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The show must go on

Newark arts groups turn to virtual shows during the pandemic

By JOSH SHANNON

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For the 37th year, the Delaware Dance Company will mark the Christmas season by performing the popular holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker," but, like so many things in 2020, it will look a bit different this year.

Instead of performing four shows in Mitchell Hall for a combined 1,800 people, the Newark-based dance company will turn to the wonders of technology to broadcast the annual performance online.

Artistic Director Sunshine Latshaw said DDC briefly considered canceling the performance but ultimately decided the show must go on.

"We really wanted to give these kids the chance," Latshaw said. "We have a lot of graduating seniors, and this is the one event that they really look forward to."

The cast was reduced from more than 100 performers to approximately 60 – including kids as young as 9, teens and a few adults – and all wore masks that matched their costume. Rehearsal times were staggered to allow for social distancing, though they did have to shut down for two weeks after a few dancers tested positive for COVID-19.

Finding a venue that was open was difficult as well, but DDC eventually got permission to film the show last weekend at Glasgow High School. The video will premiere on DDC's website at 7 p.m. Christmas night.

"We have amazing volunteers," Latshaw said. "Volunteers made the set and helped me with design and decorating and everything. It was pretty incredible."

DDC is just one of several local arts groups that have turned to virtual performances to continue entertaining Newarkers during the pandemic. All the shows are available for free, though the organizations are counting on donations to make up for some of the lost ticket sales.

Chapel Street Players have done four virtual shows this fall. Some were taped and posted online, while others were broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook.

Over the weekend, the organization performed a live

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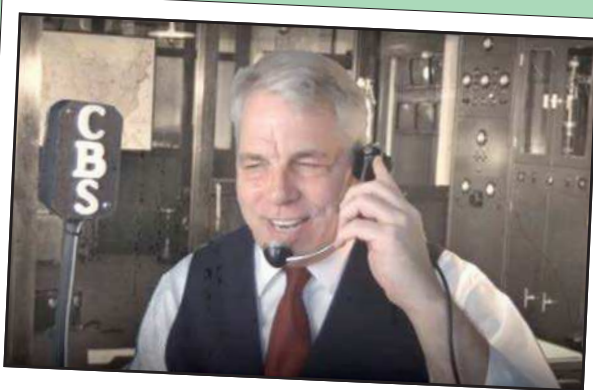
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Masked dancers from Delaware Dance Company perform "The Nutcracker." PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTA VALLA



A member of the Newark Symphony Orchestra performs outside during the filming of the group's Christmas concert. SUBMITTED PHOTO



A Chapel Street Players actor performs in a live broadcast of "Miracle on 34th Street." SUBMITTED PHOTO

Christina debating policy on transgender students

By JACOB TOOK

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The Christina School District Board of Education is considering a policy that would codify protections for transgender and gender non-conforming students, and the board could vote to adopt the policy as soon as next month.

The policy was introduced earlier this year by former board member Elizabeth Paige, but the board did not vote on adopting the policy because of the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. Board Vice President Claire O'Neal re-introduced the policy for discussion.

O'Neal explained that the policy is consistent with the recommendations of national transgender advocacy groups, as well as other state- and district-wide policies around the country which protect the rights of transgender students to participate in athletics, use bathroom facilities and be identified with the gender they consistently express in school.

O'Neal sees adopting this policy as a step toward making the district a more equitable learning environment for all students.

"They're already suffering from a lack of equity," she said. "They have historically been underperforming and underachieving because they are bullied and

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PAWS for People spreads joy with Christmas card project

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A group of volunteers from PAWS for People came together this month to make the holiday season a little bit brighter for seniors who are isolated in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities during the pandemic.

The 38 volunteers created a total of 1,100 hand-made Christmas cards to send to seniors in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey.

In normal times, the Newark-based organization's pet therapy teams visit hundreds of nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other locations to bring comfort, companionship and joy to people who need it.

However, due to the pandemic, many of those visits are no longer possible – particularly in senior facilities where



SUBMITTED PHOTO

PAWS for People Executive Director Lynne Robinson's dog, Shane, checks out the 1,100 handmade Christmas cards the organization's volunteers created to send to local seniors.

the residents are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. The Christmas cards are intended as a socially distanced way to reach out, said Clarice Ritchie, director of events and operations for PAWS for People.

"It's something that they can keep around during the season to remind them that we're

thinking about them," Ritchie said.

The organization hosted Zoom sessions offering the volunteers tips on making cards, and many of the participants included photos of their dogs.

"They had so much fun making them," Ritchie said.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Newark's Christmas tree is aglow on the Academy Lawn.

Newark announces Festival of Lights tour

POST STAFF REPORT

With its normal Christmas events canceled due to the pandemic, the Newark Parks and Recreation Department has organized a self-guided walking/driving tour of holiday light displays around the city and surrounding areas.

Newarkers were encouraged to decorate their homes and submit their street to the city's list. The lights will be on display through Dec. 31.

Participating streets include:

- Main Street
- Apple Road
- South Main Street
- Kenilworth Ave
- Pickett Lane

- Kinross Drive (Abbottsford)
- Dean Drive
- New London Road
- Country Club Drive
- Confluence Court
- Queens Way
- Darien Road (Covered Bridge Farms)
- N Hunter Forge Road
- W. Main Street
- New London Road
- Dean Drive
- South College Avenue
- East Chestnut Hill Road
- Forest Knoll (Elkton, Md.)
- South Dillwyn Road
- West Church Road
- Timber Ridge Court

The city asks visitors to be courteous when driving or walking to view holiday

displays:

- Keep music volume down
- Refrain from honking horns or revving engines
- Refrain from loud talking or screaming
- Carry any litter back to your residence to dispose.
- Remember to social distance from other groups and wear a mask when around non-household members.

Meanwhile, the Windy Hills neighborhood will hold its Luminary Night on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. As part of the community's unique annual tradition, the streets will be lined with luminaries (small candles in white paper bags), and many houses will be decorated with holiday lights.



Newark increases the cost of water and sewer service

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Newark utility customers will see higher bills next year after city council approved increases to cost of water and sewer service.

The average resident will pay a combined \$83 more next year, a result of increased fees and a change in the way utility rates are structured.

The increases will raise an additional \$339,000 for the city, which will all go toward paying off the loans for the capital projects that were overwhelmingly approved by voters in the 2018 referendum.

The water and sewer hikes were implemented as increases to the customer charge, the fixed monthly cost that each customer pays on top of the rate based on usage. Customer charges are seen as a way to ensure that even people who use little water still pay their share of the costs to maintain water pipes and other infrastructure.

The city has historically relied solely on a per-gallon charge, but that means revenue is subject to large changes based on demand, such as this year when the pandemic-related shutdowns caused a drop in water consumption by businesses and the university. It also means many student rentals that are empty during the summer pay little to nothing for a few months each year.

"Regardless of whether a customer uses one gallon or 10,000 gallons of water... the city has the same level of fixed costs to provide those services when they're actually needed," City Manager Tom Coleman explained during a previous discussion in November. "In Newark, they're almost entirely recovered from consumption for water and sewer, creating a missed opportunity to fairly charge everyone who relies

on our services, especially when many of our residential units are empty for several months."

To combat that issue, the city is increasing the customer charge while slightly reducing the per-gallon charge.

While it adds stability to the budget, that means that in many cases, the customers who use the least water and sewer will see the biggest increase, while the city's largest customers will be impacted the least and could actually see their bills decrease.

Average residential customers will see their water bills increase 14.2 percent and their sewer bills increase 9.5 percent.

Coleman noted that even with the increases, Newark still has some of the lowest water rates in the area, and most other towns and water services have much higher customer charges.

"We're well out of step with what's customary in our area, and this has a lot to do with why we're seeing such a large reduction in revenue in 2020 due to the impact of COVID," he said. "We essentially have no hedge against reduced demand, even though the large majority of our costs are fixed."

However, the changes drew criticism from resident John Morgan.

"The effect of the new fee structure will be to increase my monthly water bill by 75 percent and my monthly sewer bill by 45 percent," Morgan said. "This is certainly not bill-neutral for me and for similarly situated residents. I urge that more thought be given to this proposal."

New ordinance targets stormwater fee scofflaws

In other action Monday, council passed an ordinance making it harder for businesses and residents to skip out on paying their stormwater fees.

The city is owed more than \$100,000 in unpaid stormwater bills, according to Coleman. The fee was implemented several years ago as a way to raise funds to address flooding problems around the city and pay for the Rodney stormwater project. Properties are assessed a monthly fee based on their amount of impervious surface.

The scofflaws are almost all large commercial properties, which can rack up large stormwater bills, not residential properties, which pay between \$2.12 and \$6.37 each month.

The new law requires utility payments to be allocated on a pro-rata basis across all four utilities – electric, water, sewer and stormwater – rather than allowing a customer to designate it for a specific utility.

Coleman explained that sometimes when a customer is making a partial payment – rather than paying the entire monthly utility bill – that customer will direct the city to apply it only to water or electric.

This can cause issues for the city because while electric and water service can be turned off for non-payment, the city has no recourse to recover unpaid stormwater fees, except for putting a lien on the property.

"In many instances, we will wait years until the property is sold then get in line with other creditors in the hopes that we will receive our overdue utility payments," Coleman said.

The new law addresses that problem.

"For example, if a subject bill was 50 percent electric, 25 percent water, 20 percent sewer, and 5 percent stormwater, a similar percentage of their payment would go against each utility. If the payment were \$100, \$50 would go to electric, \$25 to water, \$20 to sewer, and \$5 to stormwater," he explained.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

The Newark Senior Center is pictured in this file photo.

Newark Senior Center closes building again as pandemic worsens

By JOSH SHANNON

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As Delaware's coronavirus outbreak worsens, the Newark Senior Center is once again shutting down temporarily.

The building will be closed through Jan. 10, in keeping with Gov. John Carney's stay-at-home advisory, Executive Director Carla Grygiel announced last week.

"Assuming all goes according to plan, we will reopen our doors on Monday, Jan. 11," Grygiel said.

The building will open briefly from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays for people to purchase frozen soups from the kitchen or visit the library.

Meals on Wheels delivery will continue as normal, as it has throughout the pandemic. The center is also taking orders for to-go holiday

meals, which will be available for curbside pickup Dec. 23. To order, call 302-737-2336 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

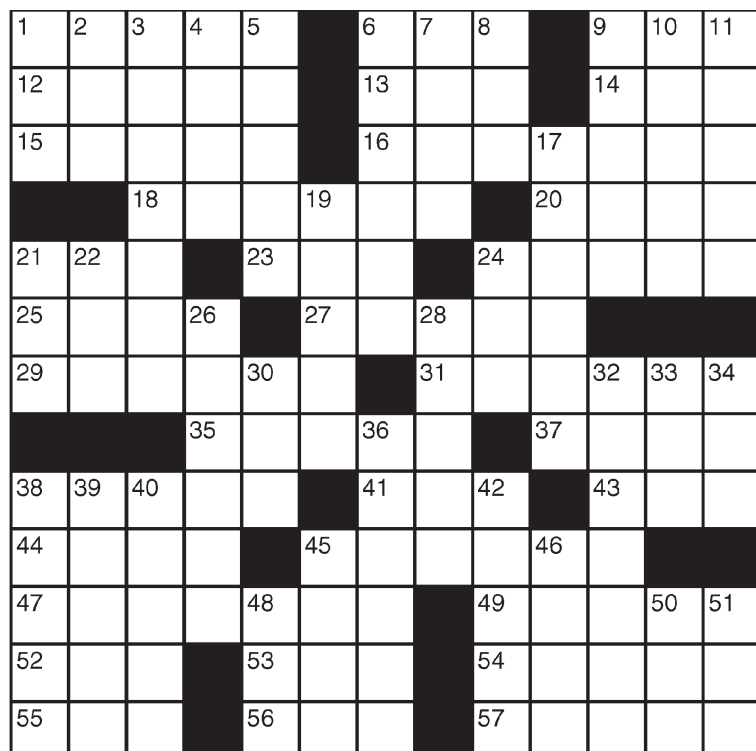
During the closure, senior center members can continue to participate in activities virtually.

"Our friend Hunter in the fitness center will also be continuing his Facebook Live workouts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:45 a.m.," Grygiel said. "All other virtual programming will continue as planned."

The senior center closed down in mid March as the pandemic began and remained closed for several months before reopening with a limited capacity Aug. 10. Since then, however, COVID-19 cases have spiked throughout Delaware.

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Police nab man driving backhoe stolen from construction site

By CARL HAMILTON
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A police officer's suspicions stirred when he spotted a man operating a \$40,000 Caterpillar backhoe on the shoulder of a Maryland highway Dec. 6 – prompting a traffic stop in which investigators learned that the driver allegedly had stolen that piece of equipment from a Newark construction site, according to court records.

Investigators identified the suspect as Joshua J. Parlier, 40, of the unit block of Green Meadow Drive near Elkton.

Elkton Police Department Cpl. Todd Finch was on routine patrol at approximately 10:45 p.m. Dec. 6 when he noticed Parlier driving the yellow backhoe on the westbound shoulder of Route 40 near the Whitehall Road intersection, police reported.

Finch stopped the backhoe near the intersection of Route 213 and Route 40 – about a half-mile west from where he first noticed the man driving the backhoe, according to police.

The corporal made the traffic stop because there was no support vehicle following the backhoe and no known construction in the immediate area," police said.

Also factoring in his decision to investigate, police added, Finch considered the relatively long distance that he had witnessed the backhoe travel along the highway and the late hour of night that the trek was occurring.

"Loaders and backhoes are typically not operated as motor vehicles and are usually only moved short distances. When operated on public roads, they are typically accompanied by escort/safety vehicles or moved via trailer," Finch explains in his written statement of probable cause.

Charging documents indicate that, during the traffic stop, Finch's suspicions continued to grow when he interacted with Parlier, who purportedly provided a fake name.

"The driver could not provide a driver's license or identification card . . . Because he stumbled over the date of birth when he provided it to me, I thought he might be giving a fictitious name and I had him confirm that name again," Finch outlines in charging papers.

While Finch was running a drivers license check on the provided name, after back-up EPD officers had arrived, Parlier allegedly ran away from the traffic stop scene toward the Big Elk Mall, police said. Officers captured Parlier after a brief foot chase, police added.

The records check revealed that Parlier did not have a valid driver's license – nor a CDL to operate a backhoe – and that he had active arrest warrants through the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and authorities in Chester County, Pa., court records show.

During questioning, Parlier admitted to taking the backhoe from a construction site on Otts Chapel Road near Newark, according to court records.

Investigators learned that Dominick Paoli of Paoli Services, Inc., owns the 2005 Caterpillar 420D backhoe/loader, police said. It was reported stolen to Delaware State Police on Nov. 30 – some six days before Finch spotted Parlier driving it in Elkton, police added.

Parlier is charged with theft of property valued at more than \$25,000 and less than \$100,000, which is a felony, and a misdemeanor count of unauthorized removal of property, in addition to nine traffic offenses, according to court records and police.

Scheduled for a Feb. 24 trial, Parlier remained in the Cecil County Detention Center without bond on Thursday, three days after his bail review hearing, court records show.



PARLIER

Two killed at apartment complex near Newark

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Two people were shot and killed at an apartment complex near Newark on Saturday night.

The shooting happened around 9:15 p.m. at Hunters Crossing Apartments on Capitol Trail, east of the city, according to Grigori Lopez-

Garcia, a spokesman for the New Castle County Police Department.

Police found a 23-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers and emergency medical personnel attempted to revive them, but both victims died.

Police did not release any other details about the

shooting, nor did they provide any suspect information.

"This is an active and ongoing investigation," Lopez-Garcia said.

Anyone with information or surveillance footage of the incident should contact Det. Michael McNasby at 302-395-8110 or Michael.McNasby@newcastlede.gov.

Woman shot during home invasion in Todd Estates

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A woman was shot during a home invasion in the Todd Estates neighborhood east of Newark early Sunday morning, police said.

The incident happened around 12:30 a.m. in the unit block of Todd Lane, according to Grigori Lopez-Garcia, a spokesman for the New Castle County Police Department.

Police were called to the scene to investigate a home invasion and found a 48-year-old woman suffering from a gunshot wound. She

was taken to a hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

No further details of the incident were available Sunday night.

"This investigation is ongoing and in its early stages. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available," Lopez-Garcia said.

Anyone with information about the shooting should contact Det. Brian Lucas at 302-395-8110 or Brian.Lucas@newcastlede.gov or call the NCCPD non-emergency number, 302-573-2800.

Man charged in assault at Newark Transit Hub

By JOSH SHANNON
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A man is facing charges for allegedly assaulting another man in downtown Newark "for no apparent reason," police said.

The incident happened just after noon Dec. 7 at the Newark Transit Hub on Delaware Avenue.

During the assault, the alleged assailant, Joshua Lawton, drew what appeared to be a handgun

from his waistband, pointed it at the victim and then hit the victim with the gun, police said.

The victim fought back and was able to wrestle the gun away from Lawton.

Police arrived and determined the weapon was actually a BB gun.

Lawton, who according to police admitted pulling the gun on the victim, was charged with aggravated menacing, second-degree assault and offensive touching.

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Aerial photos show progress at Rodney, Dickinson sites

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Construction continues to progress at the site of two former University of Delaware dorm complexes on Hillside Road.

At the former Rodney complex, a contractor hired by the City of Newark is building a stormwater pond and park.

The \$9 million project will alleviate flooding along South Main Street and include a bio-retention area to reduce runoff and treat stormwater, demonstration stormwater features and educational signage.

Park amenities include a quarter-mile lighted walking trail, a large playground with separate areas for toddlers and older children, an entry plaza and a handicapped-accessible fishing pier.

Just down the road at the site of the former Dickinson complex, a private developer has started framing several student apartment buildings.

College Town Communities' plan for the site calls for 46 four-bedroom townhouses as well as 45 apartments spread between four three-story buildings. The \$30 million project will contain a mix of two, three and four-bedroom units for a total of 320 beds – approximately half the capacity of Dickinson.

The project – which will be called The Rail Yard, a nod to the CSX train tracks that are a stone's throw from the rear townhouses – is slated to open in time for the Fall 2021 semester.

Like many student-focused complexes, it will be rented by the bedroom, rather than by the unit. Rent starts at \$990 per month for a room in a four-bedroom townhouse and goes up to \$1,300 for a room in a two-bedroom apartment.



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Work is underway on the stormwater pond and park at the former Rodney dorm site. In the background is the student apartment complex being built at the Dickinson site.



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The Rodney stormwater pond will help alleviate flooding in Newark.



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The Rodney stormwater site will also feature a playground, lighted walking trail and fishing pier.



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A student housing complex, called The Rail Yard, is being built at the site of the former Dickinson dorms.

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Cost of a traffic ticket increases with approval of \$10 ambulance fee

Fee will raise money for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company

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Drivers who get pulled over in Newark for a basic traffic offense face a fine of \$25 – but after court costs and a variety of other fees are tacked on, the actual cost of that ticket comes to \$82.

Now, that cost will increase even more, thanks to a \$10 ambulance fee that was approved by city council on Monday.

The new fee will be added to all traffic tickets that are processed as guilty in Alderman's Court. That includes people who plead guilty, take probation before judgment or are found guilty by the alderman.

Officials estimate the fee will raise \$40,000 per year for the cash-strapped Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company.

Since 2014, the state has levied

Anatomy of a traffic ticket

Fine: \$25

Victim's compensation fund: \$10

Video phone fee: \$1

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Court security fee: \$10

Court costs: \$20

Police fund: \$15

Ambulance fund: \$10

Total cost: \$92

a \$10 ambulance fee on all tickets processed in Justice of the Peace courts, but because Newark's citations are handled in Alderman's Court, the fee had to be authorized separately. The town of Laurel, which also has an Alderman's

Court, already mirrors the state's fee.

Newark officials began considering the fee as part of an effort to find new ways to help Aetna. The volunteer department has an annual budget of \$4.5 million, but less than 30 percent comes from government sources. The rest comes from donations, fundraisers and insurance billing.

Facing increasing expenses, stagnant revenues, an increase in ambulance calls and a shortage of volunteers, Aetna's leaders have for several years asked Newark to increase their contribution to the department. In 2017, council considered a monthly \$1 "fire protection surcharge" on city water bills, but that proposal never moved forward.

The city currently provides Aetna \$230,000 in financial contribu-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Master Cpl. Wayne Aston cites a driver pulled over for distracted driving in 2018. Under a new law passed this week, drivers who get traffic tickets in Newark will pay an additional \$10 ambulance fee.

tions and free utilities.

"Every dollar we get is helpful," Aetna President Dan Seador explained last month. "We are being

squeezed a number of ways at this point, and any additional support we get from the city would be appreciated."

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By HELGA HUNTLEY

Conservation Advisory Commission

Sometimes, doing the right thing for the Earth takes some extra inconvenience – like separating recyclables from other trash – or incurs extra costs – like buying organic food. But sometimes saving the environment also saves money. Saying 'no' to plastic straws is one of those happy win-win-win situations.

Currently, at many restaurants, if someone orders water or a soft drink, it often arrives at the table with a plastic straw already sticking out of the glass. Sometimes even refills arrive in a new glass with a new straw. And so, it is estimated that (prior to COVID), tens of thousands of plastic straws were used daily in the City of Newark alone. After their short use of an hour or less, they go into the trash, destined to spend hundreds of years in landfills or, worse, making their way into the environment.

Pieces of plastic straws have famously been found in the nostrils of sea turtles. Plastic pieces in the ocean are also frequently eaten by sea animals, from fish to birds. After a while in the waterways, plastic straws, like other plastics, break down into so-called



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City council adopted a policy stating that restaurants should distribute plastic straws only at the request of a customer.

"microplastics", pieces that are so small that they are even ingested by shellfish, and small enough that they make it past water treatment plants and into our drinking water.

Some people have medical conditions that make it hard or impossible for them to enjoy their drink without a plastic straw. But the rest of us can choose to avoid the environmental pollution by simply drinking directly from the glass – like most of us do at home – or using a single-use paper straw or a reusable straw made from steel, bamboo, silicone or glass. These often come in a convenient little pouch to bring them to the restaurant and carry them home to stick into the dishwasher.

Of course, we can only exercise that choice if our drink doesn't arrive with a plastic straw in it already.

That's why last month Newark's City Council passed a resolution encouraging local restaurants to adopt a "straws upon request only" policy. Many local establishments have already adopted such a policy. Grain on Main Street was the first and found their straw usage plummet by 90 percent.

That's good for the environment and the sea turtles. It's good for our health because we don't get the microplastics in our water or our seafood. And it's good for the restaurant's bottom line, since they can save the expense of purchasing the straws. Win-win-win.

Restaurants who would like to receive promotional materials for a "by request only" straw policy are asked to contact the City of Newark's Conservation Advisory Commission.

The Conservation Advisory Commission was created in 1977 to advise the city of Newark in the development, management and protection of its natural resources, with appropriate consideration of Newark's human and economic resources. It meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in council chambers. The public is invited to attend and provide input. Commission members provide this monthly column to inform area residents on conservation issues.

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Newark man injured in drive-by shooting on I-95

A Newark man was shot as he drove on Interstate 95 on Dec. 9, Delaware State Police said.

The shooting happened at 6:30 p.m. as the 27-year-old man was driving a Nissan Versa south on the interstate near Churchman's Road, according to DSP

spokesman Cpl. Jason Hatchell.

Someone in another vehicle drove past the Nissan and shot the man in the leg. After being shot, the man drove himself to nearby Christiana Hospital, where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The shooter was in a dark mid-sized sedan with tinted windows, Hatchell said.

Anyone with information regarding this

investigation should contact Det. McCloskey at 302-365-8392. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

The drive-by shooting came just two days after a woman was shot while riding in a car on Library Avenue in Newark. That incident happened at 2:10 a.m. Dec. 7.

The victim told officers she was riding in the passenger seat of a car when the car was hit by gunfire. A bullet traveled through the car and hit her in the foot. Police were called to a nearby parking lot, where they found the injured woman and additional witnesses, though the vehicle she was riding in had left the scene.

There is no indication the two incidents are related.



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targeted, and so they have lower attendance rates and lower success rates in school."

Current district policy makes no mention of transgender students, though the board's mission statement states that the district must strive to empower success in students through expectations of excellence, safe working and learning environments, respect for diversity and caring and knowledgeable staff.

"We have a responsibility to enable children to develop positive and healthy behaviors and attitudes around issues of racial, socioeconomic, ethnic, religious, familial, gender and other diversity," the mission statement reads.

O'Neal said the legal ground is shifting in favor of school board policies which protect transgender students.

"This is an issue that is increasingly having a national precedent," O'Neal said. "This is an issue that actually the state of Delaware is behind on."

Since the policy was first introduced earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court has made two significant decisions concerning transgender rights — one in June, which enshrined workplace protections for transgender employees on the basis of sex, and one earlier this month in which the court declined to hear a case from a parent group suing an Oregon school board over a policy protecting the rights of transgender students.

However, some legal questions remain unresolved, particularly relating to transgender students on school athletic teams.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Education took the position that participation in single-sex team athletics should be regulated by the athlete's sex assigned at birth, not the gender identity they may consistently express at school. In response to a Connecticut lawsuit from three cisgender female athletes, the Department of Education wrote that participation by transgender girls on girls-only teams constitutes discrimination against cisgender competitors, violating Title IX non-discrimination



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policy.

In 2018, the Delaware Board of Education considered a policy seeking to protect the rights of transgender students but did not adopt the policy after receiving thousands of largely negative public comments.

Many of those public comments were from parents objecting to transgender students participating in athletics and using bathroom facilities which align with the gender they express.

When the state failed to adopt a broad policy, Gov. John Carney encouraged districts to take it up on the local level, which O'Neal sees as a mandate. Should the board approve the policy, it will be the first in Delaware to explicitly codify protections for transgender students.

Superintendent Dan Shelton said some districts have added language to non-discrimination disclaimers acknowledging transgender students, but have not adopted all-encompassing policies protecting the rights of these students.

Board member Fred Polaski raised some of the objections he recalled seeing in 2018, hoping to ensure the district's policy regarding participation in athletics aligned with statewide policy from the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. Shelton confirmed that the district has been in touch with DIAA, and read a response from executive director Donna Polk regarding athletics.

"A transgender student, defined as a student whose gender identity differs from the student's assigned sex at birth, may be eligible to participate on a team other than their assigned sex at birth, in

accordance with member school policy," he read.

O'Neal argued that objections to participation in athletics and bathroom use largely mischaracterize the experiences of transgender students. National transgender advocacy groups have identified bathrooms and athletics as issues where transgender students require support from district policy, she added.

"We're not talking about students like a girl who is one day like, 'I idolized my brothers, and I want to grow up and play football just like a boy,'" O'Neal said. "We're talking about students who consistently express their gender preferences at school."

Inequities in school can not only affect academic performance among transgender students, but can be a matter of life and death — the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey, conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality, showed that 41 percent of transgender people have attempted suicide.

Juliana Baggott, a district parent and advocate for the rights of transgender students, raised this statistic with alarm during the public comment section of the board meeting, urging board members to approve the policy.

"We know the number one thing that brings that suicide rate down is support and acceptance," Baggott said during public comment. "The last thing any school district wants is to lose a student to suicide, especially with the full knowledge of how the state has refused to protect students."

Board members recalled the objections raised while the statewide policy was under consideration, and questioned whether the policy brought forward by O'Neal adequately addresses those concerns. After some discussion, many board members agreed that further education and community input would be required.

"I vote yes on a first read, but I think we've identified that there's lots of work that needs to be done," said Polaski.

His fellow board member Alethea Smith-Tucker added, "I will want to hear more from the public."

Board President Keeley Powell, who said she favors adopting the policy, agreed that it would be important to solicit addi-

tional public comment before voting on the policy. She expressed a concern that many public comment speakers may not be stakeholders in Christina, but may call in from elsewhere because of the high-profile nature of the issue.

O'Neal said she welcomes further conversation as long as it is constructive.

"I am not interested in letting other people's hateful and discriminatory agendas to harm Christina School District students," she said. "I would encourage people to of course ask their constituents, but the point of the policy is to protect a specific group of people, so really who you need to be asking are transgender and gender non-conforming students."

In an interview, Julianna Baggott expressed frustration with the discussion among board members and urged them to educate themselves on the challenges facing transgender students every day.

This policy, she added, would bring the district up to speed with cultural shifts in favor of protecting transgender rights.

"They think they need to reinvent the wheel, but they don't," she said.

O'Neal acknowledged there is work to be done between now and the final vote in January.

Many people who have negative opinions about protecting transgender rights, she added, may not know openly transgender people. Attending board meetings and participating in a healthy conversation would, in her view, help those people understand why these students need protection from district policy.

"You are not protecting people by telling them that they can't exist," she said. "That's the opposite of making a protective and inclusive environment."

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radio adaptation of "Miracle on 34th Street" using StreamYard, a software that is similar to Zoom but gives the director more control over whose feed is shown on the screen.

The actors all read their parts sitting in front of their home computers, using green-screen technology to make it look like they were in a 1940s-era radio booth.

"It's been amazing," said Scott Mason, president of the community theater group. "I am so proud of the organization and the people involved, because none of us are Steven Spielberg, and a lot of us are not technologically savvy."

Switching gears from live theater to online broadcasts presented a number of challenges but was worth it in the end, he said.

"People are just loving the opportunity to do their art," he said.

Resident Ensemble Players, a professional theater company based at the University of Delaware, also staged a radio play but opted for an audio-only stream rather than video. The performance of "A Christmas Carol" is available on the organization's website and was broadcast on the campus radio station WVUD last weekend.

It was the REP's fifth virtual show this season.

"I'm very pleased with them," Producing Artistic Director Sandy Robbins said. "They've been very well received."

The shows are recorded over Zoom, and then an audio engineer does post-production work and adds sound effects before the show is broadcast. With much of campus closed, the

How to watch/hear the performances

Chapel Street Players: youtube.com/user/chapel-streetplayers

First State Ringers: firststateringers.org

Newark Symphony Orchestra: newarksymphony.org

Resident Ensemble Players: rep.udel.edu

Delaware Dance Company: delawaredancecompany.org (premiering Dec. 25)

actors are all over the country, Robbins said.

"The biggest challenge is making sure that it sounds like it should, given that they're not really in the same location," he said. "The biggest challenges are technical more than they are acting challenges."

The First State Ringers, a handbell choir based at Newark United Methodist Church, filmed its annual Christmas concert at a church in Wilmington, which has an advanced video system and more space to socially distance. Normally at this time of year, the group's 12 ringers would perform at various libraries and churches, but this year, they had to settle for a YouTube performance.

"The thing we missed was the clapping," Director Ruthie Toole said. "When you do it virtual and recorded, you're done with the song and there's no clapping. When you do a live concert, you always get clapping, and that makes you feel really good after every song."

The Newark Symphony Orchestra has been holding virtual concerts since the spring.

Some were taped outside, but more stringent regulations recently meant NSO's Christmas concert was filmed mostly remotely. A few small groups filmed their performances outside,

and other performers filmed themselves at home. Recordings of full orchestra performances from previous years rounded out the show.

"It's kind of heroic what these guys are doing, really," NSO board president Karen Rosenberg said. "You have no idea from just watching the concert how much effort goes into it, and they're really making an effort. Maybe people need music now more than ever."

Music Director Simeone Tartaglione described conducting NSO's brass ensemble as it filmed its performance outside a Wilmington church on a brutally cold and windy day.

"Nobody was complaining, nobody wanted to go," Tartaglione said. "This is a testimony of what love for music is, and this is a lesson for everybody. Newark Symphony is an example of what music should be. They teach all of

us every single day, and especially now in these horrible conditions, that determination and enthusiasm of making music together with this group is really remarkable."

While the organization is anxious to get back to performing live shows, it plans to continue finding ways to make the performances available online. Its shows this season have drawn viewers from all around the globe, including relatives of orchestra members in Romania, the Czech Republic and elsewhere.

"We're very committed to the Newark community, but as we ventured into this virtual space, we're trying to connect in every way possible and follow those connections," oboe player Anna Montejó said.

Other groups have enjoyed the opportunity to have their performances available to people outside of Delaware, as well.

"Our sugar plum fairy has family in the Philippines. They never get to see her, so they'll be able to watch her this time, which is really cool," Latshaw said.

Mason concurred.

"Actors have relatives out in the Midwest, and they're not going to fly to Chapel Street to see their cousin in a show, but now they're all excited because they can see

the stuff from their home far away," he said. "It's touching a whole new group of people."

Seeing how Newark's art community has adapted is inspiring, he added.

"I applaud all of these groups who have pivoted to try to keep the arts alive," Mason said. "People need it. It's been an anxious year, not just COVID, but the national politics. People need something."

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Stephen Pelinski performs in Resident Ensemble Players' radio play.



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Christina art educators win Delaware Art Education Association awards

By JACOB TOOK

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Two Christina School District art teachers recently won recognition from the Delaware Art Education Association for outstanding leadership in arts education at the DAEA's annual Masterful, Unique, Strong Educators Awards.

Newark High School art teacher Jaime Moore was named the 2021 Art Educator of the Year for high schools, and Christina Visual Arts Chair Bobby Graham won the 2021 Howard Pyle Award of Excellence.

Moore started her career as an art educator at Christiana High School in 2005 after graduating from Towson University, where she played lacrosse and studied fine arts and education. While she credits Towson with giving her a top-notch arts education, it started earlier.

"My grandmother was an artist in Philadelphia," she said. "She was a working artist, so I got that from her. She was my first teacher."

She was one of the original faculty who led Artists for Creative Expression, a program at Newark High School that allows students to focus on visual or performing arts in addition to their normal slate of classes.

Among her many goals as an educator, she said, is to show students that they can pursue the arts as a career, a hobby or creative outlet — whatever works for them.

"It's our mission to make sure that they see that there's a lucrative industry that they can go into," Moore said. "You're probably not going to have your art hanging in the Met, but that doesn't mean you can't live your life completely supported by it."

At the same time, the program brings in art therapists to show students that creating art can be personal as much as it can be professional. Her students come from every demographic imaginable, she said, and that makes each classroom experience unique.

She tries to foster a classroom environment that encourages students to be open and vulnerable about the challenges they face. She hopes they walk away with a higher degree of self-confidence.

"I always encourage my students to be inspired by one another, but not to compare themselves to each other," she said. "Each artist in my classroom is compared to



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Newark High School art teacher Jaime Moore won the Delaware Art Education Association High School Level Art Educator of the Year award, while Bobby Graham won the Howard Pyle Award of Excellence.

themselves when they walk in my room at the beginning of the year, throughout the year, and then when they leave. They are not compared to one another."

Despite being a DAEA member, Moore didn't consider putting herself up for the award. It was Karen Yarnall, the Newark High PTSA Reflections Chair, who nominated her. Moore said she felt silly as she completed the application.

"I try not to let recognition drive me, because then I would be comparing myself to others, and I have to practice what I preach," she said. "I have a hard time trying to bring attention to myself, but it wasn't really about me — it was about our school and our kids."

Art education is thriving in the district, she says, and she hopes this award is something her students can be proud of.

Bobby Graham recently took on the role of visual art chair for the district after teaching at Christiana High School and Keene Elementary School, where he taught after joining the district in 2013. His recognition, the Howard Pyle Award of Excellence, honors author, illustrator and Wilmington native Howard Pyle, known for writing and illustrating The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.

He, too, is proud of the arts education in the district. For Graham, the moments that stay with him as an educator are those in which he's no longer needed.

"When my kids go, 'Hey Mr. Graham, where is —' and somebody cuts me off and goes, 'In the second drawer on the left,'" he said. "I'm there as a resource, but my kids are running the studio in the classroom, because they're comfortable and they're confident in their ability and their right to do that."

Graham graduated from

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science in art education and a bachelor of fine arts in crafts, which he translates as jewelry design. More recently, he earned a master's degree in school leadership from Wilmington University, with an additional graduate certificate in special education.

Like Moore, Graham also celebrated the diversity of his average classroom and said he encourages students to use art to explore their understandings of their own identity.

"The ability to just put something out there that you create is totally a valid reason to create as well," he said. "Like, 'I made this. This is me. Deal with it.'"

For Graham, arts education is important because it allows students to broaden their ways of thinking.

"When kids leave my classroom, I hope that they have the ability to get faced with a problem and know six different ways they want to solve it," he said. "These tools that I've taught myself and I've acquired through my study of the arts — they're needed tools in the world."

He said he has always thought that art education is what he's meant to do, and said he hopes to meet students where they are and send them on their way a little better — at art, and maybe at life.

The award from the DAEA, he said, is an important validator of the art teachers working hard to support their students. Now more than ever, the recognition is appreciated.

"It's essential to reaffirm the necessity and the right of students to have an arts education in school," he said. "I'm really honored to get this award, and I hope that it helps showcase that teachers are going above and beyond to make sure these kids have what they need."

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A shot of hope

First Delawarean receives coronavirus vaccine

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A Dover nurse rolled up her sleeve Tuesday morning and became the first Delawarean to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, bringing the state one small step closer to curtailing the pandemic that has killed 300,000 people in the United States and dramatically changed Americans' way of life over the last nine months.

Elisabeth Cote, a progressive care unit nurse at Bayhealth, takes care of COVID-19 patients and recounted holding patients' hands as they died.

"To think that we've been here since March, it's exhausting, and I really hope, this is the light at the end of the tunnel," Cote said while getting her vaccine.

She said she feels it is important for healthcare providers to get the vaccine as a "role model" for patients and, on a personal level, is excited to start getting back to normal after she receives her second dose of the vaccine in three weeks.

"I really would love to be able to go and hug my mom and my grandfather and be able to spend more time with my family," Cote said. "Especially being on a COVID unit, I've tried to really isolate myself from everyone."

Delaware, which has received 975 of its 8,775 pre-ordered doses from Pfizer, was one of the first states in the nation to receive initial doses of vaccine on Monday. The Delaware Division of Public Health, which is coordinating the state's efforts to acquire and distribute the vaccine, received the remainder of the vaccine doses at its Kent County warehouse on Wednesday.

The Pfizer vaccine is required to be kept at below-freezing temperatures. DPH will store the doses in its ultra-cold storage unit and will begin scheduling delivery to the remainder of the state's health care systems. Those doses will be distributed within 24 to 48 hours after the shipment is received.

"After nine long months fighting COVID-19, this is a moment of hope for Delaware and for our country. There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Gov. John Carney said. "Delaware's nurses, doctors, nursing assistants, and non-medical staff have all demonstrated cour-



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Elisabeth Cote, a progressive care unit nurse at Bayhealth in Dover, receives a COVID-19 vaccine Tuesday morning.

age and leadership every day of this COVID-19 crisis. Now, nurses like Elisabeth Cote are leading by example again by stepping up to get the COVID-19 vaccine. It is because of them that we will beat this pandemic and come out stronger on the other side."

Under Delaware's vaccine distribution plan, health care workers, emergency medical services agencies, and long-term care staff and residents will receive first priority for the vaccine.

"We know that our front-line health care workers have been putting themselves directly in harm's way since March," said DPH director Dr. Karyl Rattay. "We are encouraging all of them to get the vaccine when it is available."

Others in Delaware's Phase 1 priority group are expected to get the vaccine early next year. That second-tier group includes those who work in high-risk and critical infrastructure industries such as food processing, utilities, education, police and fire. It also includes people working and living in congregate settings such as prisons and homeless shelters, those with certain underlying health conditions, and people aged 65 and older.

The second phase of vaccine distribution is expected to start in March and will include people considered at moderate risk. The third

phase, for the general public, is expected to begin in late spring or early summer as the vaccine becomes more widely available.

The potential side effects from the vaccine are similar to those experienced by people who receive the flu shot: soreness at the injection site, fever, headaches, and body aches that usually go away within 24 hours. Unless symptoms worsen or linger, there is no need to seek medical care. Pfizer reported no serious side effects from the vaccine, and there were no deaths directly linked to the vaccine itself. The FDA and CDC will continue to monitor the COVID-19 vaccine for safety and effectiveness and any long-term or rare side effects.

The Pfizer vaccine has a 95 percent effectiveness rate. Comparatively, the flu vaccine is generally 40 to 60 percent effective. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain a live virus and cannot give individuals the coronavirus.

The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses spaced about three weeks apart to be effective. The same brand of vaccine must be administered for both doses. DPH plans to remind individuals to get their second dose of the vaccine by sending reminder letters, providing automated phone calls and text messages and by patient record cards.



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Abundant Love Ministries, 32b Gernay Drive, Wilmington

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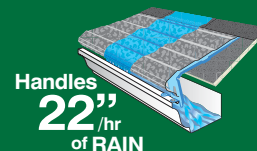
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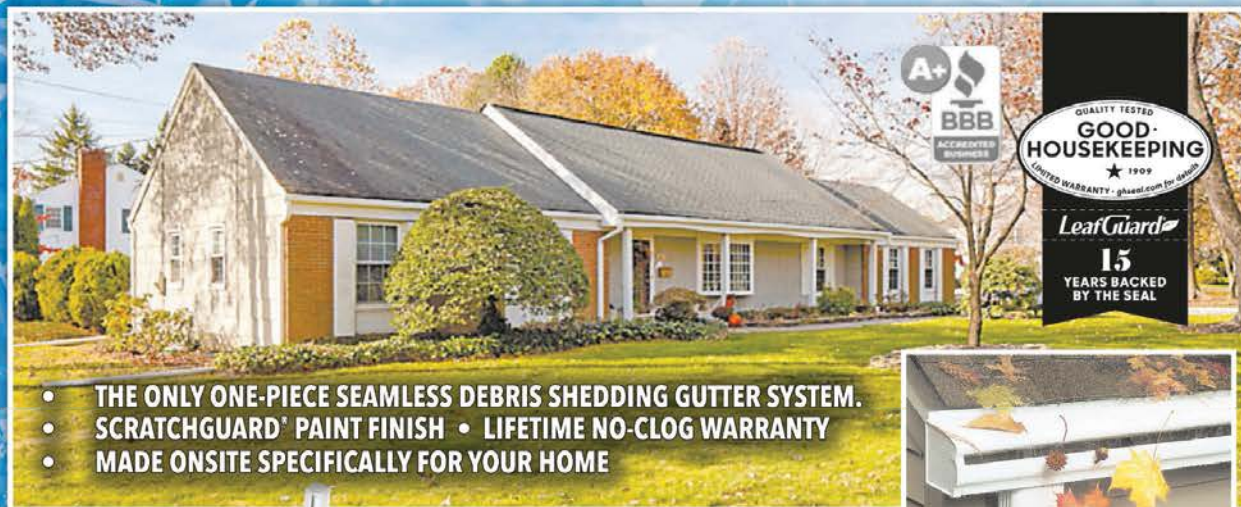
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Glasgow Park hosts a drive-thru holiday light display.



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The New Castle County Police Mounted Patrol Unit greets visitors to the drive-thru Christmas light display at Glasgow Park.



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A young visitor to Glasgow Park's drive-thru Christmas light display gets a brief, up-close look at Santa.



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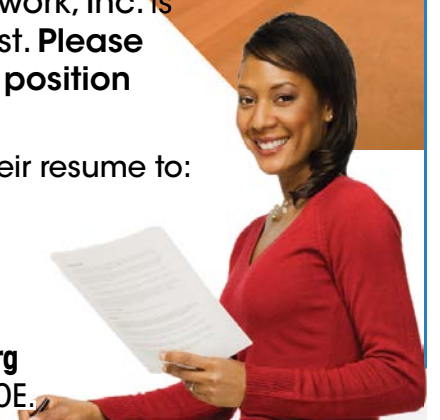
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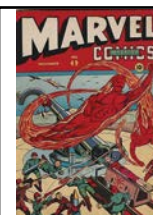
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Shane Thomas Harris, residing at 61 Tiverton Cir, 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.

Shane Thomas Harris,
12/09/2020

2929215 NP 12/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Ian Michael Thomas, residing at 14 Oak 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.

Ian Michael Thomas,
12/11/2020

2928990 NP 12/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Kenneth Errol Smith Jr., residing at 114 Salem Church Road, 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.

Kenneth Errol Smith Jr.,
12/14/2020

2929566 NP 12/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Jennifer Harris, residing at 61 Tiverton Cir, 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.

Jennifer Harris,
12/09/2020

2929214 NP 12/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Lisa Marie Jubb, residing at 310 Fashion Circle, 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.

Lisa Marie Jubb,
12/14/2020

2929564 NP 12/18/2020

PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

1100 Elkton Road
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 731-8108

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #3134 – Gina Smith – Bed frame, 12 boxes, hamper, suitcase, 2 night tables, 6 totes, wine rack, 4 coolers, 4 canopies, ceramic flower pot
Unit #4028 – Shigemi Yoshida – Bicycle, 25+ boxes, end table, trash can
Unit #5108 – Shazingie Samuels – Bookcase, 2 boxes, dorm refrigerator, 2 totes, boots, clothing hangers, plastic flower pot
Unit #6003 – Russell Messick – Exercise equipment, floor lamp, table lamp, mirror, shelving, 2 stools, pedestal dining table, 7 totes, kennel oak curio/desk
Unit #6009 – Kathleen L. Shockley – 7 boxes, fan, hamper, ladder, kitchen table, small animal carrier, carpet cleaner, patio umbrella, lawn/garden tools, seed spreader
Unit #6058 – Jne Williams – Bed frame, mattress, dresser, exercise equipment, fan, 2 hampers, flat screen TV, vacuum, wood chest, shoes, concrete blocks, Christmas decorations
Unit #7131 – Jamie Brown – Futon frame & mattress, hamper, 6 bags, 2 table lamps, mirror, 2 totes, 2 crates, plastic containers
Unit #8048 – Mary Ellen McGarrity – Kitchen chair, office chair, dresser, ironing board, 2 table lamps, love seat, shelving, step stool, kitchen table, kitchen bench, tool box, 3 totes, yard tractor wagon, seed spreader, bird feeder

465 Pulaski Hwy
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5810

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit # 3061 – La'Ron Briggs – Bags, Boxes, Bed, Couch, Hampers, Floor Lamps, Suitcases, Heaters, Recliners, Assorted Household Items
Unit # 4137 – Shakira Torres – Mattress, Box Spring, Boxes, Dresser, Table Lamp, Pictures, End Table, Assorted Household Items

333 E. Lea Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19802
302-764-6300

An On-Line Auction will be held at www.StorageTreasures.com on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #154 – Latanya Redden – Bags, bed frame, boxes, kitchen chair, hamper, suitcase, totes, pictures, shelving, construction sign.
Unit #95 – Stephanie Trotter – Bags, boxes, dresser, exercise equipment, mirror, totes, end table.
Unit #97 – Clyde H. Williams, Jr. – (2) ladders, totes, floor buffer, table saw, meat smoker, new tire.

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 2:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit # 214 – Gerald Aikens – Weights, weight bench.
Unit # 147 – Samuel Clemmons – Headboard, boxes, office chair, (2) desks, dresser, hamper, speakers, reseeded albums, amplifier.
Unit # 4 – Raymond Guy – (3) box springs, headboard, boxes, clothing, hamper, pictures, folding table, totes, flat screen TV.
Unit # 165 – Murriel L. Davis – Bags, boxes, dresser, end table, totes.
Unit # 177 – Lawrence Ward – Several boxes, hamper, stool, suitcase, tire, totes, (3) tripods, metal detector, cigar box.
Unit # 90 – Pierre Latortue – (6) tires, dirt bike, ATV, floor dolly, motorcycle jack, car engine, gas can.
Unit # 94 – Brandi M. Roy – Stereo, totes, flat screen TV, shoes, table, (2) umbrellas.
Unit # 441 – Kendra D. Curtis – Bags, (2) floor lamps, pictures, futan, crock pot.
Unit # 420 – Harry Nix, Jr. – (2) box springs, mattress, clothing, BB gun, golf club, pictures, refrigerator, stool, suitcase, coffee table, flat screen TV, weed wacker, snap on tool chest, carpet cleaner, (2) paint sprayers, coolers, patio chest, snow blower.
Unit # 249 – Ella James – Headboard, dresser

141 Edgemoor Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 762-3626

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 3:00 PM on www.StorageTreasures.com. Sales are "cash only". The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit # 317 – Robert McLaughlin – Bag, bed frame, pictures, totes, toys, tools, Vacuums, patio chairs, portable miter saw table, kennel.

200 First State Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-0704

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit # 6267 – Sherwood Purnell – a tote, 40% full of hard wood flooring
Unit # 9316 – Phillip William – bags, boxes, kitchen chairs, couch, folding table, kitchen table, totes, rolling cart, tools
Unit # 9462 – James Matthews – boxes, tool box, totes, boxes of vinyl albums, homemade DJ table, tripod

2927578 NP

12/11,12/18/2020

CITY OF NEWARK
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COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

There is no December 21, 2020 Council meeting due to the winter holiday break. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 11, 2021.

/rkb

Cancellation Posted – December 14, 2020

2929565 NP

12/18/2020



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

TENISHA CARTER
Petitioner
Dated: 12/08/2020

2929204 NP

12/18/2020,12/25/2020,01/01/2021

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
LANI SERENA FIGUEROA
Petitioner(s)
TO
LANI ROSE SMITH FIGUEROA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIA SMITH intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her minor child's names to LANI ROSE SMITH FIGUEROA.

MARIA SMITH
Petitioner
Dated: 1/15/2020

2928154 NP

12/4,12/11,12/18/2020

NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL PLAN VIRTUAL VIDEO HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) will conduct a Public Hearing for its 2021 Annual Plan and Supporting Documents. The plan is available for review by the public.

A copy of the Plan will be available for inspection and review at NHA's offices at 313 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware during normal business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning **Friday, November 27, 2020** by appointment only. The Plan will also be available on the NHA website, <http://www.newarkhousingauthority.net> beginning **Friday, November 27, 2020**. The comment period will end on **Wednesday, January 13, 2021**.

The Virtual Video Hearing will be held on **Thursday, January 14, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM**.

Here is the login info for the virtual meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88934336254?pwd=ZjM-3WGY4emZwb2FGUUNRbmc1N0RtQT09>

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Written comments, questions or requests for additional information, should be directed to Marene Jordan of Newark Housing Authority located at 313 East Main Street Newark, Delaware (302)366-0826 or by email to mail to: mjordan@newarkhousingauthority.net. When submitting an email, please note in the subject line: 2021 Annual Plan.

Written comments and questions can also be submitted by logging in to the website and selecting the contact tab.



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What is a Petition to a Name Change?

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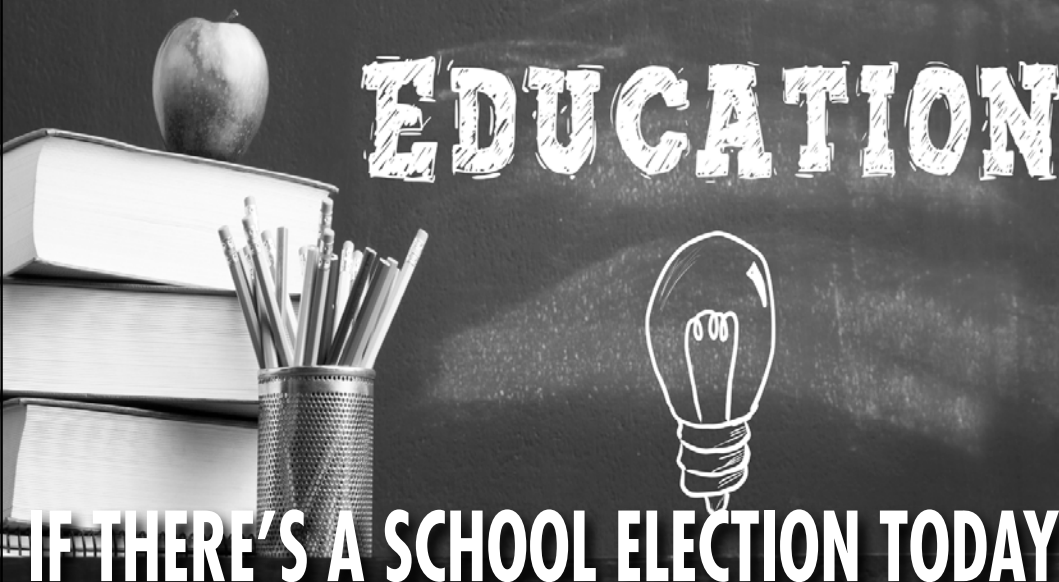
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