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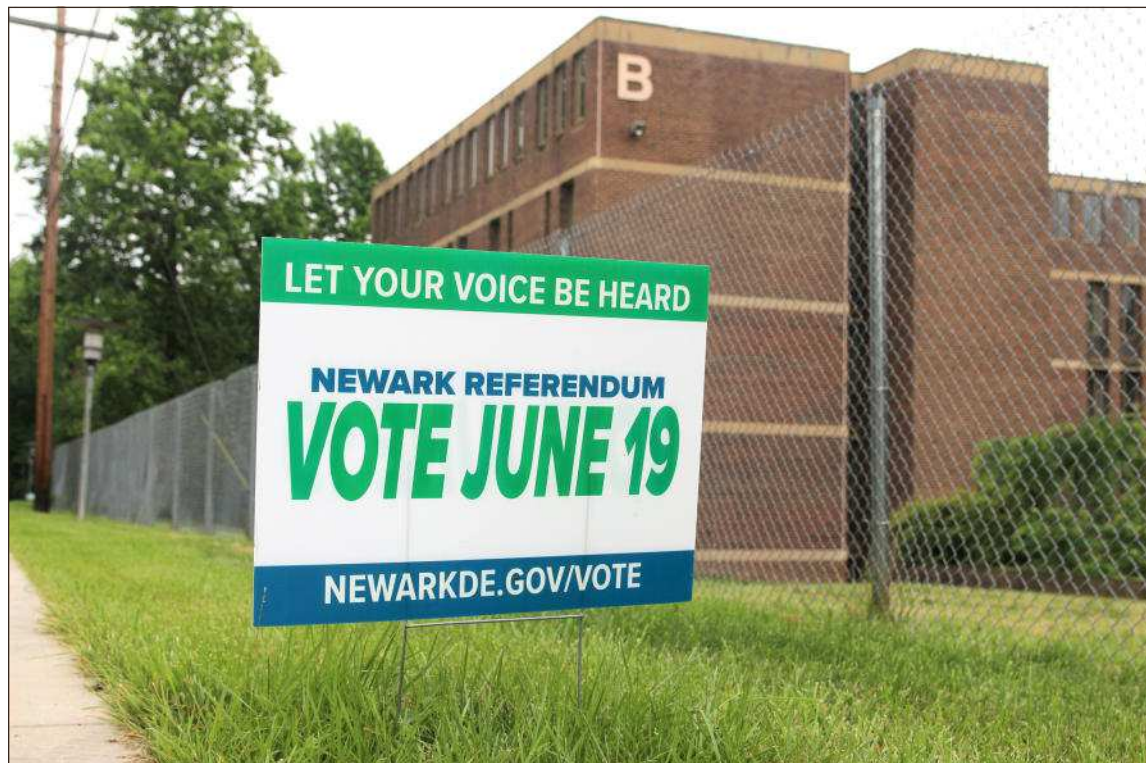
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Among the projects included in Tuesday's referendum is the stormwater pond and park proposed at the site of the Rodney dorm complex.

Voters to decide referendum questions on Tuesday

By JOSH SHANNON
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The issues have been debated, the questions have been set and the pitch has been made. Now, the fate of Newark's \$27.6 million capital referendum is in voters' hands.

Newark residents will go to the polls Tuesday to cast their vote on four questions seeking authorization for the city to take on debt to fund a variety of projects.

The first referendum in Newark since 2001, Tuesday's vote gives residents a rare opportunity to directly weigh in on city policy decisions.

At issue is the city's ability to turn the shuttered Rodney dorm site into a stormwater pond and park and address failing infrastructure. If approved, the referendum would signal a shift in the way the city funds major projects — using debt instead of cash.

An affirmative vote will cause residents' yearly taxes and utility fees to increase by an average total of \$90 by 2022, though officials argue that is less of an increase than if the projects were paid for with cash.

Turn to page 10 for an in-depth look at everything you need to know about Tuesday's vote.

Voting information

Polls are open Tuesday, June 19, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

District 1 — Wesleyan Church of Newark, 708 W. Church Road

District 2 — Aetna Fire Station #8, 410 Ogletown Road

District 3 — Aetna Fire Station #7, 7 Thorn Lane

District 4 — First Church of Christ, Scientist, 48 W. Park Place

District 5 — First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 W. Main St.

District 6 — First Church of the Nazarene, 357 Paper Mill Road

Non-resident property owners — City hall, 220 S. Main St.

Hotel tax bills garner support

By JOSH SHANNON
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Both Newark and New Castle County appear poised to gain the authority to levy a tax on hotels.

Officials from both jurisdictions have lobbied the state legislature for that ability, and the efforts gained traction earlier this month.

HB 377, which gives the county the ability to set a hotel tax up to 3 percent, was approved by the state house and senate and is awaiting signature by Gov. John Carney.

Meanwhile, the city's bill, HB 435, passed the house 36-5 on June 7.

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Two new eateries open on Main St.

By JOSH SHANNON AND KATIE TABELING
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A Peruvian restaurant and a mac-and-cheese eatery are the latest additions to Main Street's culinary scene.

The Peruvian restaurant, Pachamama Rotisserie Chicken, replaced Del Pez Mexican Gastropub at 76 E. Main St. It held its grand opening June 7, though it had a soft opening a few weeks earlier.

"This is the beginning of something great," owner Javier Acuna said as Mayor Polly Sierer and other officials helped him cut a ceremonial ribbon.

Pachamama is operated by Hakuna Hospitality Group, which operated Del Pez and also owns Santa Fe Mexican Grill. Acuna said the location proved too small for Del Pez, which he hopes to reopen somewhere else in the Newark area.

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Panning for creek gems: Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at White Clay Creek State Park, 750 Thompson Station Road. Pan the creek for garnets, magnetite and other shiny treasures. The park will provide pie plates with holes in them for registered participants. Water shoes and towel recommended. Family program. \$6 per person. Call 302-368-6900 to register.

Cultural heritage celebration: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. Food, music, dances and performances will highlight several international cultures. Free.

School safety forum: Monday, 6:30 p.m., at Glasgow High School, 1901 S. College Ave. State legislators, school leaders and law enforcement representatives will participate in a panel discussion on school safety. Free and open to the public.

Concert: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area, 880 New London Road. Danny Paisley & Southern Bluegrass will perform as part of the park's weekly summer concert series. Free, but park fees apply.

Spring concert: Thursday, 7 p.m., on the Academy Lawn. The Newark Parks and Recreation Department's spring concert series concludes with a performance by The Honeycombs.

Fabulous Friday: Friday, June 22, 5 to 9 p.m., on the Academy Lawn. Local artists will have their work on display for sale, and the event will also feature face painting and sidewalk chalk contests. Free.

For more events, visit newarkpostonline.com/calendar. To submit listings, go online or email news@newarkpostonline.com. Information runs in the print edition as space is available.

New reporter joins the Newark Post staff

POST STAFF REPORT

Brooke Schultz, a native of Moorestown, N.J., has joined the staff of the Newark Post as a reporter. Schultz graduated in May from Washington College in Chestertown, Md., with a bachelor's degree in English.

During her senior year at Washington College, Schultz served as editor-in-chief for the student newspaper, The Elm, after previously working as news editor and a staff writer. In those roles, Schultz covered all aspects of the college and the community.

"Through my work with The Elm, I learned about journalism through doing. In that role, I was able to cover a variety of news — from crime, to student or faculty spotlights," she said.

In the summer of 2017, Schultz interned for the Kent County (Md.)

News, a sister publication to the Newark Post. Through that internship, Schultz learned more about working for a community paper.

"Working with the Kent News was a really wonderful experience that introduced me to the importance of community journalism," she said. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the Newark community through my reporting."

In addition to her internship with the Kent County News, Schultz previously worked as an intern for Delaware Today magazine in Wilmington.

Due to the variety in her experience,



SCHULTZ

Schultz said she is looking forward to covering a little bit of everything at the Newark Post.

Post editor Josh Shannon said Schultz is a great addition to the newspaper's team. He said Schultz will take over the education beat as the paper works to expand its coverage of the Christina School District, University of Delaware and other local schools.

"Community journalism is important to us here at the Newark Post, and to our readers, and I'm confident that Brooke will help us continue to fulfill that mission," Shannon said. "She will quickly become a familiar face to Newarkers, and I hope our readers will enjoy the added coverage of our community."

Schultz can be reached at 443-350-7856 or bschultz@chespub.com.

Three Newark-area students win Beau Biden Memorial Scholarship

POST STAFF REPORT

Three Newark-area students recently won the Beau Biden Memorial Scholarship from the I Could Do Great Things Foundation.

The winners are Delaney Doran, of Bear; Marigrace Ferrill, of Newark; and Ni-

cole Kennedy, of Newark.

Doran, a graduating senior from Mount Pleasant High School, received the Scholarship's Gold Award of \$10,000. Ferrill, a 2018 graduate of Padua Academy, and Kennedy, a 2018 graduate of Conrad Schools of Science, are co-recipients of the Silver Award, each receiving \$5,000. All three will attend the University of Delaware this fall.

Named in honor of former Delaware Attorney General

Beau Biden, who died in 2015 at age 46, the scholarship was established by the I Could Do Great Things Foundation, an independent Delaware-based philanthropy. The scholarship honors college-bound high school seniors from Delaware "who embody the virtues of Beau Biden, who exhibited qualities of leadership, community, civility, respect, and a strong moral compass."

The selection team reviewed applications from

close to 100 high school seniors before naming this year's winners.

"Delaney, Marigrace and Nicole have consistently demonstrated the highest standard of leadership, service and compassion in their school and local communities," the committee wrote in a prepared statement. "Each recipient exemplifies Beau's legacy of service and accomplishment and we expect that they will each go on to do great things."

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Fifth-graders share hugs, celebrate last day of school

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When the fleet of seven buses departed from Downes Elementary School on Tuesday to the cheers of teachers and staff, they carried the fifth-graders for the last time before heading to middle school next year.

The morning marked the annual "clap out" — the last day of school in the Christina School District, and for the oldest class at Downes, a celebration and goodbye from their friends, family and teachers.

After the students had circled the halls — surrounded by younger students cheering them on and parents holding balloons and flowers — they gathered outside, and Principal Patricia Prettyman hugged and posed for pictures with the parents and students.

"They were powerful," she said of the class. "They had a voice. They wanted to use their voice; they felt empowered."

She said that they used that voice and passion in March, when the fifth-graders "wanted to stand up for what they believe in" and took part in the national walkout against gun violence, organized in response to the Parkland shooting in February. Prettyman noted that Downes was the only elementary school in the district to do so.

"They are hardworking,

with high goals," she said. "I'm sad to see them go. They have a special place in my heart."

For the parents, the day was filled with excitement. Laura Narayan's daughter, Katelyn, is moving on to Shue-Medill Middle School in the fall.

"She had a really great experience here," Narayan said.

Narayan also has a child who just finished second grade at Downes and two little ones who will be coming through.

Adam Baer was waiting for his daughter Jillian. His older daughter went to Downes and, when she had graduated fifth grade, Jillian had been there to clap her out.

He said that Jillian is "ready to move up," but she has loved Downes.

Cynthia Morris was with her grandson Evan Alston waiting for his twin, Ian Alston, to parade through the halls.

"It's a big deal for the kids," she said. "He's been talking about it for a week."

She said that Ian has loved Downes and hates to leave it and his friends.

"It's a wonderful school," she said. "The teachers are great. It's wonderful."

While many students were looking forward to moving on to middle school after summer vacation, others were sad to leave their friends and teachers at Downes.

Ava Hunter said she didn't really know how she felt, but she was leaning toward, "happy, a little bit."

Over the summer, she plans to go to the beach and to New York, as well as hang out with her friends. While none of her friends are going to Kirk Middle School with her, she is excited to make some new friends, too, she said.

Nasir Logan said he's excited but "sad at the same time. I might not see some of my friends."

He's looking forward to picking out his own classes in middle school at Nativity Preparatory School of Wilmington.

At Downes, he said, "I liked the teachers and how they taught us."

He paused to hug classmate Landon Knox, who said he was excited and sad, too.

"I'm not going to see my teachers again," Landon said.

His mother, Courtney Protack, said that she is glad he attended Downes and was thankful to all his teachers throughout the years.

They'll be moving to a different county, so Landon is looking forward to making new friends over the summer.

"It's going to be a new school, a whole new world," Protack said.

Damyra Horta, Jasmin Ayla-Castro and Ashanti June were waiting together for the buses to take them



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Downes Elementary School fifth-graders walk through the halls one final time Tuesday as younger students cheer them on.

home from Downes for the last time.

"I'm sad," Damrya said. "I cried."

Jasmin said she was excited for the summer, because she'll be headed to the beach. Both she and Damyra will be attending Shue-Medill in the fall, but Ashanti will be moving to New Jersey. The girls plan to stay in touch.

"We have each other's phone numbers," Jasmin said.

Ashanti said that she really liked going to Downes.

"I'm going to miss my

friends," she said.

Polly Marchesani was waiting for her son Zachary. She said that it was a "big thing for us."

Zachary was a part of the autism program at Downes and he loved it there, she said.

"Whenever we drive past the school, he says, 'Mommy, that's my school,'" she said. "It's going to be a hard transition."

Zachary will be attending Gauger-Cobbs after four years at Downes. Marchesani said she was thankful for their time at the school.

"We love the staff and how

the teachers are with the children," she said. "They're cognizant of inclusion. I love how supportive the staff [and] administration is."

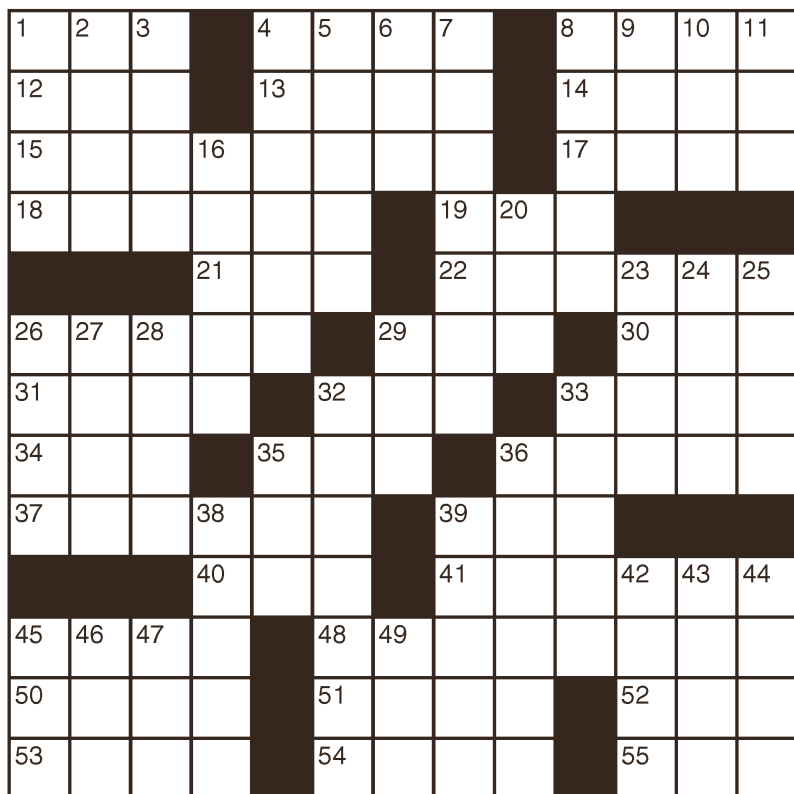
She said they fought, and won, to keep his class at Downes because of the staff.

When she and Zachary met up after the clap out, he was gifted a globe from Prettyman. Marchesani said that he had watched it in Prettyman's window every day.

"They're a community," she said of the school. "That's very important to us. They're always looking out for the kids."

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Longtime Newark High School volunteer Katie Moore Hughes is honored during Monday's city council meeting. From left to right: Christina School District Superintendent Richard Gregg, State Rep. Paul Baumbach, Mayor Polly Sierer, Hughes and Newark High Principal Aaron Selekmán.

PTSA volunteer honored by city council, state legislature

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Katie Moore Hughes, a dedicated volunteer for Newark High School and the Christina School District, was saluted by Newark City Council and the state legislature on Monday night.

Hughes' involvement with the school district dates back more than 20 years, and she has served as president of the West Park Place Elementary School PTA and most recently as president of the Newark High PTSA for four years. There, she played a key role organizing programs like after-prom, a visual arts event and informational workshops for parents.

Beyond her work with the schools, she also volunteers for the Newark Area Welfare Committee and organizes the group's annual Good Neighbor Day soup sale and essay contest.

Sierer lauded Hughes as "a treasure to the city of Newark."

"Katie's hard work, honesty, humility and humor have influenced countless members of the Newark community by her life of service, and our community is better and stronger for her dedication," Sierer said.

State Rep. Paul Baumbach presented Hughes with a tribute from the Delaware House of Representatives.

"How you've given of yourself for 20 years, we're just so much in awe, so thankful," Baumbach said.



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Two Newark High School students were hurt when a Christina School District bus overturned on a wet road near Middletown on Monday.

Two Newark High School students hurt in bus crash

By JOSH SHANNON
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Two Newark High School students were hurt when a Christina School District bus overturned on a wet road near Middletown on Monday.

The crash happened at 6:20 a.m. on Summit Bridge Road between Armstrong Corner Road and Old School

House Road, according to Sgt. Richard Bratz, a spokesman for the Delaware State Police.

The bus was heading north on Summit Bridge Road with two students and a bus aide on board.

As another vehicle in front of the bus slowed down for traffic, the bus driver swerved to avoid a rear-end collision, and the bus veered

off the road, struck a ditch and rolled onto its side, Bratz said.

The students, a 16-year-old girl and a 17-year-old boy, were taken to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries. The driver and aide were not hurt.

The driver, Shaneeka S. Comeger, 35, of Wilmington, was cited for following too close.

Cops nab suspect in Suburban Plaza bank robbery

By JOSH SHANNON
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Philadelphia Police have apprehended a man accused of robbing a Newark bank at gunpoint last week.

Frederick Baynes, 51, was arrested in a Philadelphia parking

garage on Saturday afternoon.

Baynes walked into the M&T Bank in Suburban Plaza just after 3:30 p.m. last Friday, displayed a handgun and demanded money from a teller, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. The

teller complied, handing over an undisclosed amount of cash.

No one was injured.

Using interviews and surveillance footage, detectives identified the suspect as Baynes, and a judge granted a warrant for Baynes' arrest, Rubin said.

Anyone with additional information about the robbery is asked to contact Det. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100, ext. 3474 or tgerasimov@newark.de.us. Citizens may also contact Newark Police at 302-366-7111 or call 911 to report his whereabouts.

Anonymous text message tips can be submitted by texting 302NPD and a message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, where a reward may be available.

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Native plant islands installed in Newark parks

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Volunteers from the Delaware Audubon Society recently planted four “native plant islands” in Newark parks with the hope of providing a more natural habitat for wildlife.

The small areas – two near the Newark Reservoir and two in Curtis Mill Park – were planted with a total of 500 native plants, including trees, shrubs and other small plants, and fenced off to keep deer out while the plants mature. The volunteers also used herbicide to eradicate some of the invasive species in the area.

Matt Del Pizzo, president of Delaware Audubon, described the islands as “supercharged” with more than 40 species of native plants. By reintroducing native plants, the organization hopes to attract more birds and other wildlife to the parks.

The project was based on research by University of Delaware professor Doug Tallamy, Del Pizzo said. In his book, “Bringing Nature Home,” Tallamy says that planting native species is crucial to the survival of wildlife.

“All plants are not created equal, particularly in their ability to support wildlife,” he writes. “Most of our native plant-eaters are not able to eat alien plants, and we are replacing native plants with alien species at an alarming rate, especially in the suburban gardens on which our wildlife increasingly depends. My central message is that unless we restore native plants to our sub-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Steve Cottrell from the Delaware Audubon Society shows visitors one of the native plant islands the organization installed near the Newark Reservoir.

urban ecosystems, the future of biodiversity in the United States is dim.”

Delaware Audubon hopes to install more native plant islands soon, but Del Pizzo said he sees the ones installed in Newark as a way to test which plants are successful in beating out invasive species and thriving.

“We’ll see them fight it out,” he said.

Steve Cottrell, another volunteer with Delaware Audubon, said invasive species often out-compete native plants.

“Fortunately, this area wasn’t that bad,” he said, referring to the area around the reservoir. “We were able to catch it in time.”

Common invasive species include Bradford pear trees, Russian olive trees and Japanese honeysuckle. Residents plant the invasive species in their yard, and then the seeds spread.

“People don’t realize what they plant has an impact on other areas,” Cottrell said.

Newark Parks Superintendent Tom Zaleski said Delaware Audubon contacted the city of Newark

and inquired about testing out the native plant islands in city parks.

“It’s a win-win for everybody,” Zaleski said. “Our parks should serve multiple purposes, including wildlife management.”

The parks department makes an effort to plant native species when possible and also has a program for eradicating invasive plants from Newark parks, Zaleski said. In 2014, the National Wildlife Federation declared Newark a certified wildlife habitat for meeting a list of requirements that includes native plants.

Delaware Audubon paid for the native plant islands with \$6,000 from Newark Residents Against the Power Plant, which donated its leftover funds to the organization after winning its fight against the data center and power plant proposed for the STAR Campus.

Cottrell said he hopes the project inspires residents to plant native species in their own yards. The group also installed 40 nest boxes for birds.

“As native plants increase, bird activity will increase,” Cottrell said.

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Food Bank of Delaware to offer training in warehousing, logistics

By BROOKE SCHULTZ
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To continue its goal of creating a community free of hunger, the Food Bank of Delaware is rolling out a new pilot program that provides warehousing and logistics training to people who are unemployed or underemployed.

"In order for people to not need food assistance, they need jobs that pay sustainable wages," spokeswoman Kim Turner said.

The food bank endeavors to tap into that through L.O.G.I.C. — logistics, operations, general warehousing and inventory control — an 11-week program to offer training to the public in warehousing and logistics.

With the new program, the organization hopes to build upon the success of its existing workforce development program, a culinary school that teaches skills for students to seek employment in the food industry.

"We are a warehouse in Newark and we're always looking at ways we can provide job training to low-income Delawareans so they're no longer in need of our service...We were looking at new ways to provide programming to the public and the idea for L.O.G.I.C. came about," she said. "We have expertise as it relates. We determined this was another way to provide a service to the community."

The program is still seek-

ing participants. Participation for 10 students is fully funded through the Delaware Department of Labor. The program will run Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and take place at the food bank's current location on Garfield Way in Newark.

The curriculum will focus on lessons such as storing and restocking; picking, packing and quality control; loading and shipping; inventory control; and customer service. Students have the ability to graduate the program with an OSHA-10 general industry certification and forklift certification.

Beyond that, the program looks to teach students "soft skills," like conflict resolution, hygiene, interview and resume writing.

"Many of our students come from challenging backgrounds," Turner said. "We have many students who are re-entering society through the Delaware Department of Corrections. [The program provides] training they need not only for operating a forklift, but to hold a job successfully and hopefully move up the ranks."

The food bank collaborated with industry leaders, such as Kraft, Amazon and Bayshore Transportation, to design a program that enabled students to put their best foot forward when applying for jobs.

"We asked them, 'What is it you're looking for from future employees?'" Turner

said. "We want to provide [students] with the hands-on training, but also the soft skills to thrive in a career and in everyday life."

Representatives of the companies will also be involved as guest speakers and serve on an advisory council to help the program improve as it continues to develop. Turner said that the industry is constantly changing, so the food bank wants to ensure it is putting out students companies want to hire, she said.

Having the certification after graduation from the training is a way to "get a foot in the door when [employers] are looking at a bunch of resumes," Turner said. "It helps them get a lead over other candidates."

In the 11th week of the training program, there will be an internship portion.

"We'll place them at a company in Delaware to get real-world experience," she said. "Then we help place the students in jobs."

The food bank, which is moving to a larger location in Pencader Corporate Center near Glasgow next year, is also planning a yearlong workforce development program in agriculture. Students will work on a farm behind the new warehouse.

Those interested can find more information or apply online at www.fbd.org/logic or by contacting Jessica Neal, workforce training program manager, at jneal@fbd.org or 302-444-8076.



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The Food Bank of Delaware is rolling out a pilot program that will teach 10 participants warehousing and logistics. Students can graduate from the program with certification in OSHA-10 certification and forklift certification.

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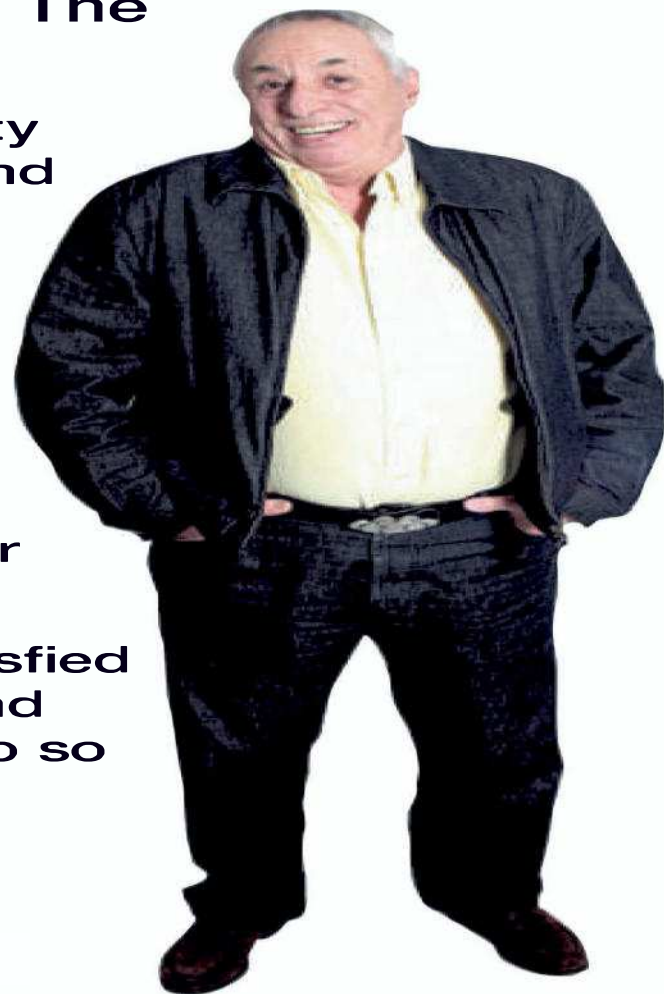
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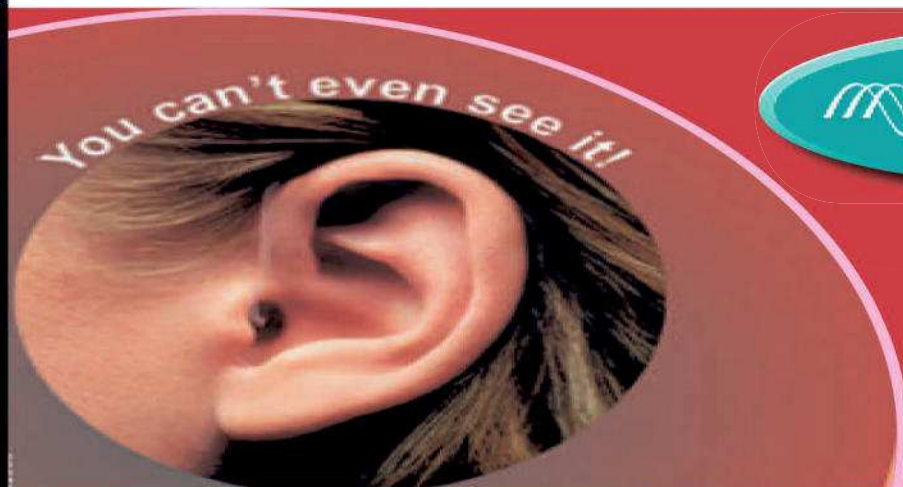
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NHS soccer captain lauded for leadership, playing 'with heart'

By JON BUZBY

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Alondra Hernandez-Garduno strolled onto the stage at the Bob Carpenter Center on June 5 during Newark High's graduation ceremony as a senior student-athlete. Then, with one quick handshake and the hand off of her diploma, she walked away from her time as a high school athlete and toward her future.

"I had a lot of peace," she recalled of how she felt at that moment. "I didn't cry or anything. I had peace in my heart that I left [my contributions] behind and I felt like I left something behind in a lot of people's hearts. I'll always be there for Newark High. I made a lot of memories and I know I'm going to come back to support the teams I played on."

Hernandez-Garduno ran cross-country her junior and senior years, but it was on the soccer team where she shined. The standout midfielder earned three varsity letters – she missed her freshman year due to an ACL injury – and was a two-time all-conference selection while serving as team captain all three years.

"She is a great motivator who I could depend on for anything," Newark soccer head coach Mike James shared. "She was there for every team event year-round and constantly took on many responsibilities she wasn't expected to without asking. She has a way with words that makes her teammates and coaches listen and respect her. Most



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Former Yellowjacket Alondra Hernandez-Garduno will play soccer at the University of Valley Forge.

importantly, she knows how to pick up players when they are down."

James shared a message he received from Hernandez-Garduno after a tough loss as an example of her ability to stay positive regardless of the situation: "Coach, we will continue to have ups and downs, but we will always come back. We need to keep supporting

and lifting each other up, and this loss is only going to make us stronger. Newark soccer has always been about not giving up and working hard for what we believe in. We have never let a loss defeat us, and we won't now."

Hernandez-Garduno took that same attitude to the football team, where she served as the extra-point

kicker this past fall.

"She was extremely coachable," football head coach Barry Zehnder said. "She took directions and asked questions on how to improve each day. The next day she came in and she applied what she had learned. She is a great young lady to be around. She is a very positive person, she loves to joke with teammates and

coaches. When you add that to her great work ethic, you get exactly what she is – a great representative for the positive things going on at Newark High and Newark athletics."

It was her positive, hard-working attitude that endeared her to not only her teammates, but also other student-athletes who competed for the Yellowjackets.

"Whatever team I was on, whatever game I went to and watched, I saw a bunch of heart," she said. "We weren't the best in any sport we played, but we pushed each other and whether we had a winning or losing record, we always were there for each other. We always had a lot of heart all the time."

Hernandez-Garduno made the same point about "heart" while speaking at Newark's All Sports Banquet on May

30, an honor bestowed on her because of her reputation among her peers.

"She is an amazing lady," assistant athletic director Brian Corey said. "I think very highly of her and I know many do as well. She is a breath of fresh air and she truly is as genuine as they come."

Hernandez-Garduno is enrolled at the University of Valley Forge in Phoenixville, Pa., where she will major in graphics design.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what I do," she said. "These last few years of high school, it's been amazing to see what I've done and how I've influenced people. I want to come back and be a different person. After four years, I want to come back and be proud of who I am."

Hernandez-Garduno, who earned eight varsity letters while at Newark, plans to play on the Patriots soccer team.

"Her work ethic in everything she does is amazing," James, who Hernandez-Garduno credits for taking her under his wing, said. "She is a great athlete and even better person that is going to do great things in college and beyond. I am so very proud to have been her coach the last three years."

Hernandez-Garduno plans to spend the summer working at Modell's, training for the fall season and helping out with the Newark soccer team during summer workouts. Then it will be time to head off on her own, a move she has mixed emotions about because it means leaving her mother, who raised her by herself, and three younger siblings.

"Being so homesick and missing the people here," she pointed to as what she feels will be the biggest challenge of going away. "[Being around people] has kind of been my thing here. I'm going to meet new people and it's going to be great. It's going to be hard to move on because it's never been all about me, but in some ways now it's going to be. And that's going to feel weird."

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Editor's note: Volunteers at the Pencader Heritage Museum have been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes. They share excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column.

August-December 1943: A curfew law was discussed, but council decided to let police handle cases where

children were out when they should be home at night. Town voting districts needed to be evened out in size.

Officer Wassamer resigned, replaced by Edgar Riley. Police Sgt. Leroy Hill asked for and received a six-month leave-of-absence to take job at Bainbridge, a Navy Training facility in

Maryland. Officer Morrison was told he would have to pay Officer Smith out-of-pocket for substituting for him.

A request was made for permission to open a temporary roller rink in town, but council needed more information. The Federal Housing Authority paid

Newark \$1,900 in lieu of taxes on George Read Village. There were 123 families living in the neighborhood at the time.

Haines Street needed better streetlights. Tyre Avenue was to be paved with amosite. Mayor Frank Collins, who had served for 14 years, died Oct. 8.

Councilman Hubert was named to replace him until next election. The town purchased \$20,000 in U.S. Treasury Bonds to earn 2.5 percent interest.

Getting no satisfaction from the B&O Railroad over repairing the West Main Street crossing, the town did the work and sent

the bill to the company. Alderman Clarence Foster resigned, to be replaced in interim by William Brown.

An old safe in the office had to be opened by experts. It held the deed to the council building and lot. Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1943, was \$44,599.56.



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What you need to know about Newark's capital referendum

By JOSH SHANNON

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Why a referendum?

While most decisions, like enacting new laws or increasing taxes, are voted on by city council, Newark's charter requires the city to get approval from voters before taking on debt.

Though referendums have been used sparingly throughout Newark's history, the city has had success convincing voters to approve borrowing in the past.

The last referendum was held in April 2001 to seek approval to borrow \$16 million to build the Newark Reservoir. A second question sought \$2.6 million to build a water treatment plant at the city's south well field.

The vote was held along with the mayoral election, in which Hal Godwin was re-elected for his second term. Approximately 2,600 ballots were cast.

Both ballot questions were approved by a landslide, with more than 80 percent of voters saying yes.

Prior to that, a successful referendum in 1990 authorized borrowing \$5.5 million to build the police station, buy parkland and upgrade the water system.

The questions

When voters step into the voting booth Tuesday, they will be faced with four questions. They will decide each one independently.

Question 1 seeks to borrow \$6.5 million to buy the University of Delaware's Rodney dorm complex, knock down the buildings and build a stormwater pond.

The 7.24-acre site on Hillside Road has interested city officials since UD announced it was closing the dorms in 2015. Officials say the Rodney site is in an ideal location to solve many of the city's flooding issues.

Currently, stormwater pipes carrying runoff from Oaklands and surrounding neighborhoods converge near the Rodney site and during heavy rain overwhelm the system and cause flooding.

The pond would give the water a place to collect, and the water would be released in a controlled manner over a longer period of time. That would alleviate flooding in that area as

well as downstream in Old Newark and Devon.

The city is under contract to buy the site from UD, but can still back out of the deal if the referendum fails.

Question 2 seeks to borrow \$2.5 million to install park amenities at the Rodney pond.

Just as the Newark Reservoir turned into a popular place for recreation, officials hope to make the Rodney pond a "unique recreational destination" that includes a lighted walking/biking trail, playground, fishing pier, outdoor classroom, a parking lot and an open lawn for picnics and other activities.

Question 3 seeks to borrow \$15.6 million for water and sewer projects that officials say are badly needed to fix the city's failing infrastructure.

Among the projects are \$4 million to replace water mains, \$2 million to restore a well field near White Clay Creek State Park – giving the city a new, protected water source – and \$3 million to upgrade the water treatment plant at the south well field to ensure the city can continue to treat water drawn from the contaminated site, which was recently listed on the federal Superfund list.

Other projects include water tank maintenance, a study of the sewer system and a data monitoring system for the city's water treatment plants.

Question 4 seeks to borrow \$3 million for a number of other capital projects, including parking lot maintenance, road repaving, a new truck lift and hard surface improvements in city parks.

Effect on taxes and fees

Historically, the city has paid for major capital projects with cash in each year's budget. For instance, the 2017 budget allotted approximately \$4.3 million for capital projects. Borrowing money to fund the projects currently proposed would allow the city to spread out the cost over 20 or more years. Just like with a home mortgage or a car loan, the city would pay back the money, plus about \$10 million in interest, over time.

In municipal government parlance, the loan payments are referred to as

debt service, which is built into the budget each year and funded by taxes, fees and other revenue.

The city currently has about \$15 million in debt and pays \$2.7 million in debt service payments each year.

If the referendum passes, the city's debt and debt service would increase for a few years but then drop back to around current levels after the reservoir debt is paid off in 2022.

If all four referendum questions are approved, residents will see their tax and utility bills go up in order to cover the increased debt service payments. Next year, the average resident's total annual bill to the city would increase by about 1 percent, or \$32.40. By 2022, the average resident would be paying approximately \$90 more than they currently do.

(Of course, that doesn't take into account any additional tax increases or rate hikes that could be approved by city council for operational expenses.)

After 2022, the debt service – and therefore the cost to residents – would decrease unless there is another referendum, which city officials have indicated is likely.

"Realistically, we envision this being maybe a five-year cycle, where every fifth year we're back here to authorize another round of borrowing for the next five years and our debt service steps up," Tom Coleman, acting city manager, said earlier this year.

As a comparison, city officials have said that forgoing debt and paying for all the projects in cash instead would cause the average resident's bill to increase by \$420 next year. However, that assumes that city council would authorize all the projects within a short period of time. Council could pick and choose which projects to undertake, or spread them out a longer period of time.

Voting information

The referendum is open to all registered voters who are at least 18 years old and registered to vote with the state of Delaware at a residence within the corporate limits of the city of Newark.

A voter's polling place is based on the council district in which he or she lives:

District 1 — Wesleyan Church of Newark, 708 W. Church Road

District 2 — Aetna Fire Station #8, 410 Ogletown Road

District 3 — Aetna Fire Station #7, 7 Thorn Lane

District 4 — First Church of Christ, Scientist, 48 W. Park Place

District 5 — First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 W. Main Street

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By law, referendum voting is open to a broader constituency than other elections. In addition to city residents, non-resident property owners as well as trusts, LLCs and corporations that own property in the city are also eligible to vote. They will vote at the Newark Municipal Building, 220 S. Main St.

City Secretary Renee Bensley said the owner or representative of an LLC or corporation will fill out an affidavit swearing he or she is the duly authorized representative and then be allowed to cast a vote.

The law allows one vote per entity, not per property, meaning that a company that owns multiple properties only gets one vote.

However, a person who owns multiple companies or LLCs – such as a developer who creates a different LLC for each housing complex he or she builds – has the potential to cast multiple votes.

The argument for taking on debt

City officials pitch the debt financing as a way to spread the cost of the projects over decades.

"Debt financing accomplishes two main goals," Finance Director David Del Grande said earlier this year. "One is that it fairly allocates the cost of a project over its useful life. This means that today's residents and businesses are not paying the full cost of these projects today. Debt payments allow everyone to pay their fair share of the cost of the project, over the debt period."

"The other is that long-term debt has a minimal impact on the annual budget, thereby keeping the city's annual revenue re-

quirements as low as possible. Low needs for revenue translates directly into lower utility and tax rates," he added.

Coleman said this week that much of Newark's infrastructure needs work.

"We won't be able to afford to do that using cash if we want to keep our rates affordable and stable from one year to the next," Coleman said. "The best tool, in our opinion, to help us achieve the goal of maintaining our infrastructure and keeping our rates affordable and consistent is by mixing in some portion of debt."

The argument against taking on debt

Councilman Mark Morehead has been skeptical of the need to take on debt to fund many of the proposed projects.

While he supports borrowing to fund the Rodney project, he does not support debt for the other projects. He compared it to his own financial decisions – while he took out a mortgage to buy his house, he paid cash for the items inside it.

"Do you remortgage the house to pay for the living room rug when it needs changing? In my world, the answer is no, you don't do that," he said.

While the projects are necessary, they should be paid for with cash, he said.

"I believe we should do these capital projects. Absolutely do the preventative maintenance, but pay for it as you go," Morehead said. "I disagree with going into hock for the next 25 years to finance five years worth of work."

He predicted a close vote and added that he's heard from many constituents who are still confused about the referendum, a sign that the city has not done a good enough job educating the public.

"It's like school," he said. "If the kid doesn't pass the test or can't add, you've got your answer whether you educated effectively."

If the referendum passes, how quickly will the projects begin?

It's important to note that the referendum authorizes borrowing but does not approve the projects. Each project will come to city council for final approval.

If approved, the Rodney project would start quickly, with asbestos removal this winter, demolition of the dorms in spring 2019 and an opening date likely in early 2020, Coleman said.

As for the other projects, some are considered "shovel-ready" and will commence soon, while others might not start for a couple more years.

What happens if the referendum fails?

Even if the referendum fails, the city still has some options.

The contract with UD allows the city to buy the Rodney property in installment payments of \$350,000 over six years, which the city could use cash to pay.

"That would get us the land, but it wouldn't demolish the buildings or build the facility," Coleman said. "We could look at rate increases to build up our reserves to be able to do those projects."

For the other infrastructure projects, the city would prioritize them and raise utility rates to pay for them.

"Some of them just have to happen," Coleman said. "We either pay for them using cash or we pay for them with debt, but they aren't projects we can push off or not do."

Ultimately, city council would decide the path forward.

Will UD pay its share? How about developers?

While UD does not pay taxes, it does pay the utility fees that would be raised to cover much of the increased debt service.

UD is expected to pay between 30 and 35 percent of the stormwater fee that would fund the Rodney debt, Coleman said.

Commercial properties are subject to the same fee increases as well.

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Polly Sierer



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The referendum will be divided into four questions. Questions one and two are both related to the proposed stormwater project at the former Rodney dorm site. Question one covers the purchase of the land, demolition of existing structures, environmental remediation of the site, construction of the pond and construction of a multi-use path connecting to the tunnel that exits onto South Main Street. Question two includes additional park amenities like walking paths, pavilions and a fishing pier, along with educational components like an outdoor classroom and educational playground equipment. Both questions would authorize financing through the State Revolving Loan (SLR) program at an interest rate of 2 percent, which is a great rate.

Question three includes the city's proposed water and sewer utility projects that are proposed to be funded through the SLR

program, but do not have a locked-in interest rate yet. Most recently, interest rates were in the 2 to 3 percent range. Question four covers the city's general fund and parking fund projects. These projects are likely to be financed through a bank loan or general obligation bonds.

It's important for residents to know an affirmative vote for any of these questions only authorizes the city to borrow money; it does not approve the projects directly. Council will still need to approve each project and approve the actual loan documents, which means this is just one of many opportunities to have your voice heard about specific projects. You can always express your concerns about a specific project to your elected officials for consideration when that project comes to council at a later time.

So, who is eligible to cast a vote? Unlike typical elections in April, the list of eligible voters for the referendum includes not just city residents who are registered to vote, but also non-resident property owners, and representatives from corporations and limited liability companies that own property within city limits. If you are unable to get to the polls on election day, you may stop by the city secretary's office at the municipal building Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to vote in person or request an absentee ballot in person or by calling 302-366-7000. The polls will be open on June 19 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voting locations will be the same for residents as

with typical elections. Non-resident voters may cast their votes in Council Chambers at the Newark Municipal Building.

Over the past several months, city staff coordinated and presented at nine town hall forums to educate residents on the referendum process, the projects included and how the debt financing would work. They produced and distributed six educational videos, which were shared on social media, on the city website and on TV22.

They designed, printed and mailed a 16-page magazine to the homes of registered voters, posted yard signs and banners advertising the referendum, distributed materials on the referendum at various community events, mailed information out as part of the monthly newsletter/bill stuffer, created a webpage (www.newarkde.gov/vote) to host all of the information shared at the town hall forums (including video footage of each event) and established an email address (AskNewark@newark.de.us) dedicated to answering any questions residents may have. I encourage you to consider reviewing all of the information about the referendum at www.newarkde.gov/vote. Your questions can be answered at AskNewark@newark.de.us. I hope you'll review the provided information and let your voice be heard this Tuesday, June 19, by voting for the future of our city.

Polly Sierer has been mayor of Newark since 2013 and writes a monthly Mayor's Corner column. Contact her at pasierer@comcast.net.



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Special Olympians take center stage at UD

David Hill, of the Newark Dragons, had a deadlift of 610 pounds to win the gold medal at the 2018 Special Olympics Delaware Summer Games. The event included more than 600 athletes and 100 Unified partners competing in six sports last weekend at the University of Delaware.



TAX

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"It flew through the house like it was on greased skids," Rick Armitage, Newark's lobbyist, told city council Monday night.

The bill is now awaiting action in the senate.

"I think it will have an easier time there than it actually did in the house," Armitage added.

HB 435, which amends Newark's charter to allow for a lodging tax, was the second bill proposed by the city. The first would have applied to all municipalities in the state, but officials decided that a narrower approach would have a better chance at success.

"The minority whip in the house made the comment during the hearing that she much preferred that this was a charter change bill and each municipality would have to do that if they want to impose a hotel tax," Armitage said, referring to State Rep. Deborah Hudson, R-Fairthorne.

Currently, the state imposes an 8 percent lodging tax, a portion of which is earmarked for beach preservation and tourism promotion. Wilmington is the only municipality allowed to charge

an additional lodging tax.

Newark and county officials argue tourists put a burden on roads, infrastructure, police and other city services, and a lodging tax is a way to recoup some of those costs without further burdening taxpayers.

A 3 percent tax would bring in an estimated \$675,000 each year for Newark and \$3 million for the county.

The tax is vehemently opposed by the hotel industry.

"This is a real serious issue for the industry. Our travelers would rebel," Bill Sullivan, managing director of the Courtyard by Marriott on the University of Delaware campus and a member of the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association's board of directors, said last month.

He said an increase in the lodging tax would put Newark and New Castle County hotels at a disadvantage, especially in attracting youth sports teams, business travelers and other large groups.

"I expect those groups to move south, leaving our hotels in Newark with empty rooms," referring to Kent and Sussex counties. "That's not acceptable to us."

While an increase in the lodging tax could put ho-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

If proposed legislation passes, Newark would be able to levy a lodging tax on the nine hotels within city limits, including the SpringHill Suites, which opened earlier this year.

tels here at a disadvantage over those in Kent and Sussex counties, the combined state and local lodging tax under the proposal – 11 percent – would remain roughly in line with surrounding

states.

In Maryland, hotel guests pay 6 percent sales tax plus a 3 to 9.5 percent hotel tax, depending on location. In Cecil County, the closest Maryland county to New-

ark, the state and local tax comes to 12 percent.

Pennsylvania charges a 6 percent lodging tax, with counties and municipalities adding their own tax as well. The closest counties

to Newark are Chester and Delaware counties, where the total tax is 11 percent and 9 percent, respectively. In New Jersey, sales and lodging taxes add up to 12 percent.

EATERIES

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The restaurant offers table service but also expects to do a significant portion of its business through take-out orders.

The head chef is Juliana Jimenez, a native of Peru who moved to the United States 16 years ago and previously ran Juliana's Kitchen, a bistro in Wilmington's Little Italy, where she cooked specialties she learned from her mother growing up in Chincha, south of Lima.

Popular dishes include wood-fired rotisserie chicken, Peruvian-style ribs and ceviche. Pachamama has a liquor license and serves beer, wine and cocktails, including pisco sour, a Peruvian favorite.

Jimenez said the menu harkens back to her days in Peru, where her mother cooked over an outdoor wood oven. She said she hopes to introduce New Yorkers to her culture and some of its more popular dishes.

"Every bite you have, your mind travels," she said.

What makes Peruvian-style chicken unique?

"People laugh when I say 'wood,' but it's the secret ingredient in the chicken," Jimenez said.

The name Pachamama comes

from the Incan goddess of fertility, who oversees planting and harvesting.

Meanwhile, the fast-casual eatery Mac Mart opened Friday in the Main Street Galleria spot last occupied by Saladworks.

The Newark location is the second opened by sisters Marti and Pamela Lieberman. They started the business as a food truck in Philadelphia and later expanded to a storefront in Philly's Rittenhouse Square neighborhood.

"We really didn't eat mac and cheese growing up, but it all started with Marti's college graduation party," Pamela Lieberman said. "Mom stocked the house with healthier stuff, and no one wants to eat that at a party. So we went out and got some mac and cheese and she made some cheese sauce and everyone raved about it."

The sisters picked Newark for their second location because they said many of Mac Mart's customers are University of Delaware students who travel up to the Philadelphia area.

The menu offers mac and cheese with a number of add-ins to choose from, such as barbecue chicken, buffalo chicken and crabmeat. The eatery also features a "crunch corner" where customers can top their macaroni bowls with various crunchy toppings, such as potato chips and panko.



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Pachamama, a Peruvian restaurant, opened on Main Street last week. Pictured here are chicken skewers.

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Mayor's Conference Room

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Notice Posted – June 12, 2018

np 6/15 2790462

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June 19, 2018 – 7:00AM-9:00PM
Mayor's Conference Room/Council Chamber

A quorum of the Election Board will be in the Mayor's Confer-
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nounced at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Notice Posted – June 12, 2018

np 6/15 2790476

**CITY OF NEWARK
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ELECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

June 21, 2018 – 5:00 PM
Council Chamber

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2018 Election Board Meet-
ing
3. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2018 Election Board Meet-
ing
4. Certification of June 19, 2018 Referendum Election Results
5. Adjournment

Notice Posted – June 12, 2018

np 6/15 2790471

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DISTRICT 4 – FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 48 WEST PARK PLACE
DISTRICT 5 – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MEMORIAL HALL, 292 WEST MAIN STREET
DISTRICT 6 – FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 357 PAPER MILL ROAD
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS – COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWARK MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 220 SOUTH MAIN STREET

THE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE REFERENDUM ARE "FOR BOND/CERTIFICATE
OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUE" OR "AGAINST BOND/CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUE"
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

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| I. | Rodney Stormwater Facility | \$ 6,500,000 |
| II. | Rodney Park Amenities | \$ 2,500,000 |
| III. | 2018-2022 Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects | \$15,625,000 |
| IV. | 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects | \$ 3,000,000 |

ALL INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED TO VOTE WITH THE STATE OF DELAWARE
BY MAY 29, 2018 AT AN ADDRESS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK,
AND NON-RESIDENTS, CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES
AND PARTNERSHIPS OWNING PROPERTIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES
OF THE CITY OF NEWARK ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.

IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL VOTERS.

FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 366-7000
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. UNTIL JUNE 18, 2018 OR VISIT
[HTTPS://NEWARKDE.GOV/508/2018-CITY-REFERENDUM-ELECTION-INFORMATIO](https://newarkde.gov/508/2018-CITY-REFERENDUM-ELECTION-INFORMATIO)
FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FILE FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL 366-7000 OR EMAIL CITYSECRETARY@NEWARK.DE.US

np 5/25,6/8,15 2786149

**LEGAL NOTICE**

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Bonnie Jane Meredith, residing at 303 Arbour 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.

Bonnie Jane Meredith
6/11/18

np 6/15

2790205

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Jose E. Ortiz, residing at 216 Bell Ringer Ct., 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.

Jose E. Ortiz
6/5/18

np 6/15

289611

NOTICE OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON A PROPOSED BOND AND CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK

Please take notice that a referendum election will be held in the City of Newark, New Castle County, and State of Delaware, on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 407, Article IV, of the City Charter, in order to permit the qualified voters in the City of Newark to vote for or against the borrowing by the City of Newark of the sum of \$27,625,000. The purpose for which said money is proposed to be borrowed and the approximate amount to be expended for such purposes as follows:

I. Rodney Stormwater Facility	\$ 6,500,000
II. Rodney Park Amenities	\$ 2,500,000
III. 2018-2022 Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects	\$15,625,000
IV. 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects	\$ 3,000,000
	\$27,625,000

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary

np 6/1,8,15

286142

**PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE**

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

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, July 12th, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #4000 - Amanda Bart - Chair, Chest of Drawers, Clothing, Dresser, Boxes, Fish Tank, Mirrors, Stool, Night Tables, Toolboxes, Heater, Safe, Car Ramps
Unit #7011 - Amanda Bart - Bags, Boxes, Clothing, Fishing Equipment, Totes, Vacuum, Weights, Wicker Couch, Wicker Chair, Ottoman

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 7/11/2018 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #3145 - Gina Smith - bags, boxes, china cabinet, corner hutch, pictures, kitchen chairs, misc. household items
Unit #8056 - Steven Spence - mattress, boxes, dresser, stereo tool box, flat screen tv, crates, misc items

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #1262 - Indy Darby - bags, boxes, clothing, hamper, lamp totes, toys, computer monitor, vanity chair

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #330 - Alisha N. Congo - Bags, bed frame, box spring, headboard, mattress, boxes, clothing, sofa, stool, big screen TV, TV stand, vacuum.
Unit #398 - Toni A. Lightfoot - (2) air conditioners, bed frame, box spring, mattress, boxes, clothing, exercise equipment, hamper, clothing rack, kitchen supplies.
Unit #117 - Lawrence H. Ward - Mattress, (2) tires, tool box, (8) empty buckets, gas can, car battery, air compressor, extension cords.

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 3:00 PM. Sales are "cash only". The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #381 - John Ryan - headboard, books, kitchen chair, dresser, mirrors, pictures, kitchen table, totes, trunk, dishware

np 6/8,15

2786983

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
CHERYL ANN AYDELETTE FLEMING
Petitioner(s)
TO
CHERYL ANN AYDELOTTE FLEMING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHERYL ANN AYDELETTE FLEMING 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 CHERYL ANN AYDELOTTE FLEMING.

CHERYL ANN AYDELETTE FLEMING

Petitioner

Dated: 5/29/2018

np 6/8,15,22

288038

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

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DAVIDSON

Petitioner

Dated: 5/31/2018

np 6/8,15,22

288759

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
DIANGELO MOJICA
Petitioner(s)
TO
DIANGELO MENA-MOJICA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEYANARA MOJICA and RAFAEL MENA intend to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change their minor child's name to DIANGELO MENA-MOJICA.

DEYANARA MOJICA and RAFAEL MENA

Petitioners

Dated: 6/1/2018

np 6/8,15,22

288898

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BRANDON LAMAR TANN, JR.
Petitioner(s)
TO
BRANDON PHELAN JACKSON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KELCEE HALE intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor child's name to BRANDON PHELAN JACKSON.

KELCEE HALE

Petitioner

Dated: 6/4/2018

np 6/8,15,22

289086

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

TAMARA SHAVONNE HAND

Petitioner

Dated: 6/6/2018

np 6/15,22,29

2789614

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

BRANDON MARCUS WEATHERSBY

Petitioner

Dated: 6/8/2018

np 6/15,22,29

2790200

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BONITA W. SANTORA
Petitioner(s)
TO
BONNIE J. WILSON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BONITA W. SANTORA 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 BONNIE J. WILSON.

BONITA W. SANTORA

Petitioner

Dated: 6/12/2018

np 6/15,22,29

2790480

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
CITY COUNCIL TRAINING NOTICE**

**June 20, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Council Chamber**

A quorum of the City Council will be present at implicit bias training on June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Newark Municipal Building located at 220 South Main Street, Newark.

Notice Posted – June 12, 2018

np 6/15

280458

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
CHLOE MADISON MATTHEWS
Petitioner(s)
TO
CHLOE MADISON ANDERSON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KARYN ELISE ANDERSON intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her minor child's name to CHLOE MADISON ANDERSON.

KARYN ELISE ANDERSON

Petitioner

Dated: 5/23/2018

np 6/1,8,15

2787155

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

JASMINE MIRZAMEHDI SHIRAZI

Petitioner

Dated: 5/25/2018

np 6/1,8,15

2787771

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
SIRENA RENEE PERMENTER
Petitioner(s)
TO
Sirena Renee Poole
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIRENA RENEE PERMENTER 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 Sirena Renee Poole.

SIRENA RENEE PERMENTER

Petitioner

Dated: 5/28/2018

np 6/8,15,22

278775

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
JANAY LEE JOHNSON
Petitioner(s)
TO
Janay Lee Johnson
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANAY LEE JOHNSON 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 Janay Lee Johnson.

JANAY LEE JOHNSON

Petitioner

Dated: 5/28/2018

np 6/1,8,15

2787788

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
OMAR TYREE PERMENTER
Petitioner(s)
TO
Omar Tyree Permenter
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that OMAR TYREE PERMENTER 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 Omar Tyree Permenter.

OMAR TYREE PERMENTER

Petitioner

Dated: 5/28/2018

np 6/1,8,15

2787794

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

TAMORA CORNEILIA SADOT

Petitioner

Dated: 5/29/2018

np 6/1,8,15

2787818

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