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The splendor of autumn



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Fall foliage was in full color the past couple weeks as Newark enjoys an unseasonably warm autumn. Pictured here is the colorful forest on Iron Hill, with the Welsh Tract Road bridge over Interstate 95 in the foreground. For more fall foliage photos, turn to page 12 or visit newarkpostonline.com.

Developer fined for 'Styrofoam snowstorm'

Park N Shop construction sent foam particles blowing through neighborhood

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When Bill Wersinger looked out into the yard of his Apple Road home last week, he could hardly believe his eyes.

"It looked like a snow globe," he recalled, describ-

ing little white pellets swirling around in the wind and landing on his driveway, yard and flower beds and even getting stuck in a spider web.

What Wersinger was seeing wasn't snow, but rather small pellets of polystyrene — often referred to, somewhat inaccurately, by the brand name Styrofoam — which was being released from a construction site at the Park N Shop plaza across the street from his property.

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Apple Road resident Bill Wersinger displays a photo he took of foam insulation that blew onto his property from the nearby Park N Shop construction site.

Parties lead to spike in virus

University sees worst week since pandemic began

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Newark is among several "areas of concern" being monitored by state health officials as the University of Delaware continues to report an increased number of coronavirus cases tied to Halloween parties.

Though many cases are tied to UD, there also has been an increase in cases among non-students in Newark, according to Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Delaware Division of Public Health.

After seeing its worst week of the pandemic with 88 cases last week, UD reported another large batch of cases — 29 — on Tuesday, followed by 18 on Wednesday.

"Unfortunately, yes, this spike is directly related to gatherings associated with Halloween," UD spokeswoman Andrea Boyle Tippet said last week. "University officials were worried about this potential and the dean of students sent a letter to all students [Oct. 30] about precautions."

Newark Police busted three large off-campus parties within a two-hour period overnight Oct. 29 into Oct.

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Flag display, tribute website honor Newark-area veterans

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A flag display outside city hall pays tribute to more than 60 local heroes this Veterans Day.

"It's nice to have a visually spectacular tribute that reminds every passerby that we're celebrating veterans," said Councilman Jason Lawhorn, who spearheaded the project for the Newark Morning Rotary Club.

This is the third year the club has participated in the Flags for Heroes program, which is conducted by hundreds of Rotary chapters around the country. In the past, the club has held a Veterans

Day ceremony to go along with the display, but that was canceled due to the pandemic.

Instead, the club built an online tribute page. Community members who sponsored a flag could dedicate it to a veteran or other hero in their life.

The website, nmrde.org/flags-for-heroes-2020, includes photos and brief biographies of the heroes being honored. The Rotary club intends to keep the website active and add to it each year.

"It's not just a tribute by planting the flag, but it also gave the opportunity for people to tell a little story or give some information about the hero and what they may have gone through or

what they may have sacrificed," said Lawhorn, who is a Navy veteran himself and paid tribute to his father, James, who served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Sponsorships of the flags generated several thousand dollars, which will be used to benefit the community through a variety of projects the Newark Morning Rotary Club works on throughout the year.

Lawhorn said he hopes the flags remind people the meaning behind Veterans Day.

"I'm hoping it makes them stop and reflect on the sacrifice that so many people have made to have the luxuries that we have in this country," he said.



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The Newark Morning Rotary Club set up flags on the lawn of city hall in honor of Veterans Day.

Newark urges restaurants to limit their use of plastic straws

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Citing the environmental cost of plastic waste, Newark City Council is asking restaurants to reduce their use of plastic straws.

On Monday, council passed a resolution calling on businesses in the city to adopt a "straws upon request" policy rather than automatically handing out straws with all beverages and to consider offering paper straws as an alternative to plastic.

"It sends the right statement from our city in terms of how we view this pollution and the need to get rid of it," Councilman James Horning Jr. said.

Notably, the resolution does not ban straws nor does it mandate that restaurants

agree to a by-request policy. In fact, officials noted that straws are needed by people with certain disabilities.

However, council hopes restaurants sign on, and it authorized the city's Conservation Advisory Commission to create educational materials and lead a marketing campaign to promote the initiative. The CAC will study the adoption rate and report back to council after a year.

"I feel that this is important and I think it's what our residents expect of us," Mayor Jerry Clifton said.

The straw policy was first brought up nearly two years ago and started as a project by a group of Newark Charter School students. The students researched the issue and presented their research to the CAC, a volunteer board that advises council on environmental issues.

Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen was the first in Newark to limit straws in 2017. Customers at Grain only receive a straw with their beverage if they specifically request one.

"It's definitely a habit change, but it's been well-received," co-owner Lee Mikles said a few months after implementing the policy. "When you're home, you never use a straw. Why is this any different?"

Since then, at least 15 other Newark restaurants have adopted the policy.

Proponents say straws contribute to plastic waste and end up as roadside litter, noting that other towns elsewhere in the country have banned straws, including Seattle, Miami Beach and San Francisco.

"Straws are just the tip of the iceberg. I agree with that. But they are a special problem be-

cause they are not recyclable and they're very small and they do end up in places that are problematic," CAC member Sheila Smith said during an earlier discussion. "If you care about wildlife and you care about the cleanliness of oceans and water ways, you're going to be concerned about straws."

The CAC suggested the city consider banning straws outright, but council rejected that proposal in June 2019 and instead asked the CAC and city staffers to develop the resolution that was ultimately approved unanimously on Monday.

With many restaurants already on board, Clifton said he hopes the resolution gives other establishments the final push they need to sign on.

"Quite frankly, this could be the last straw," he quipped.



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Council approves budget, agrees to raise water and sewer fees

Average resident will pay an additional \$83 per year

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Newark City Council last week approved the \$94.6 million 2021 budget, sparing residents a tax increase but raising water and sewer fees.

The average resident will pay an additional \$83 next year, a bigger increase than originally proposed after council decided at the last minute to reconfigure how rates are structured.

The increases will raise an additional \$378,000 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. Customers 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 said. "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."

Under the budget proposed last month, the average residential customer would have seen a combined water and sewer increase of approximately \$31 per year.

However, council tentatively decided to increase the customer charges even more, while reducing the per-gallon charge to offset them. That decision is revenue-neutral for the city but redistributes the burden among different classes of customers.

While it adds stability to the budget, a higher customer fee 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. That equates to a yearly increase of \$83, more than double the increase under the original proposal.

Newark spokeswoman Jayme Gravell noted the city offers programs to assist low-income resi-

dents with their bills.

"From the city's perspective, it makes more sense to provide direct subsidies to those in need than to distort the rate structure to achieve the same goal," Gravell said.

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."

Councilman Chris Hamilton was a strong proponent of a higher customer charge and chastised some of his colleagues for not being more receptive at first.

"We have an opportunity right here and now to address something that needed to be addressed by this council for years," he said.

Councilman Jason Lawhorn also supported it, but acknowledged the impact it could have on the poorest residents.

"I do understand that you do have individuals that may be on the lower income scale, that probably live in a smaller home and may use less water, that may see a slight increase in the rate," Lawhorn said. "That is the one drawback to this that I don't like, but I do believe, as Councilman Hamilton pointed out, there are programs that we have to try to help people in those situations to reduce their costs and I'd be open to discussing if there's



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

The Newark Municipal Building on South Main Street is shown in this file photo.

more we could do."

Ultimately, council voted unanimously to pursue the higher customer charges, which will be officially voted on at a later date.

Other than the debate over customer charges, this budget was relatively uncontroversial compared to some past years, when council spent hours over multiple meetings hammering out tax increases or making budget cuts.

At \$94.6 million, the budget is \$2.3 million less than in 2020 and \$400,000 less than in 2019, a reflection of the deep impact the pandemic has had on the city's finances.

Officials are projecting a revenue decrease of 2.4 percent, mostly due to a drop in utility sales related to the University of Delaware moving much of its operation online and some businesses remaining closed. Other expected revenue decreases include parking fees, lodging tax, traffic fines and parks

and recreation fees.

However, officials avoided a tax hike by making a number of spending cuts, including keeping vacant positions open, combining two positions in the administrative department, reducing or eliminating training and business travel and freezing contractual spending.

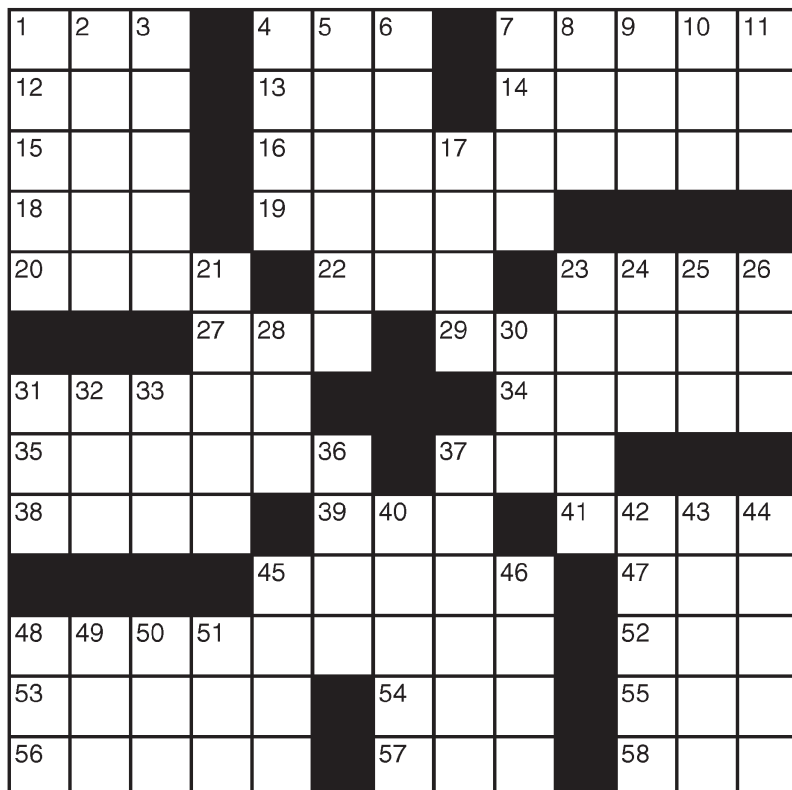
Coleman noted the city has seen \$1 million in new expenses due to pension obligations and workers compensation insurance since 2019, not to mention contractually obligated raises for union employees, but was still able to propose a lower budget.

"That's quite a feat and something all our department directors should be very proud of," he said.

Mayor Jerry Clifton concurred. "They found places to trim that were just miraculous, to say the least," Clifton said. "I think it is a pretty trim and fit budget tonight."

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Newark restaurant is latest victim of check theft scheme

By JOSH SHANNON

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Reports of checks being stolen from the mail are continuing in Newark, and a Main Street restaurant is the latest victim of what is believed to be a check-washing scheme.

The restaurant owner, who asked that his name and the name of his business not be published, said he wrote checks to contractors for \$90 and \$350 and mailed them in one of the mailboxes in front of the post office at Main Street and Center Street.

Later, he discovered that the checks had been rewritten to different recipients and for drastically higher amounts — \$8,500 in one case and \$7,200 in another case.

He said investigators told

him the checks were rewritten to generic-sounding names and deposited by phone in out-of-state banks. The bank was able to stop payment on the one, and while the second one was successfully deposited, the restaurateur expects to eventually be refunded the money.

The incident appears to be an example of what is commonly known as check washing. According to the United States Postal Inspection Service, the scheme involves thieves stealing checks, using a chemical solvent to remove the ink and then fraudulently rewriting the checks to themselves or a co-conspirator.

Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, said there were a few similar reports around the same time as the restaurateur discovered he had



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A downtown restaurant owner mailed two checks in these mailboxes outside the Main Street post office and later discovered they had been stolen, washed and fraudulently rewritten.

fallen victim to the scheme. All the rest involved personal checks, though a second business reported that checks were stolen from the

mail but never cashed.

Rubin said detectives were able to connect the stolen checks to a batch of mail stolen from several Newark-area mailboxes on Oct. 12.

In that case, police responded to an early morning hit-and-run in which someone was illegally driving their car along the James F. Hall Trail near Apple Road, got stuck in a stream and fled. Near the abandoned vehicle, officers found outgoing mail that had been stolen from three U.S. Postal Service mailboxes earlier that day.

The recent check fraud comes after several similar incidents were reported in mid September.

Those victims told police they mailed personal checks to pay bills, etc., and dropped them in U.S. Post Office mailboxes around Newark, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. Someone stole the checks, altered them to increase their value and cashed them at locations

around the country. In total, more than \$57,000 was stolen.

Rubin noted that police are not sure whether the checks were stolen while they were in the mailbox, on the way to the post office, at the post office or after they left the post office. All four victims used different mailboxes, he said.

NPD is working with the United States Postal Inspection Service to investigate the thefts, Rubin said.

He encouraged residents to use electronic payments when possible to avoid becoming a victim of check theft.

Any Newark resident who has been a victim of mail theft and has not reported the incident to police should contact Lt. Fred Nelson at fnelson@newark.de.us or 302-366-7100, ext. 3119.

Police seek knife-wielding man who robbed Home Depot in Suburban Plaza

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Police are searching for a man who robbed a Newark store at knifepoint Tuesday morning.

The incident happened just before 7:30 a.m. at the Home Depot in Suburban Plaza, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The man was attempting to leave the store without paying for his merchandise when an employee confronted him. He displayed a knife

before fleeing, Rubin said.

The employee was not injured.

The robber was described as a white man in his 30s with short black hair, glasses, and a tattoo on his left hand. He wearing gray sweatpants and a dark gray hooded sweatshirt and drove away in a black Jeep Cherokee with a Maryland license plate.

Anyone with information about the identity of the robber should contact Det. William Anderson at 302-366-7100, ext. 3469, or wanderson@newark.de.us.



Police are searching for a man who robbed the Home Depot in Suburban Plaza at knifepoint Tuesday morning.

Newark man sought for failure to re-register as sex offender

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Police in Newark are searching for a registered sex offender who allegedly changed his address without alerting authorities.

Mark Porter, 45, previously lived at the Super 8 motel on Main Street but is no longer there. His address was last verified in March.

"Porter is a Tier 2 registered sex offender and is required to periodically confirm his address with the State of Delaware and report changes of address within three days," said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Tier 2 is the mid-range of the sex offender registry, and offenders are

considered "moderate risk."

Porter, a white man, 5 feet 7 inches tall and 150 pounds, was convicted in 2000 of second-degree unlawful sexual contact against someone 12 to 15 years old.

Police have obtained a warrant for his arrest and are asking anyone who knows his whereabouts to contact Det. Paul Keld at 302-366-7100, ext. 3106, or pkeld@newark.de.us.

Failure to abide by the sex offender registration law is a felony and punishable by up to two years in prison.



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Greenhouses will allow Caffé Gelato patrons to dine outdoors this winter

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Faced with the challenge of keeping his restaurant afloat during the pandemic, Caffé Gelato owner Ryan German has expanded his outdoor seating and more recently installed propane heaters to keep diners warm on chilly nights.

Now, his latest idea involves erecting glass “greenhouses” around outdoor tables, allowing diners to continue eating outside during the winter.

“We get a southern sun. We get a lot of warm sun,” German said. “People are going to be able to sit outside during the sunlight hours and be warm enough to have a private dining space outside.”

The greenhouses, which he hopes to install as soon as possible, are 8 feet by 6 feet and made of glass and aluminum.

“This is pretty high end and looks nice,” German said.

Similar structures are being used in other places, such as New York, Chicago and Connecticut.

“Dining privately is certainly safer than dining in an indoor room near strangers,” German said Monday night, while pitching his idea to city council.

The council informally gave City Manager Tom Coleman the go-ahead to work with German to establish guidelines for the greenhouses, such as making sure they don’t impede the flow of pedestrians and ensuring they are anchored properly.

The city has asked the Delaware Division of Public Health to devise protocols for sanitation and cleaning.

“They sounded confident that they will be able to develop an operations plan with Ryan that would work to meet their requirements of protecting staff and employees,” Coleman said. “They actually gave Ryan a compliment on his dedication to following the rules and keeping staff and patrons safe.”

German said employees will wipe down and sanitize the greenhouses between each group of customers and will likely give them time to air out before seating the next group. Wait staff will serve diners from outside the greenhouse, rather than going inside.



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People walk by outdoor dining greenhouses in Chicago. Here in Newark, Caffé Gelato is planning to install similar structures to allow patrons to dine outside this winter.

Newark proposes adding \$10 ambulance fee to all traffic citations

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Motorists cited for speeding or another traffic offense could soon find themselves being forced to chip in to help support local ambulance service.

Newark City Council is weighing a proposal to add a \$10 ambulance fee onto 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 would raise \$40,000 per year for the cash-strapped Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company.

Since 2014, the state has levied 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 must 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



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Elizabeth deBruin, an EMT for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company and a student at UD, stocks an ambulance earlier this year.

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 fi-

nancial contributions and free utilities.

“Every dollar we get is helpful,” Aetna President Dan Seador said. “We are being squeezed a number of ways at this point, and any additional support we get from the city would be appreciated.”

The state’s ambulance fee has been a help to Aetna, Seador said.

“It enabled us to continue to provide the level of service that we’ve been wanting to continue to provide and, of course, that the community expects. It has been a godsend to us,” he said. “I really quite honestly did not realize at the time that the municipality of Newark was not included in that program when they instituted it, so additional help from the city

of Newark obviously would be very much appreciated.”

Mayor Jerry Clifton and all six council members informally signaled their support for the fee Monday, but the ordinance will be officially voted on at a later date. However, Councilman Chris Hamilton asked that the final ordinance allow for judicial discretion in the case of defendants who have financial difficulties.

Supporting Aetna is important, Clifton said.

“What they do with the money is nothing short of amazing,” he said. “You don’t want to hear the numbers required to have a full-time [paid] fire department like Wilmington has. Anything we can do to creatively get more money into that funnel for Aetna is just a wonderful thing.”

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No need for vote on hybrid reopening plan, Christina board says

By JACOB TOOK

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The Christina School District Board of Education on Tuesday approved a resolution stating that it is neither necessary nor appropriate for the board to vote on the district's hybrid reopening plan. CSD is pursuing a hybrid reopening even as COVID-19 transmission increases across Delaware alongside a nationwide surge.

Per the resolution, the reopening plan is operational and therefore the responsibility of the district administration. The board fulfills its oversight obligations, the resolution goes on to state, through regular public meetings, at which administrators present updates and board members ask questions, make suggestions and solicit community feedback through public comment.

Board President Keeley Powell acknowledged a range of strong feelings from parents and students — many are excited to be back in schools alongside classmates and teachers, while others have sharp concerns about classroom safety.

Speaking as a CSD parent, she wants the board to give Superintendent Dan Shelton and his administrative cabinet freedom to refine the reopening strategy as needed.

"Things are changing every day, every week," she said. "I want to respect the health experts and the educational experts, and definitely provide that governance and oversight, but allow us to transition into something and have a plan ready to go."

Currently, students in kindergarten and fourth through sixth grade have returned for in-person learning two days a week, as well as students in preschool and special programs.



SHELTON

Beginning next week, the district plans to bring back grades one through three and seven through nine, with remaining grades added the week of Nov. 30.

In a press conference Tuesday, Gov. John Carney said that key health metrics show Delaware moving in the wrong direction, with caseloads and positivity rates increasing. While the state has yet to tighten restrictions on reopening for businesses, restaurants and schools, Carney warned that these measures could come if things continue to get worse.

Fred Polaski, another board member, argued that the district would be less responsive to changing health conditions if it required authorization from the board for changes to the reopening plan.

"We need to leave it to Dr. Shelton and his team to make calls," Polaski said. "That's their job."

However, concerns abound about potential deficiencies with the district's reopening plan.

With several thousand laptops ordered but not delivered, a number of parents have pressed the district for a plan to get appropriate technology in the hands of all students. Many report receiving the same answer time after time — they're coming soon.

In Tuesday's meeting, Chief Financial Officer Chuck Longfellow fell back on this line again, reporting that since the district's last update, it has received at least 812 laptops — 764 of which are for staff. He explained that a nationwide backlog in supply caused a delay

in distribution of new devices.

"I don't know if I can give any hope of anything arriving soon, like next week or the week after," Longfellow said. "But we have them on order."

Ventilation was an ongoing concern as the new school year got underway, with a number of parents and educators expressing concerns about the readiness of classroom HVAC systems to mitigate airborne COVID-19 spread.

Supervisor of Planning & Facilities George Wicks shared an update with the board containing almost no new information from his updates in September and October — many classrooms have been outfitted with air purifiers, and special Stereonizer purification units were installed at the Brennen School. More Stereonizer units have been ordered for other schools.

"I believe they'll be installed within the next month," Wicks said.

Lauren Sokolnicki, a behavior analyst with the Delaware Autism Program, criticized the district for presenting a glossy version of the reopening plan which overlooks many challenges facing students and teachers in the classroom. Her own experiences, and those of her colleagues, she said, do not align with the district's board updates.

She urged the board to take a stronger role in administering the implementation of reopening.

"Will you cast doubt upon the perfectly presented plan that works in theory and act as a professional, educated, proactive board of education?" she said. "Or are you going to bury your head in the sand while Dan stomps his feet, rolls his eyes and allows children to die while you repeat to yourself, 'But it was

inappropriate for us to take a vote?"

Several board members followed up on reopening reports from administrators.

Board member Alethea Smith-Tucker questioned why bottles of cleaner are not labeled. When Shelton explained that the cleaning solution is mixed in-house, Smith-Tucker did not back down from her assertion that the cleaners should still be labeled. Chief Academic Officer Deirdra Aikens promised to follow up on that point.

Smith-Tucker also asked how much personal protective equipment the district has on-hand, after allegations from Sokolnicki and others during public comment that teachers and students face shortages. Shelton said the district does have a significant amount on hand, and urged staff to come forward with issues they are facing so the district can work to meet those needs.

Board member Monica Moriak praised administrators for their speed adjusting the reopening strategy as feedback rolled in from community members.

"The fact that we are fluid is a testament to our district," Moriak said. "I am impressed with what I'm seeing, and I'm really thankful to be part of it."

Newark High School English learner teacher Scott Parsons, however, urged the board to exercise stronger oversight in its capacity to represent concerned parents, staff and community members.

"You know that this hybrid plan is not adequate enough to protect the staff and students in our district, and so you don't want to put your official stamp of approval on it," Parsons said. "If you truly support your plan, and believe that it will keep us safe, you should own it and vote on it."

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Newark-area Senators chosen to lead Democratic Caucus

By JOSH SHANNON

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The Democratic Caucus in the Delaware State Senate, newly emboldened after gaining a supermajority in last week's election, will be led by two Newark-area senators.

The caucus chose Sen. David Sokola to serve as President Pro Tempore, and Sen. Bryan Townsend as Senate Majority Leader.

Sokola, who ran unopposed for his 10th term, represents District 8, which covers nearly the entire city of Newark as well as parts of North Star, Pike Creek and Hockessin.

"Delaware voters spoke this week in a clear voice that de-



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manded change," Sokola said in a prepared statement. "The size and record-setting diversity of our Caucus reflects the values of our communities and their growing demand for racial justice, higher wages, better schools for our chil-

dren, common-sense gun reforms and greater access to affordable health care. They also want legislators who will work to protect the public's health and get our state back to work. I am honored my colleagues have trusted me to lead the State Senate as we renew our commitment to a more equitable Delaware for all."

The full Senate will officially complete the process of electing the President Pro Tempore when it reconvenes for the first day of the 151st General Assembly on Jan. 12. Sokola will replace former President Pro Tempore David McBride, who was knocked off in the Democratic primary.

Townsend, who is halfway

through his third term, represents District 11, which encompasses an area southeast of Newark, including Brookside, Scottfield and Todd Estates, and also extends to parts of Bear. For the last two years, he served as Senate Majority Whip.

"Our caucus enters this new decade with a fresh perspective on the needs of our constituents," Townsend said in a prepared statement. "Over the last two election cycles, Delawareans have chosen legislators who are more reflective of our state's rich diversity. Great things are happening here in Delaware and it is an honor to help lead the Democratic Caucus into the future."

Sen. Elizabeth "Tizzy" Lock-

man, of Wilmington, will replace Townsend as Senate Majority Whip.

Last week, the Democrats picked up two seats in the Senate, as attorney Kyle Evans Gay defeated Cathy Cloutier in Brandywine Hundred's 5th Senatorial District and business owner Spiros Mantzavinos defeated Anthony Delcollo in Elsmere's 7th Senatorial District.

The Democrats now have a 14-7 majority, their first supermajority since 2012. Having a supermajority means that Democrats no longer need Republican support to pass tax bills, which, under Delaware's Constitution, require a three-fifths majority to pass.

Progressive newcomers look to shake up Delaware legislature

By RANDALL CHASE

Associated Press

Democrats remain comfortably in the driver's seat in Delaware after sweeping statewide and federal contests on Election Day and maintaining their majorities in the state House and Senate.

But Nov. 3's results also promise to bring several fresh faces and ideas to the General Assembly. Democrats flipped two state Senate seats that had been held by Republicans while sending several left-leaning progressive newcomers to Dover.

The Democratic candidates elected Nov. 3 include Sarah McBride, who will be the first openly transgender state senator in the country, and the state's first Muslim lawmaker, Madinah Wilson-Anton. Also, Marie Pinkney and Eric Morrison



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became the first openly queer woman and gay man, respectively, to win legislative office in Delaware.

Wilson-Anton and Morrison both represent districts just south of Newark.

"It's a major shift," said Wilson-Anton, who edged out an incumbent Democrat who had served 22 years in the House by 43 votes in the September Democratic primary before easily defeating her GOP opponent Nov. 3.

"I'm excited that I'm joining the legislature with a lot of other progressives who have our community's best interests in mind," she added.

The new class of progressive Democrats has already made it known that they plan to make their voices heard in Legislative Hall, regardless of any customary tradition or deference to senior lawmakers.

"I think with the freshman class coming in, there's going to be a lot of change coming," said Pinkney, a social worker who identifies as queer and was elected Nov. 3. She had unseated the Senate president pro tem, one of the longest-serving lawmakers in Delaware history, in September's Democratic primary.

Pinkney said Delaware is in store "for some game-changing legislation." Issues that she and other progressives have campaigned on include racial justice, environmental justice, universal paid family and medical leave, a single-payer health care

system, universal child care, gun control and marijuana legalization.

"I think having more people like us down there gives other legislators some more room to be a little bit bolder and take the lead on some of these issues," Wilson-Anton said.

Such talk has Republicans, and some Democrats, worried.

State Republican Party chairwoman Jane Brady noted in addition to working to solidify GOP support for the party's candidates after the September primary, the GOP also sent emails to registered Democrats urging them to look at the issues before voting in the general election for progressives who won Democratic primaries.

"They weren't really what they were used to as Democrats. They weren't mainstream at all," she said.

With three progressives winning Senate seats and four elected to the House, Brady said the freshman class is bound to have influence.

"I think they're a reality the Democratic Party is going to have to deal with," she said.

"A lot of Democrats that we talked to, not elected officials, but just Democrats on the street, are not supportive of the positions that they take," Brady added. "They don't want to defund the police. They don't want to make Delaware a sanctuary state. They don't want to take away First and Second Amendment rights. They want school choice. ... All of

that is affected by the progressive agenda. The concern is that's where the progressives are nationally, and they're going to influence what happens locally."

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Group calls for mandatory COVID-19 testing and tracing in schools

By JACOB TOOK
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Building People Power, a grassroots racial justice advocacy group based in Wilmington, urged Gov. John Carney and other officials to implement a mandatory COVID-19 testing and contact tracing protocol for Delaware public schools through its Safe, Accountable, Forward, Equitable (SAFE) Schools campaign.

"Across the county and in our state, Latinx and Black communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic," SAFE Schools co-chair Sarah Green said in a press release. "This impact cannot be separated from education."

Organizers, which include parents, teachers and other community members, argue that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbate racial inequities in the state's public school system. The campaign has the backing of Dave Sokola, a Newark-area state senator, along with a number of other state legislators and advocacy

groups, including the ACLU of Delaware.

In an open letter addressed to Carney, as well as Department of Education Secretary Susan Bunting and Division of Public Health Director Karyl Rattay, SAFE Schools writes that people of color contract the virus at higher rates, and are more likely to face challenges to remote learning like lack of reliable technology or broadband access.

"Lower income families and communities of color will feel disproportionately pressured to send their children back to school," the letter reads. "Our students, their families and school teams deserve to be protected from exposure to COVID-19 to the best of our ability. We believe it is the executive branch's responsibility to enact protective measures."

The letter goes on to state that universal testing in schools is an essential piece of that protection, and points to examples of widespread testing initiatives at Delaware State University and Eastside Charter School in Wil-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Hundreds of people took a self-administered, saliva-based coronavirus test at a drive-thru testing site at Newark High School last month.

ington.

DSU partnered with nonprofit Testing for America to implement regular testing for students, and has a positive case rate of less than 1 percent. Nearly all cases have been asymptomatic when identified, meaning the individu-

als likely would not have sought testing independently. At Eastside Charter, the school began reopening in mid-September with a rigorous testing strategy, and has seen no positive cases.

As schools across the state look toward reopening even as cases

surge in parts of Delaware and around the country, officials have strongly encouraged — though not mandated — that students and their families get tested.

The Christina School District has allowed the state to use its facilities for drive-through testing sites in recent weeks, but is not currently poised to implement a regular universal testing protocol for students. Per the district's policy, staff will be tested at least monthly and be able to request an additional test at any time.

ACLU of Delaware Senior Policy Advocate Shannon Griffin said that state leaders should take up universal testing as a measure to protect some of the state's most vulnerable populations.

"We cannot let the weight of this pandemic fall so heavily on the shoulders of Latinx, Black and low-income students and families and the adults who educate them," Griffin said in a press release. "Mandated testing and tracing protocols are quickly becoming a proven method for keeping schools open safely."

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Wersinger said he is concerned about the impact of the polystyrene, which isn't biodegradable, and worries it could get washed into the stormwater system.

"It's not about my property only," Wersinger said. "It's the whole community, it's the public park, it's people walking down the street breathing this in."

Now, the owner of the property, DSM Commercial, is in hot water with the city.

"We're taking this very seriously, both public works, code enforcement and the city as a whole," said Ethan Robinson, deputy director of public works for Newark. "We see the significance of it and at the end of the day, we want to make sure that any development project does not negatively impact the residents of the City of Newark."

Robinson said the pellets, which he described as "Styrofoam snow," were sent into the air when a contractor was installing polystyrene insulation on the outside of an under-construction building, which will house apartments and retail space. Workers were using a tool called a rasper, which prepares the surface of the insulation panels for installation of stucco and a stone veneer.

He likened the process to sanding and noted that it can cause a mess if the workers don't adhere to proper pre-



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Tiny pieces of foam from the Park N Shop construction project are visible along a nearby sidewalk.

cautions, such as using a vacuum rasper, which contains the small pieces of material released during the process.

After the first incident Oct. 21, city inspectors gave the contractor a warning and educated workers on the proper procedures.

It happened again Nov. 5, and inspectors found that the workers were not using the tool recommended by the city. They were attempting to vacuum up as much of the polystyrene as they could, but it wasn't enough to keep the wind from carrying some of it into Wersinger's yard and into city-owned open

space along Apple Road.

The contractor "probably isn't paying attention or being as diligent as he should be when doing the rasping process," Robinson alleged.

After the second instance, the city fined DSM \$100 and got the contractor to agree to enclose the work area with plastic sheeting to keep the foam from blowing away, use a vacuum rasper as originally recommended and add a third worker to the crew to use a shop vac to pick up any material that falls to the ground.

Additionally, the contractor agreed to remediate Wers-

inger's property and replace mulch that was contaminated with foam pellets.

'We are going to work diligently'

Robert Wittig, co-owner of DSM, said his company is committed to remediating the problem and ensuring it doesn't happen again.

"We are going to work diligently, and I believe that my team has been very responsive to the town and to the community," he said.

However, he said he would have preferred Wersinger contact him rather than call the city.

"I'm not trying to diminish their right to be concerned or their right to quiet enjoyment of their home. Nobody should come home and not be happy with their surroundings," Wittig said. "The only thing I'm saying is my phone number is available. I think that would have been the appropriate measure first. Regardless, we are where we are, and they're concerned, and we're going to do everything we can to expedite the process and minimize the impact."

He pointed out that Wersinger was one of several residents who spoke out against the apartment project when it was being voted on by city council in 2018.

"I believe that one of the neighbors is just still a bit upset that this application was approved," he said. "That being said, we still extend the olive branch to everyone around us, and we're willing to help and listen as best we can when people communicate with us in an effective way."

Wittig said DSM has used the polystyrene insulation and never received a complaint before.

"We have one of the cleanest job sites you'll see anywhere," he said.

However, Robinson disputed that, as did Councilman Chris Hamilton, who represents the area. They both said a different contractor employed by DSM had the same issue with the polystyrene while renovating the existing Park N Shop a few years ago.

"There was a substantial amount of Styrofoam snow that was littering the parking lot and the area around the site," Robinson said. "That was actually substantially more material than what we observed from this particular development project."

City eyes

long-term solution

Robinson said that while the contractor agreed to further precautions, the city will keep tabs on the project to ensure compliance. If it happens again, the city will issue higher fines up to \$1,000 and also issue a stop work order, which would shut down work until the problem is resolved and could cost the contractor thousands of dollars in lost production.

"If you ask me, that's how you get them to take things seriously," he said.

Hamilton, who said he also heard complaints about the situation from a few other constituents besides Wersinger, called for council to find a way to amend city code to make it easier to prevent similar issues in the future.

"There's no excuse for this," Hamilton said. "Styrofoam stays around for 1,000 years."

Robinson said he is working with City Manager Tom Coleman and the planning department on a plan going forward.

"I'll admit this is a very frustrating experience for me," Coleman said. "I was a direct witness to the initial Styrofoam snow event, which was pretty horrific."

Obituaries

Mary Ann Finch

NEWARK — Mary Ann Finch, age 78, of Newark, DE, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Christiana Care Hospital.

Born in Memphis, TN on January 21, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Joe Ann Heavrin. Mary Ann received her B.S. degree in Home Economic Education from Tennessee Technological University and her M.S. in Child and Family Development from the University of Missouri. Mary Ann began her career in 1964 as an Area Specialist of Child and Family Development at the Cooperative Extension Service of University of

Missouri. In 1971 she came to the University of Delaware where she held the positions of Program Specialist, State Specialist, State Leader and State Program Coordinator in Home Economics Cooperative Extension Service until her retirement. Mary Ann was President of the Women's Leadership Center and served for many years as the President of the Council for Villa Belmont Condominium Association.



MARY FINCH

She is survived by her brother, Captain Don and sister-in-law, Jonnie Finch of Palm Coast, Florida; and nieces, Eva Anne Finch Hall and Amanda Finch also of Palm Coast, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary Ann's memory to the VBCA Tree Fund, Villa Belmont Condominiums, 60 Welsh Tract Road, Unit 2B, Newark, DE 19713.

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Maureen Seador (Foley)

NEWARK — Maureen (Foley) Seador, age 85, of Newark, DE, passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Born in Schenectady, NY on July 24, 1935, she was a daughter of the late Francis M. and Agnes C. (Kennedy) Foley. Maureen was a resident of Delaware for 62 years, moving from Niagara Falls, NY. She was the wife of Deacon John L. Seador for 42 years until his death in 1998.

In addition to her parents, Maureen was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon John L. Seador; son, John G. Seador; sister, Barbara Pomykata; and brother,

Donald Foley. She is survived by her children, Thomas G. Seador (Carol) of Brentwood, TN, Daniel G. Seador (Monica), Kathleen Weston (James) and Reenie Hitchens (Karl); daughter-in-law, Debbie Seador, all of Newark; sister, Carolyn Horan (Ronald) of Brentwood, CA; grandchildren, Kyle, Greg, Paul, Jessica, Sara, Jake, Hannah, Stuart, Megan, Sean, Selby, Noah, Gabe, Julia and Katherine; and 13



MAUREEN SEADOR

great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held privately. Interment was held privately at All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Maureen's memory to Delaware Hospice, 16 Polly Drummond Center, Second Floor, Newark, DE 19711, the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, or to the American Heart Association, 200 Continental Drive, Suite 101, Newark, DE 19713.

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12 teens rob two people at gunpoint outside Newark apartment complex

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police are searching for approximately a dozen teens who robbed two people at gunpoint in the parking lot of a public housing complex in Newark.

The incident happened around 12:10 a.m. Nov. 1 in the Alder Creek

community off Cleveland Avenue.

The two victims told police they had just left an apartment and were getting into their vehicle when the teens approached and demanded their personal property.

At least two of the teens were armed with handguns.

The victims complied and the teens

fled in at least two vehicles, including a blue sedan. The suspects were described only as black males in their mid to late teens.

No one was injured.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100, ext. 3474, or tgerasimov@newark.de.us.



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Police identify Newark man who died in crash involving garbage truck

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police have identified a Newark man who died after crashing his car into a broken-down trash truck east of the city last month.

The crash happened at 6:13 a.m. Oct 27 on Del. 273, just west of South Harmony Road, according to Cpl. Jason Hatchell, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

Gideon Onumah, 30, was driving a 2000 Infiniti I30 west on Del. 273 and "failed to perceive" the trash truck, which was stopped in the roadway due to a ruptured fuel line, Hatchell said. The front of the Infiniti struck the rear of the trash truck.

Onumah, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken to Christiana Hospital, where he died.

The driver of the trash truck, a 33-year-old Wilmington man, was not hurt.

The road was shut down for more than three hours while police investigated the crash and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control cleaned up spilled diesel fuel.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Calio of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8483.

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30. A total of 63 people were cited for violating Newark's social gathering law, which limits the size of gatherings in an attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Police added extra patrols over Halloween weekend, but things appeared to calm down, and they issued just one additional citation.

Still, the damage was done, and UD reported high numbers of cases several days in a row, including 47 on Nov. 5 — the university's highest one-day total.

Even as the outbreak grew, unseasonably warm weather this past weekend fueled more parties. Six people were cited.

The spike brought an unfortunate end to what had been a relatively quiet month for UD's coronavirus situation.

After peaking in late September with 80 cases in one week, UD's coronavirus outbreak waned in October, and the university was praised by state health officials for getting the outbreak under control. The week before the spike, only 19 cases were reported.

The students cited by po-



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More than 25 people party in the backyard of a rental home on Center Street on Saturday afternoon, with no masks or social distancing evident. This particular party escaped the attention of police, but officers did break up other parties over the weekend, citing six people for violating the city's social gathering ordinance.

lice will face a fine of up to \$500 and up to 20 hours of community service, as well as additional sanctions from the university.

Under UD policy, any student charged with hosting a party that violates the law will immediately receive a temporary suspension until the case is adjudicated. Those found guilty through the university judicial sys-

tem will receive a full suspension and could be expelled.

So far this semester, six students have been suspended and 100 have received deferred suspensions, Boyle Tippet said.

Since students returned in late August, UD has seen a total of 588 COVID-19 cases.

This week, the city of Newark is seeing an aver-

age of 17 new cases per day — a figure that includes UD cases as well as non-student cases — which is just slightly less than during the peak in mid-September. The city has seen 894 cases since the pandemic began, but nearly 75 percent of those cases have come since the UD semester began in September. Eleven Newarkers have died from COVID-19, but none since the spring.

Statewide, Delaware is also seeing an increase, with an average of 241 new cases per day, a large increase from the summer, when there were approximately 50 new cases.

"It's going the wrong direction," Gov. John Carney said Tuesday, adding that if things don't improve, more restrictive measures could be implemented. "We need to do a better job."

The number of people hospitalized is rising too, with a total of 127 as of Tuesday.

Rattay said that many cases are tied not to large events or restaurants but rather to small gatherings in private homes. As colder weather and the holiday season approaches, officials are warning Delawareans to take precautions and avoid indoor gatherings — even at times like Thanksgiving when families are used to getting together.

"This virus doesn't care if you are tired of being cautious," Rattay said. "This virus wants to spread, and any moment you are not cautious is when it may get to you or your family or friends. So all of us as Delawareans have a responsibility and the ability to help us turn this around, and we are asking that you help us so we don't have to take additional actions."

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Fall foliage is seen surrounding the Rittenhouse Park footbridge.

Fall foliage is seen in Newark's Rittenhouse Park on West Chestnut Hill Road. In the background is Bloom Energy at the University of Delaware's STAR Campus.



Fall foliage is seen in Middle Run Natural Area and surrounding Tri-State Bird Rescue.

Fall foliage in Newark



Fall foliage is seen at the Southridge Condominiums off West Chestnut Hill Road.



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George Minkalis,
11/9/2020

2926029 NP 11/13/2020

PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 12/09/2020 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit 2024 – Kathleen L. Shockley – Bookcase, 30+ boxes, kitchen chair, ice chest, mirror, record/CD player, shelving, coffee table, end table, 10 totes, ammo box, wicker side tables
Unit 5040 – Natasha Griscom – Box spring, 8 boxes, clothing, 2 dressers, fishing equipment, 2 end tables, 4 totes, toys, flat screen TV, shoes

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

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit 3011 – Ronald Shackelford – Bags, Bed, Cabinet, Couch, Dresser, Fan, Table Lamp, Pictures, Speakers, Totes, TV, Keyboard, Recliner

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2020 at 2:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #428 – Crystal M. James – Bags, bed frame, box spring, mattress, folding chair, fan, ironing board, floor lamp, shelving, toys, vacuum.
Unit #514 – Ronna Wise – Bags, boxes, clothing closet, (2) hampers, love seat, pictures, (3) suitcases, totes, dog crate, cloth guitar case, (2) coolers.
Unit #253 – Dwayne J. Williams – Box spring, mattress, dresser, dryer, hamper, speakers, folding table, totes, washer, bicycle, chest, tool kit, record albums, (3) candy dispensers.
Unit #44 – Thomas W. Teel c/o Jay Merlino – Several Boxes.

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 at 3:00 PM on www.StorageTreasures.com. Sales are "cash only". The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit # 311 – Charles Wayne – Bags, upholstered chair, totes, TV, shoes, table
Unit # 229 – William DeGrosky – Boxes, clothing, clothing racks, totes, plastic storage, mannequin, scale
Unit # 158 – Sarah Irwin – Boxes, upholstered chair, floor lamp, table lamps, end tables, toaster oven, totes
Unit # 389 – Michael Street – Bags, fan, 2 generators, solvents & chemicals, shop vacuum.
Unit # 352 – Frank Daresta – Boxes, clothing, totes, Dune buggy frame, welder
Unit # 240 – Frank Daresta – Boxes, clothing, wooden shelving, tools
Unit # 314 – Salvatore Giaimo – Bags, boxes, folding chair, clothing, shoes, bookbag
2924695 NP

11/6,11/13/2020

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

VALERIE IRENE COSTEN
Petitioner
Dated: 11/2/2020

2925144 NP 11/6,11/13,11/20/2020

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

AMBER LEIGH JACOBS
Petitioner
Dated: 10/21/2020

2923906 NP 10/30,11/6,11/13/2020

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
MICHAEL GERARD HEINLEIN
Petitioner(s)
TO
DOV ELI HEINLEIN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL GERARD HEINLEIN 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 DOV ELI HEINLEIN.

MICHAEL GERARD HEINLEIN
Petitioner
Dated: 11/04/2020

2925706 NP 11/13,11/20,11/27/2020

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

COURTNEY JEANNETTE SUVIE
Petitioner
Dated: 11/3/2020

2920092 NP 11/6,11/13,11/20/2020

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

KAREN FRANCES CIABATTONI
Petitioner
Dated: 10/19/2020

2923752 NP 11/6,11/13,11/20/2020

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
JASON CHRISTOPHER MILLER, JR.
Petitioner(s)
TO
JASON LIAM LACLAIR
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRYSTAL LACLAIR 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 JASON LIAM LACLAIR.

CRYSTAL LACLAIR
Petitioner
Dated: 10/30/2020

2925016 NP 11/6,11/13,11/20/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, William Andrew Thomas Berns, residing at 27 Southbridge Road, Bear, DE, 19701, 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.

William Andrew Thomas Berns,
11/8/2020

2926025 NP 11/13/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Ronald Joseph Saxton, Jr., residing at 64 Midland 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.

Ronald Joseph Saxton, Jr.,
11/6/2020

2926021 NP 11/13/2020

CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The November 16, 2020 Council meeting is cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 23, 2020.

/rkb

Cancellation Posted – November 9, 2020

2926098 NP 11/13/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, D'reardon Lyle Thayer, residing at 1 Photinia Drive, 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.

D'reardon Lyle Thayer,
11/4/2020

2925709 NP 11/13/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Gina Gasby, residing at 12 Dunsmore 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.

Gina Gasby,
11/4/2020

2925580 NP 11/13/2020



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Our local first responders are quietly dedicating themselves to keeping our community safe and responding with urgency in all sorts of emergencies.

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Go to www.newarkpostonline.com and nominate the person that you think reflects everyday heroism in your county. Please share the full name of first responder, position, county served and place of employment.

A list of all the nominations will publish the week of November 15th in the Newark Post news:

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