: Newark High orchestra holds virtual concert



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The Newark High School orchestra is pictured during a concert held prior to the pandemic.

POST STAFF REPORT

Spring is a busy time of year for high school bands and orchestras – an opportunity for students to showcase their skills and work accomplished throughout the year.

When the Newark High School orchestra's concerts originally scheduled for April and May were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the students got to work organizing a virtual concert instead.

"We hope that by sharing our performance, the community will recognize the students' hard work

and dedication that contributed to the project, but most of all, we hope they will share in and support our joy of making music with each other," Orchestra Director Rosaria Macera said.

While practicing their social distancing as well as their instruments, students worked to refine their individual parts, record their passages to a set tempo, then mix their recordings in small and large groups through software and apps like Audacity and Acapella.

The resulting concert is viewable here: [http://christinak12.school-](http://christinak12.school-ogy.com/public-portfolio/499342959f6560f9627be6e6338ef87e)

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What students enjoyed most about the project was collaborating with friends, staying motivated to practice and being able to see the results of their efforts, Macera said. Trying to keep the rhythms accurate and tempos synchronized, however, while performing in isolation, was an obstacle to overcome. Still, the students learned the value of communication in creating a collective work of art, and the contribution of the individual to the success of the group.

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Christiana High graduate Azere Neal celebrates after receiving his diploma.



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Newark High graduate Nevaeh Jones prepares to receive her diploma.

Christina schools hold drive-thru graduation ceremonies

By JOSH SHANNON

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With music blaring, a DJ hyped up the graduates lining up to get their diploma in the parking lot of Glasgow High School. On stage, administrators danced, and many of the students followed suit as they crossed the stage. From their cars, parents and family members cheered, waved streamers and leaned out the window to take photos.

The party-like atmosphere was a far cry from the usual graduation ceremony at the Bob Carpenter Center, and for students like Joshua Gatrell, that was just fine.

"This is actually better than the Bob. Who else is going to have this?" Gatrell said, referring to the Class of 2020's unique place in history as the first group of students – and hopefully the last – to graduate during a global pandemic.

Gatrell, who has a job lined up at Amazon and aspirations of joining the National Guard, came with a large cheering section. Twelve family members packed into a pickup truck, many standing in the bed of the truck to yell and cheer as he collected his diploma.

"We're so proud," mom Julia said. "He pulled it off."

Glasgow and the two other Chris-



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Christiana High graduate Jacob Barber, who is heading to the National Guard, poses with his military recruiters.

tina School District high schools each held drive-thru graduation ceremonies last Friday. The schools planned the events as it became clear that holding a large, group ceremony would not be possible due to the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Each one was designed differently – Newark's and Christiana's were more muted than Glasgow's – but they all followed the same

concept. Over the span of several hours, each graduate was assigned a time to arrive to collect his or her diploma. As each family pulled into the school's parking lot, the graduate got out and walked across the stage as family members were able to take photos.

In the lead up to the graduations, Christina took heat from some parents who called for the district to



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Delaware School for the Deaf graduate Emily Caseiro poses for a photo.

postpone graduation or hold a more traditional ceremony outdoors in the football stadium. However, Newark High Principal Aaron Selekmán said the drive-thru ceremony was a success.

"It's been phenomenal," Selekmán said. "I think they feel like they got their different, special day."

Wearing a mask and gloves, Selekmán spent seven hours on stage

with no break, handing each graduate a diploma and taking a few moments to have a conversation with each of the students as they crossed the stage.

"We've paced it out so each family has as much time as they want," he said.

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Glasgow High graduate Joshua Gatrell had a large contingent of family members cheering him on as he received his diploma.



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Christiana High graduate Camille McCrae prepares to receive her diploma.



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Delaware School for the Deaf graduate Jaeden Murray poses for a photo.



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Delaware School for the Deaf graduates Jaeden Murray, Megan Hopkins and Earl Hopkins IV participate in an outdoor graduation ceremony.

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For most students, Friday marked the first time they had seen their teachers and principal since school closed in mid-March.

"It's a shame we couldn't be with all our friends and have an official ceremony, but it still feels like we made it," Newark High graduate Mariel Hazelwood said.

Still, Hazelwood — who crossed the stage wearing a face mask adorned with the logo of West Virginia University, where she plans to study musical theater — said she appreciated the school's effort to make graduation special.

"They did the best they could with what they were given," she said.

Earlier in the week, each school held a virtual graduation ceremony that included a slideshow featuring the senior portraits of each graduate along with many of the traditional trappings of a graduation, such as valedictorian speeches and a message from the principal. The videos were filmed in advance and streamed online.

"This pandemic has taken enough away from us already. Do not let it take away our pride, excitement and achievement, as well," Christiana valedictorian Kate Dawson said. "Tonight is still our night to shine."

Newark's virtual ceremony included videos of the graduates' elementary school principals saying congratulations. Christiana's featured a compilation video of the school choir performing the alma mater remotely. Glasgow's featured a personal video message from former vice president Joe Biden, who paid tribute to Darren Bradley, a Glasgow senior who died in a fire just a week before graduation.

"Glasgow High School is a family as well. You all grew up together, strived and succeeded together. I know right now the pain is immense, but his memory will always have a place in your hearts," Biden said. "As you go out into the world and begin the next phase of your lives, take that memory, take everything you've learned, and use it to find your purpose, because you're going to need to find that purpose, because we need you. I can't wait to see what you'll accomplish."

Delaware School for the Deaf's ceremony, meanwhile, most resembled a traditional graduation. With only six students in the graduating class, the school conducted a brief ceremony in front of the building as family members watched from lawn chairs on June 4.

"I was nervous at first, then got excited," graduate Nishma Reyes said of anticipating graduation. "I'm proud of myself for graduating."

Valedictorian Megan Hopkins, who has attended DSD since preschool, concurred.

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"It feels nice all my hard work paid off, and I'm proud I proved everyone wrong that I am able to do this," said Hopkins, who is heading to Gallaudet University to study to be a school counselor.

Jaeden Murray had a big cheering section of family members on hand to watch him graduate.

"It would have been four times bigger, if not for corona," his mom, Evelyn, said.

Murray, who lost his hearing due to a brain tumor at age 5, plans to return to DSD to work as a paraprofessional next year while pursuing his teaching degree. He hopes to ultimately work at DSD as a teacher.

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He is survived by his wife, Denise (Wieand); son, Jared; daughter, Caitlin; sister, Mary Eva Ross;

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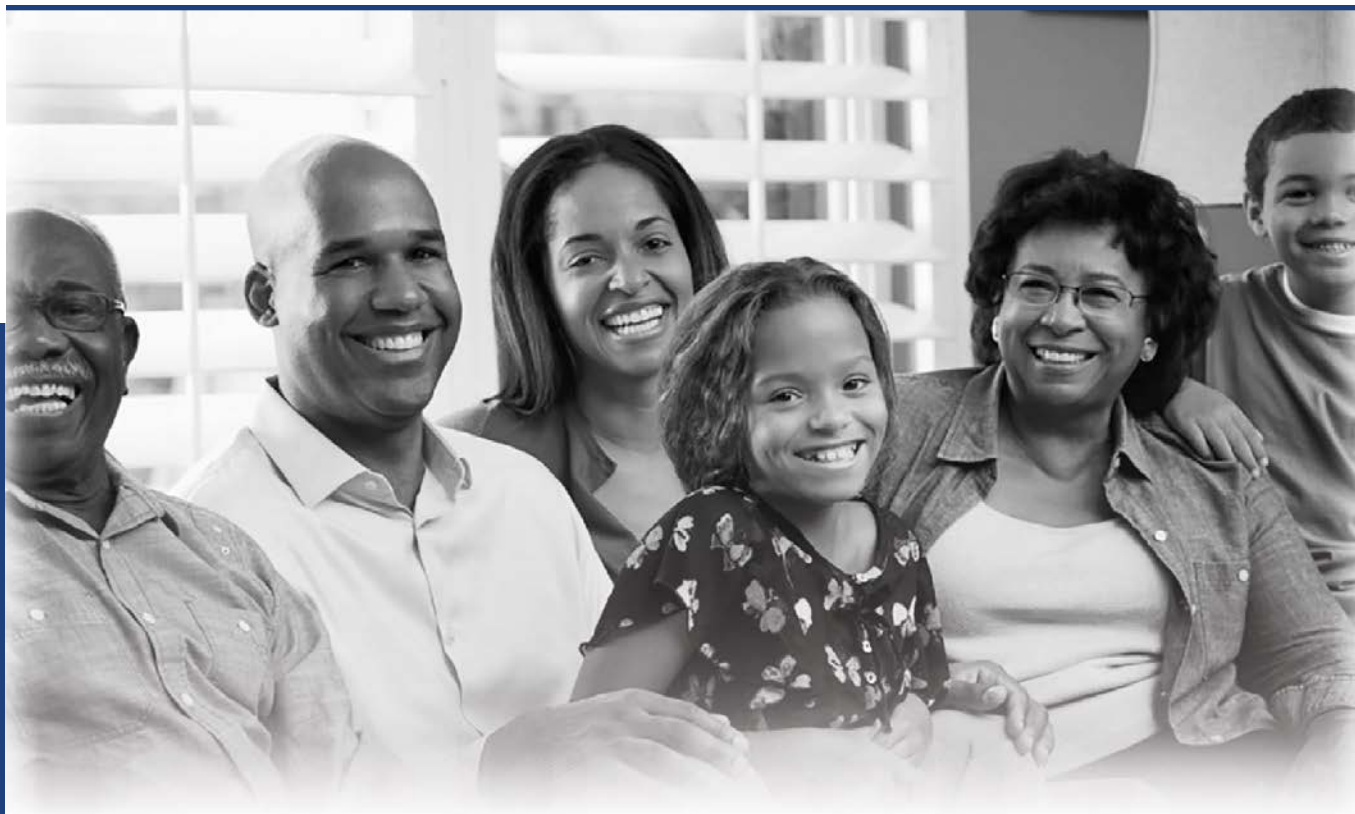


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8am - 2pm
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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 15, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. – GoToMeeting

Per the proclamation issued by Governor Carney and Lieutenant Governor Hall-Long on March 13, 2020, City Council will be meeting remotely via GoToMeeting. The meeting will be available for viewing via GoToMeeting at the following link:
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There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** None

*2. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. General Assembly Update and Associated Requests for Council Direction – Lobbyist (30 minutes)
- B. Appointment of Deputy City Solicitor – City Solicitor (15 minutes)
- C. Seiberlich Trane HVAC/Energy Efficiency Upgrades Report (RFP 19-01 (CIPs N1901 & N1603)) – Assistant to the Manager/Seiberlich Trane (60 minutes)

*3. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Council Members: None
- B. Others: None

***OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Agenda Posted – June 8, 2020

2908786 NP

6/12/2020

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ERIK ALEXANDER GRAVES
Petitioner(s)
TO
RONA LILIAN GRAVES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERIK ALEXANDER GRAVES 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 RONA LILIAN GRAVES.

ERIK ALEXANDER GRAVES
Petitioner
Dated: 5/11/2020

2905610 NP

5/29,6/5,6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Nicholas Adam Brams, residing at 10 Renai 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.

Nicholas Adam Brams
6/4/20

2908354 NP

6/12/2020

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

June 22, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council to be held virtually via the GoToMeeting platform, on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

Bill 20-20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Building; Chapter 21, Peddlers, Vendors and Solicitors; and Chapter 23, Parades and Public Assemblies; Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Repealing the Provisions of Ordinance No. 20-09

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the City is conducting its public meetings online via the GoToMeeting Platform. Information regarding accessing GoToMeeting for the June 22, 2020 Council meeting will be posted as part of the agenda seven days in advance of the meeting at <https://newarkde.gov/meetings>.

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary

2908793 NP

6/12/2020

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
EVELYN DIANNE SMITH-MARION
Petitioner(s)
TO

EVELYN DIANNE MARION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EVELYN DIANNE SMITH-MARION 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 EVELYN DIANNE MARION.

EVELYN DIANNE SMITH-MARION
Petitioner
Dated: 5/27/2020

2907884 NP

6/5,6/12,6/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Shawn Justin Barton, residing at 147 Cypress Drive Newark, DE 19713 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.

Shawn Justin Barton
6/2/20

2908353 NP

6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Steven Coleman, residing at 31 Phoenix Avenue, 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.

Steven Coleman
6/4/20

2908356 NP

6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Chantel Bratcher-Coleman, residing at 31 Phoenix Ave, 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.

Chantel Bratcher-Coleman
6/4/20

2908358 NP

6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Jeffrey Scott Reardon, residing at 135 Woodlawn Avenue, 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.

Jeffrey Scott Reardon
June 8, 2020

2908731 NP

6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Tyron Camper, residing at 11 New Side 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 person(s), or property, or both.

Tyron Camper
6/4/20

2908363 NP

6/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, M. Michelle Milligan, residing at 22 Merriman Rd., Newark, DE 19713 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.

M. Michelle Milligan
June 4, 2020

2908465 NP

6/12/2020

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