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The year in review

By **JOSH SHANNON**

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In Newark, the year 2019 was in large part defined by two things: construction and demolition.

There, of course, was the much talked about – and much complained about – Main Street road construction project, which annoyed motorists and business owners alike for most of the year. Construction on two large buildings on the STAR Campus continued, and a number of apartment projects are underway around the city.

Meanwhile, demolition crews were busy all year, bringing down the Rodney dorms, part of the Green Mansion, a section of College Square Shopping Center and more – all paving

the way for new development next year.

The year also brought a new mayor for Newark, a failed school district referendum, a crackdown on so-called “super parties” and a new focus on environmental sustainability.

As Newarkers prepare to ring in 2020, we've compiled our annual Year in Review issue, taking a look at the stories that made news over the past 12 months. Coverage can be found on pages 4 through 12, with our list of 2019's biggest stories beginning on page 8.

Next week, we'll take a look at the last decade and count down the top stories of the 2010s. The following week, we will forecast the stories to watch in 2020.



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Faith Davis, 1, visits with Santa during the Toys for Tots event at Alder Creek.



Logan Zengolewicz, 3, visits with Santa during the Toys for Tots event at Alder Creek.

Toys for Tots event spreads Christmas joy

By JOSH SHANNON
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Christmas came early for residents of the Alder Creek neighborhood when Santa Claus dropped by last Friday evening to hand out presents to 75 local kids.

Santa's visit was part of the annual Toys for Tots program, which is a partnership between the Newark Police Department, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company and the Newark Housing Authority.

Newark residents donated hundreds of toys, and students at Holy Angels School volunteered to wrap them. On Friday, the kids visited with Santa and then chose presents with help from police officers and other volunteers.

"It allows us to engage with the community and lets all the kids see us in a festive occasion," NPD spokesman Lt. Andrew Rubin said. "It's exciting to see the kids getting their gifts."



Marene Jordan, executive director of the Newark Housing Authority, awaits Santa's arrival at Alder Creek.



Cpl. Nate Graber, of the Newark Police Department, helps kids pick out presents.

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Man charged in six vehicle burglaries in Newark

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Police have arrested a man accused of burglarizing cars in several western Newark neighborhoods.

Officers responding to a report of a vehicle burglary in the Cherry Hill neighborhood just after 4 a.m. Dec. 19 found Bradley Hooks, 28, of Newark, loitering by a vehicle in a driveway on Kenilworth Avenue, said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

When officers attempted

to speak to him, Hooks took off running, leading police on a chase through several backyards, Rubin said. After apprehending him, officers found Hooks in possession of a hammer used to break car windows, as well as heroin and drug paraphernalia.

Investigators linked Hooks to the burglaries of six unlocked vehicles, from which unspecified items were stolen, Rubin said. The locations of the burglaries included Rahway Drive and Kenilworth Avenue in Cherry Hill, Amherst Drive in Not-

tingham Green, Woodsman Drive in Timber Creek and High Pond Drive in Stone Spring.

Officers were able to return some of the stolen property, but are still looking for the owners of other items, including jewelry. Anyone in the area who had property stolen should email PFC Carter McKennon at cmckennon@newark.de.us.

Rubin said police are still investigating whether Hooks is responsible for other recent vehicle burglaries in Newark, including a Dec. 14-15 burglary spree in Nottingham Manor and the area surrounding West Main Street, during which two guns were stolen.

Hooks was charged with six counts of third-degree burglary, six counts of theft, three counts of trespassing and one count each of possession of burglary tools, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was jailed in lieu of \$17,902 secured bail.

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Holiday food drive helps hundreds of Newarkers

By JOSH SHANNON

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When their neighbors need a helping hand, Newarkers are quick to do what they can to assist.

Rarely is that more evident than during the Newark Area Welfare Committee's annual food box drive – a community-wide effort that collected nearly \$40,000 worth of food to distribute to 340 families in need during the Christmas season.

“Even though we’re an academic and fairly affluent community, we do have people who, at times in their lives, need assistance,” said former Mayor Polly Sierer, who has coordinated the effort for 15 years. “The number of people is a manageable number for the Newark community to be able to help.”

A total of 17 groups, including schools and churches, collected food for the drive, with the biggest donations coming from Newark Charter School, Hodgson Vo-Tech and Shue-Medill Middle School. Newark ToyotaWorld also held collection events around the city.

Perishables like bread, vegetables and margarine were purchased at a discount from a local Aldi market.

Last weekend, more than 150 volunteers gathered at First Presbyterian Church of Newark to sort the food donations, pack them into overflowing boxes and help load the boxes into recipients' cars.

Families in need are identified by social workers, school counselors, the Newark Housing Authority and other community partners.

“The recipients are primarily working poor families that have jobs but just need assistance to get through the holidays,” Sierer said.

Volunteers also delivered food boxes to senior citizens at Main Towers and elsewhere.

“It’s very humbling to be part of this project,” Sierer said. “It’s nice to have families show up, be able to talk to them and put a face with a name.”

This year, NAWC also distributed hats, gloves and socks, as well as scarves that were hand-knitted by a volunteer.



Sydney Burr, 3, decorates holiday cards to put in the food boxes.

Last Friday morning, longtime volunteer Katie Burr was packing food boxes while her 3-year-old daughter Sydney decorated holiday cards to include with the food.

“I’ve been doing this since I was Sydney’s age. She’s the third generation,” Burr said. “My favorite part is seeing people get the boxes and seeing how thankful they are and the impact on the community.”

Mark Nagle was volunteering along with a dozen or so colleagues from AstraZeneca. The group has participated for 15 years, he said.

“It’s for a great cause,” Nagle said. “We’re very fortunate to have great jobs and be supported. This is our chance to give back.”

Beyond the food drive, NAWC – in partnership with the Newark Housing Authority and Newark NAACP – distributed grocery store gift cards to dozens of families served by the housing authority.

In addition, the staff of the Newark Free Library adopted a local family for the holidays and provided nearly \$2,500 in Christmas gifts to the single mother and her two children. The library staff reached out to NAWC, who helped identify a deserving family with assistance from the housing authority.

“She was so grateful and thankful we were able to help her,” Sierer said. “It was an emotional experience.”



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Volunteers help pack food boxes for Newarkers in need as part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee's annual food drive.



Beverly Stoudt shows off the gloves and hats being distributed to families along with the food boxes.



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Top feel-good stories of 2019

By JOSH SHANNON

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The nature of news is such that it's often the negative stories that grab headlines.

However, every year, there are also stories that inspire us, touch our hearts or just simply make us smile.

Here's a look at some of Newark's lighter moments that stood out in 2019.

Food Bank opens new headquarters

1. After three years of planning, the Food Bank of Delaware moved into its new headquarters in April.

Located in Pencader Corporate Center near Glasgow, the new building is twice the size of the old one and includes a commercial kitchen, classroom space, a clean room to repurpose produce and bulk food donations, office space and more. It allowed the food bank to accept more fresh produce donations and increased volunteerism by 45 percent. It also includes an on-site food pantry that will allow those in need to pick up food.

Outside on the 25-acre property is a farm that the food bank uses to grow fresh produce and, starting next year, will train high school students in agriculture.

Also new is a café and a farm stand, both of which are open to the public.

"This place is more than a building, and more than a distribution center," board chair Julie Miro-Wenger said during a grand opening ceremony. "It will be a catalyst for our neighbors and for our community, and it will be a training ground for new ideas, fresh starts



Volunteers help pack food bags in the Food Bank of Delaware's new warehouse on its first day in operation in April.

and new hope."

Event celebrates history of New London Road community

2. For decades, School Hill was the center of life in Newark's African-American community that surrounded New London Road and Cleveland Avenue. Children from the neighborhood were educated at what is now the George Wilson Center, and its grounds were used for everything from athletic events to social gatherings.

Now, the neighborhood is all but gone – a casualty of changing times and development catering to university students – but for one day in late August, School Hill was once again the center of activity.

Dozens of former residents

returned for the event, which served as both a reunion for the families who once lived in the close-knit neighborhood and a broader celebration aimed at sharing and promoting the community's legacy.

Earlier in the week, former residents and government officials unveiled a historical marker on Cleveland Avenue.

"We hope placing this marker today will serve as a memory site and encourage all who pass this marker to remember this free, black community and what the marker says about the people who lived here," said Denise Hayman, who organized the effort. "The history of the African-American community in Newark is a story that begs to be told and retold."

Christiana alums honor classmates killed in Vietnam

3. A group of Christiana High School alumni joined together in April to make sure that the sacrifices of three of their classmates won't be forgotten.

Approximately 50 members of the class of 1965 gathered at the newly established Brian Conley Veteran Resiliency Center in Middletown to lay bricks in honor of Jon James Hayden, James Lawrence Ripanti and Alan Gwinn Geissinger, who all died while serving in Vietnam.

"It is very important to realize that we are now in the 52nd, 51st and 50th years of our three classmates' deaths while in service to our country," James "Bub" Hackney



Paramedics work to revive Spike, a 14-year-old cat who was rescued from a fire at Fairfield Apartments.

said. "Fifty years. Five decades. We have thus far lived two and a half times as long as they did. We have spouses, children and grandchildren, even some great grandchildren, where their families have only their memory to cherish....Imagine what they could have accomplished."

Community rallies around injured Newark cop

4. After a veteran Newark Police Department officer was injured in the line of duty in March, his fellow officers and the community at large rallied around him and his family.

Cpl. Patrick Craig was trying to get a combative suspect into a holding cell when the suspect tripped him, causing him to fall and hit his head on a metal counter. He later suffered a stroke caused by damage his brain sustained in the fall and is still recovering.

In May, nearly 400 people attended a 5K to show support for Craig and raise money to help him and his family.

Nearly every one of the

Newark Police Department's 71 officers ran in the race, donated or volunteered at the event. The event also drew strong support from other nearby police departments as well as the general public.

"We're all just one big family," Master Cpl. William Smith said. "When there's trouble, we all lend a hand."

Newark High field named for Coach Simpson

5. The athletic field at Newark High School now bears the name of the man who turned NHS into a football powerhouse and helped guide the Yellowjackets to nine state championships during his storied career at Newark.

Dozens of former players and others gathered prior to the season-opening game in September for a ceremony officially dedicating Butch Simpson Field at Bob Hoffman Memorial Stadium.

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he hired me when I was a 22-year-old right out of college with no coaching experience. He took a chance and gave me an opportunity that led to me standing here tonight," said Simpson, who retired in 2015 and now lives in Florida.

Meanwhile the school board approved two other renamings as well. The Downes Elementary cafeteria will be named after beloved custodian Tim Norris, who died after falling off the school's roof. Marshall Elementary's library will be named after longtime principal Patrice "Pattie" Buchanan, who died earlier this year.

'Spike the cat' revived after rescue from fire

6. Spike may have used up one of his nine lives, but the 14-year-old cat survived an apartment fire and was revived from cardiac arrest by first responders.

Spike was inside a third-floor bedroom when flames engulfed the Fairfield Apartments on Sept. 24.

Bre Mariner, a firefighter with Christiana Fire Company, found Spike unresponsive and performed CPR while carrying the cat outside. New Castle County paramedics and EMTs from the University of Delaware's ambulance service administered oxygen to Spike using an oxygen mask designed for pets. Spike was then taken to an animal hospital, where he was released a few hours later.

"Honestly, the biggest



PHOTO COURTESY OF LONDON NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE/MATT SPRAKE

Nearly 60 Newark Charter students traveled to London to march in the New Year's Day parade.

thank you in the world to them," Kristina Ramirez, whose family owns Spike, said the following day. "Being my childhood cat, losing him would have been the hardest thing."

Newark Charter band performs in London parade

7. Nearly 60 Newark Charter School students traveled overseas to represent Delaware and the United States in the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade.

The marching band had been preparing for the trip for more than a year and also performed a concert at St. John's Smith Square, a London church that dates back to the 1700s. The NCS band was one of more than 20 bands from the United States that were invited to perform in the parade, which drew 650,000 spectators and 8,000 participants representing 26

nations.

"I think the best part about this thing is how proud I was of these kids," band director Sam DeLuca said. "They put their heart and soul into both of their performances."

Children's author visits Downes Elementary

8. A popular author flew in from Los Angeles to spend the day at Downes Elementary School – all because of a first-grader's letter.

It started last year, when teacher Alaine Grunow's class read Bethany Barton's book "This Monster Needs a Haircut," and the students' assignment was to write persuasive letters to Stewart the monster about why he should cut his hair.

Student Autumn Knox suggested they send the letters to Barton. To the students' delight, Barton responded to each of the letters and as they kept in touch, she agreed to stop in Newark during a tour



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARCO CATINI

Newark resident Andrew Crout gets some pointers from coach Mary Moore as he competes in the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

promoting her newest book in October.

Barton came to Downes at no charge and spent most of the day with the students, holding a book signing, conducting a school-wide assembly and eating lunch with a group of students.

"It's really, really great," Autumn said after a one-on-one meeting with Barton. "It's the best feeling in the world – like you just got a new puppy."

Newarker competes in Special Olympics World Games

9. After 35 years participating in Special Olympics, Newark resident Andrew Crout headed to the United Arab Emirates to represent Delaware and the United States on the world stage.

Crout, a 49-year-old tennis player, was one of three

athletes from Delaware who were part of the 215-member Team USA that participated in the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

On March 1, the three athletes from Delaware received a jubilant sendoff at Bank of America, where Crout has worked for 25 years. The company employs nearly 200 Delawareans with intellectual disabilities as part of a program started by MBNA. Crout had a successful Games, winning bronze in both the singles and doubles tournaments.

"It's clearly the event of a lifetime for Andrew and for us," his father, Dick, said. "We're so proud of what he's been able to accomplish in life."

Newark Free Library offers ukuleles

10. At the Newark Free Library,

there's of course no shortage of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs to borrow. However, the newest item available for checkout might turn some heads.

The Friends of the Newark Free Library recently purchased seven ukuleles for the library.

Right now, they're being used for a free children's class, but eventually they may be available for other library patrons to check out.

It's all part of an effort to diversify the library's offerings, according to library specialist Susan Montney.

"Libraries are struggling to stay relevant in today's culture," said Montney, who also uses a ukulele in her story time events at the library. "We're looking for ways to reach other people and branch out."

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Newark's bizarre headlines of 2019

By JOSH SHANNON

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Reporting the news is usually serious business, whether its chronicling the latest developments in city government, covering the latest crimes or telling the stories of Newarkers doing good things in their community.

Sometimes, though, the stories that come across our desk are so bizarre they cause us to do a double take.

Here's a look at some of the strangest Newark news stories from 2019.

A March city council meeting devolved into ridiculousness when two "party bros" from California showed up to protest the unruly gathering ordinance that riled up University of Delaware students earlier in the month.

Comedians Tom Allen and John Parr, who run a podcast under the names Chad Kroeger and JT Parr, waited more than six hours for their allotted three minutes to address council.

As city officials and the few residents left at the meeting tried to stifle their laughter, the party bros gave farcical speeches that mentioned a four-hose beer bong, marijuana, naked forefathers, Mel Gibson, lighting couches on fire and other terminology unsuitable for print.

"I invite the entire council to be



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A comedian playing the character of "party advocate" Chad Kroeger speaks to Newark City Council in March, urging members to repeal the unruly gathering ordinance.

brave and come rage with the student body," Parr said. "Let's see if we can't talk straight up about who we are and what we want. If you can rage, I'll know I can trust you. But even if you don't, that's legit. I'm not here to be divisive. I'm here to build bridges, dank bridges, that can support more than one party."

I'll take mispronunciation for \$100, Alex.

When Newark doctor Rob Wolf

appeared on "Jeopardy!" in May, host Alex Trebek made a mistake common among those not familiar with Delaware.

While introducing Wolf, he mispronounced Newark, saying it "NEW-erk."

After a commercial break, he acknowledged his error.

"My apologies to the people of New-ARK, Delaware," Trebek said, emphasizing the second syllable. "I moved you into New Jersey. Sorry

about that."

For Justin Koerner, a decision to take a nap in his SUV led to a wild ride after thieves commandeered the vehicle on a quiet street in the Lumbrook neighborhood of Newark.

Koerner said he had been visiting a friend, and they stayed up most of the night playing music. Around 5 a.m., Koerner wanted to go to sleep, but the house was too noisy. He went out to his Ford Escape, turned on the vehicle for heat and fell asleep in the back seat.

Koerner was asleep in the back seat when two thieves approached the SUV just after 7 a.m. One got in the driver's seat and the other, unaware Koerner was there, got in the back seat and sat on him. In less than a minute, the thieves realized he was there and bailed out of the SUV, which kept moving, jumped a curb and came to rest on the lawn of a home on Woodlawn Avenue.

Koerner woke up confused, with witnesses yelling at him and police asking him questions. Luckily for Koerner, a resident's surveillance camera showed officers what happened.

Aggressive raccoons left an Arbour Park couple on edge over the summer.

It started July 19, when a 41-year-old man was bitten by a raccoon while getting into his truck. A po-

lice officer captured the agitated raccoon under a garbage can, and it later tested positive for rabies – meaning the victim had to undergo treatment for rabies exposure, which is fatal if left untreated.

The victim's girlfriend, Susan Kellum, said that less than a week after the initial incident, another raccoon came onto the property and chased her around the yard.

"These things are aggressive," Kellum said. "They see people and they come after you."

It's not often that people line up in the freezing cold to go to a supermarket, but that's exactly what happened when Food Lion opened in Fairfield Shopping Center in March.

The neighbors had been without a nearby market since Superfresh closed in 2015, and dozens showed their excitement by showing up more than an hour early to wait in the cold. By the time the doors opened at 8 a.m., the line wrapped around to the side of the building.

The opening took on a party atmosphere, with Newark High cheerleaders and YoUDee entertaining patrons while they waited.

"This is a big event for this area," said Sally Axenroth, who was first in line.

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The Newark Yellowjackets, shown here taking the field prior to a September game, finished the season 5-5.

Top 10 local sports stories in 2019

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The Top 10 sports stories in 2019 are a mix of amateur, local, collegiate and professional athletes and teams emphasizing the highs and lows of the sports teams Newark residents care most about.

In no particular order ...

Newark High football: The Yellowjackets finished the season with three straight wins, which is a streak that hasn't happened during any part of a season since 2014. The three wins gave the Yellowjackets a 5-5 record, the first time they've finished .500 or better since 2015. Playing in the Flight B conference for the first time in school history was a definite plus for first-year coach Jody Russell.

Newark High fall sports teams: The football team wasn't the only squad that benefited from the move to Flight B. The boys soccer team was crowned Flight B champions and, along with the girls volleyball team, made the state tournament. The field hockey team finished with five wins, four more than a year ago. All five victories were against Flight B opponents.

Blue Hen football: Meanwhile, the UD football team took a step backward. After qualifying for the postseason last year for the first time since 2010, the 2019 version of the Blue Hens lost four of their last five games to finish with a disappointing 5-7 record. The new chair-back seats in the refurbished stadium won't suffer a lot of wear and tear if the Hens don't get back to winning ways soon.

Phillies also take a step back: The Phillies were one of the favorites to win it all with a few offseason signings highlighted by their biggest "get" in recent years, Bryce Harper. The results: no playoffs, a fired manager, and a lot of disappointed diehard baseball fans.

Blue Rocks win cham-



A demolition crew takes down the old press box at Delaware Stadium, which is undergoing renovations.

Championship: It's not quite the same as going to a parade in Philadelphia, but the Wilmington Blue Rocks thrilled the local fans with their first Carolina League Championship since 1999.

UD loses key hoops player: In last year's "2019 Sports Stories to Watch" article, I mentioned freshman star Ithiel Horton and how I hoped that unlike the previous two freshman sensations, he would stay put and not transfer to so-called greener pastures. But he did just that. Horton now attends the University of Pittsburgh and is sitting out the season per transfer rules.

Transfers key UD hoops early success: Delaware's men's basketball program may have lost one transfer but it gained two when Nate Darling (University of Alabama-Birmingham) and Justyn Mutts (High Point) took the floor for the Hens to open the 2019/20 season. Darling briefly led the nation in scoring, and Mutts is chipping in around 14 points per game. The newcomers helped lead the Hens to a school-record 9-0 start.

Newark Charter fall teams sweep: All four of the Patriots' fall teams – volleyball, Unified flag football, boys soccer, field hockey – qualified for their respective state tournaments, and the cross-country programs also were successful in the confer-

ence, county and state championship meets. I predicted a few years ago that it wouldn't be long before Newark Charter became the best high school sports program in our area. It's safe to say they've achieved that status in the fall sports.

Other Philadelphia teams: The Eagles have fallen victim to the injury bug but are reaping the benefits of playing in what is without a doubt this season's worst division. The Flyers might be known for more than just a Gritty mascot this year, while the Sixers' grade so far would have to be a "C" comparing outcome to expectations.

Delaware Stadium renovations: At one point, depending on who you believed, the renovations were two months behind schedule. While it didn't necessarily affect the atmosphere inside the stadium, it sure was depressing walking up to and around the complex on Saturday afternoon game days. UD has said it will all be done before kick-off of the 2020 season. But when I look out my window in the Field House and still see nothing but beams, I can't help but think that while the bulldozers might be gone, I won't be riding an elevator up to the press box for the opening game. I hope I'm wrong.

I'm sure I missed a few stories, but that's what happens when you create a Top 10 list of anything.

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The top 10 stories of 2019

By JOSH SHANNON

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Main Street construction begins

1. When backhoes and dump trucks moved onto Main Street on April 1, they kicked off a yearlong construction project – which has without a doubt been the most talked about story in Newark this year.

The work – which is going beyond a simple repaving and addressing structural problems in the concrete below the road surface – began at the east end of Main Street and has now moved to the heart of downtown between Chapel Street and South College Avenue.

Throughout the year, motorists dealt with lane closures, delays and bumpy pavement; pedestrians contended with blocked crosswalks and sidewalk detours; and business owners turned to social media messages and other tactics to convince customers it's still worth coming to Main Street.

While some business owners on the east end praised the city and the Delaware Department of Transportation for doing what they could to lessen the impact on them, Main Street has lost a number of businesses over the past few months, including California Tortilla, Jimmy John's, Delaware Running Company, Lieberman's Bookstore, Buddy's Burgers and Finn McCool's Irish Gastropub.

Most didn't give a reason for their closure, but Finn McCool's owner Jeff Frotton put the blame partially on the Main Street construction, which he says reduced his business by nearly 50 percent.

Election brings new mayor, council members

2. The April municipal election brought major changes to the political scene in Newark.

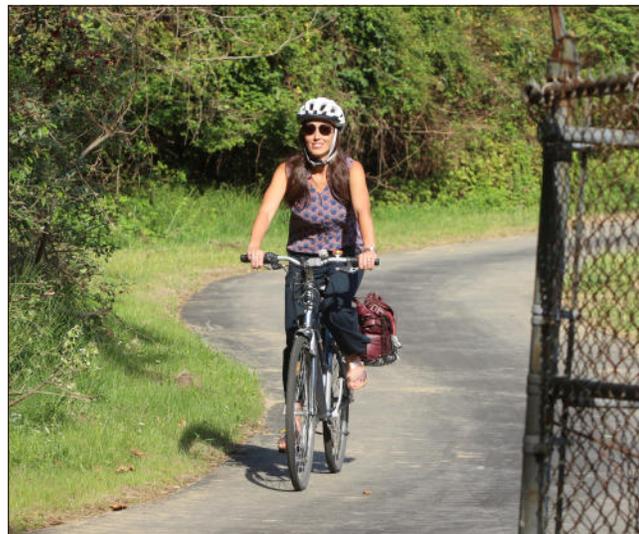
After initially saying she would seek a third term, Mayor Polly Sierer surprised many Newarkers by deciding not to run – throwing the race wide open just two weeks before the filing deadline.

Longtime Councilman Jerry Clifton decided to run for mayor and easily defeated progressive community activist Catherine Ciferni, aerospace engineer Brandon Farzad and University of Delaware undergraduate



Employees of DelDOT contractor A-Del Construction work on Main Street in April, as part of a major road reconstruction project that will continue until summer 2020.

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The Pomeroy Connector Trail, which officially opened in September, connects Fairfield Crest to the Pomeroy Trail.



Jerry Clifton greets voters outside the polling place at the Aetna Fire Station #7 in April. Clifton won the mayoral race in a landslide.

student Kasai Guthrie.

With Clifton well-respected by both Sierer's supporters and detractors on council, his swearing-in ushered in a calmer era of city politics, compared to the strong divisions that defined most of Sierer's time as mayor. Clifton brought a new emphasis on environmental issues and also doubled the number of council meetings in an attempt to avoid meetings that drag into the wee hours of the morning.

The April election also brought two new council members. Newcomer James Horning Jr. was elected to the District 1 city council seat, ousting four-term incumbent Mark Morehead. In District 2, Sharon Hughes won Clifton's former seat, defeating Maria Ruckle.

Several large development projects approved

3. As has become normal for Newark, con-

troversy over development projects was a frequent topic of conversation this year.

The most controversial project was Lang Development Group's seven-story hotel, office building and parking garage planned for Main Street. Dozens of residents packed into city council chambers to weigh in on the project in March, with some arguing the project is too large and others arguing it would benefit other downtown businesses. Council ultimately approved it, 5-2.

The same night, council approved an assisted living facility planned for a vacant lot on Barksdale Road and a large-scale redevelopment of College Square Shopping Center, including new retail space and apartments.

In October, council approved another hotly contested proposal, which called for 46 townhouses and 45 apartments at the site of the former Dickinson dorms on Hillside Road.

Other notable development projects that were approved this year included 42 apartments and new retail space at the site of the Fulton Bank on Main Street, 28 apartments on New London Road, 24 apartments on Haines Street, 18 apartments on North Chapel Street, nine townhouses on Benny Street, four townhouses on North Street and a two-unit addition to Briarcreek.

However, another project – a proposal to build 18 single-family houses on a wooded lot on Paper Mill Road – was rejected after pressure from conservationists.

Christina referendum fails; school board election sparks controversy

4. In April, voters rejected the Christina School District's tax referendum, which would have raised the average residents' taxes \$217 over three years

and generated an additional \$18.9 million dollars for the district. As a result, the district had to eliminate 63 educator positions.

Meanwhile, an unusual school board election created controversy. Katie Hegedus filed to run against incumbent John Young, but later announced that she would not be able to serve due to family health issues that arose after the filing deadline passed. She decided to leave her name on the ballot to give voters a choice. Voters overwhelmingly elected Hegedus, who resigned minutes after being sworn in, leaving the board to appoint her replacement.

After interviewing four applicants, the board used an illegal secret ballot vote to choose Claire O'Neal, an active parent volunteer and PTA president at Newark High. After the vote was declared invalid, the board re-voted for O'Neal the proper way.

In December, as the district began planning another referendum for next year, superintendent Richard Gregg announced he plans to step down in June 2020.

City cracks down on 'super parties'

5. The year began with the Old Newark Civic Association petitioning city council to address the large, unruly "super parties" it said were affecting quality of life in the neighborhood.

Using a law from Towson, Md., as a model, the Newark Police Department proposed an ordinance creating a new offense called unruly gathering, which is triggered when police observe three or more nuisance behaviors at a residence where four or more people have gathered. City council approved it in March, just in time to go in effect for St. Patrick's Day.

University of Delaware students wasted no time fighting against the law, which

they argued unfairly targeted them and threatened UD's "rich history" of partying. Fueled in part by misinformation that spread online, a petition calling for the law's repeal garnered more than 14,000 signatures.

The story got even more attention two weeks later, when two comedians portraying "party bros" flew from California to "fight for the right to party."

The law remained in effect, and police issued the first unruly gathering citations in May, ticketing parties on Benny Street and Kershaw Street.

Charter schools see big changes

6. It was a year of big changes for Newark-area charter schools.

In January, Newark Charter School Director Greg Meece, who had led the school since its inception in 2001, announced plans to retire. Over the summer, Frank Newton, a former UD administrator and NCS board president, took over the helm of the school.

The school also announced that it purchased an old warehouse next to its Patriot Way campus to allow for a future expansion of the school, the details of which are still being considered by the school's board of directors.

Meanwhile, ASPIRA Academy, a dual-language immersion school located on Ruther Drive announced plans to open a high school next year on Otts Chapel Road.

Numerous buildings demolished

7. Excavators and demolition crews were a common sight in Newark this year as a number of buildings around the city were torn down.

On Hillside Road, crews are nearly done ripping down the old Rodney dorms, which will be replaced by a stormwater pond and park. The demolition stirred up nostalgia from many UD alumni, hundreds of whom signed up to receive a souvenir brick from Rodney.

At College Square, workers leveled the southeast quadrant of the shopping center, where a large apartment building will be constructed. On Main Street, Abbott's Shoe Repair was torn down, as was much of the Green Mansion – all to make way for Lang Development's seven-story hotel. The city also ripped down two Delaware Avenue houses nearly a century old in order to expand a municipal parking lot. At the Park



A demolition crew demolishes vacant buildings in College Square as a major redevelopment of the shopping center begins.

N Shop, an old bank came down as part of a plan to build apartments and more retail space. At Delaware Stadium, the old press box was removed and the west stands were partially demolished as part of a stadium renovation.

On New London Road, a developer demolished nine townhouses that were once part of a historically black community in order to build student apartments. Two more houses were moved across the property to a new location.

Crimes, fires draw headlines

8. While Newark's crime rate has fallen significantly over the past decade, a few high-profile incidents made news in 2019.

In August, the city saw its first homicide in two years when a 21-year-old Newark man was gunned down in a room at the Red Roof Inn on South College Avenue. The case remains unsolved.

On May 5, Newarkers awoke to the news of a brazen incident that began at the corner of South Chapel Street and Delaware Avenue. A man posing as an Uber driver lured a 21-year-old woman into his truck, held a knife to her back and threatened to kill her if she didn't give him oral sex. She eventually escaped by jumping out one of the truck's windows as the man drove through Nottingham Green. After an around-the-clock investigation, police apprehended a suspect the next morning.

In October, Newark Police announced an arrest in a rape case from 1993. The case had gone cold for more than two decades, but police reopened the investigation and were able to use

advanced DNA testing and genealogical databases to identify a suspect.

In September, the city saw its largest fire in several years when a candle ignited a blaze at Fairfield Apartments. No one was injured, but the fire caused \$1 million in damage.

City pursues green initiatives

9. Throughout the year, Newark officials considered a number of ways to lessen Newark's environmental impact.

In November, city council approved a wide-reaching sustainability plan that

calls for the city to sell 100 percent renewable energy by 2045, reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2060, improve air quality, reduce water consumption and encourage a "car-free lifestyle," among other goals.

City council also directed staffers to start adding electric vehicles to the city's fleet. At least two are slated for purchase in 2020, with more coming later.

Council is also weighting several ideas for adding solar panel installations in Newark, as well as a proposal to encourage local businesses to stop using plastic straws.

CSX seeks to close Casho Mill Road underpass

10. When CSX's request to close the Casho Mill Road underpass became public in July, it drew swift condemnation from city officials and Newark residents.

Citing safety concerns, the rail agency wrote in a letter to DeIDOT that it wants to close the one-lane, low-clearance underpass, which is often struck by U-Haul trucks

and other tall vehicles.

However, city and state officials argued that closing the underpass would cause significant congestion issues throughout western Newark. Instead, they called for DeIDOT to install an over-height warning system consisting of cans, chains or tubes that would hang over Casho Mill Road at the same height as the underpass. It would be modeled after a similar system used at the Holland Tunnel in New York.

CSX has reportedly agreed to put its closure request on hold to allow DeIDOT to try the warning system, but DeIDOT has yet to receive written confirmation of the agreement.

Other notable stories

Facing a budget shortfall, city council considered levying a monthly fee for trash collection. After facing criticism, council instead balanced the budget in a more traditional way, with a 13-percent tax hike.

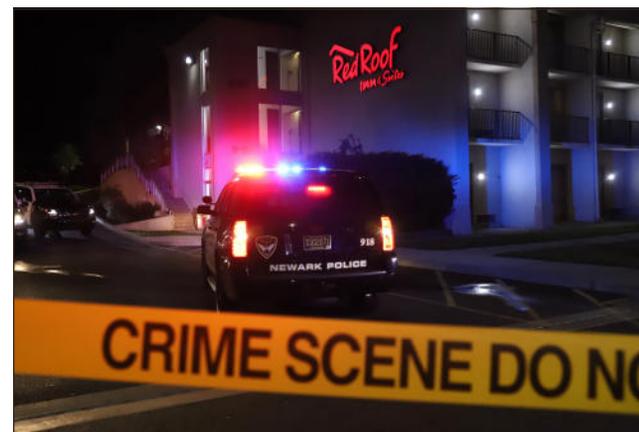
After nearly two years serving in an acting role, Tom Coleman was named Newark's permanent city manager in March.

The city implemented big changes to the way Newarkers pay for parking. Parking meters were replaced by multi-space kiosks where drivers pay by inputting their license plate. More controversially, the city also began converting municipal lots to the kiosks, meaning drivers have to pay in advance for the time they think they will use, and those who return to their car late will be fined.

As construction on two STAR Campus buildings continued, UD announced



Aaron Epstein, executive vice president of Compassionate Care Research Institute, speaks in one of the growing rooms at the new medical marijuana dispensary on Ogletown Road.



Police investigate a shooting at the Red Roof Inn that left one man dead and another injured in August.

plans for a new, six-story financial services technology (FinTech) building.

The Newark Partnership, a new nonprofit, seated its first board and started work on its mission of building collaboration between the businesses, nonprofits and residents of Newark.

Newark's first medical marijuana dispensary, opened on Ogletown Road in March.

Newark dealt with two invasive pests that, if left unchecked, could decimate native species. The state put the area under quarantine for the spotted lanternfly, encouraging residents to be careful transporting plant material and to kill any of the insects they see. Meanwhile, the emerald ash borer was spotted in the city, and the USDA released stingless wasps to attack the invasive beetle.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Slutman, a U.S. Marine and Fire Department of New York firefighter with ties to Newark, was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan in April.

The city of Newark sued New Castle County as part of an ongoing dispute over the complicated formula the county uses to calculate property taxes owed by residents of municipalities.

UD closed the Christiana Towers in June and later approved \$3 million to begin demolishing them early next year. The university also took ownership of the University Courtyard Apartments several years ahead of schedule, costing the city more than \$700,000 in lost tax revenue.

A long-awaited connector trail opened in September, providing pedestrians and cyclists an easy way to get from Fairfield Crest to the Pomeroy Trail.

West Park Place Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

State officials unveiled a new master plan for White Clay Creek State Park that calls for a new educational building, the addition of a campground, new trails and the relocation of the park office, among other initiatives.

Newark Manor nursing home reached a \$381,000 settlement with the state over allegations that it provided "substandard and worthless care" to its residents.

The Newark Police Department revealed it is in talks to partner with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office to build a \$4.7 million indoor firing range to use for training.

Most-read stories in 2019

By JOSH SHANNON

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In 2019, we posted more than 1,000 local news stories on newarkpostonline.com, attracting more than 1.6 million visits to the website.

It's hard to say what makes a particular story "go viral" and attract a larger-than-normal audience, but, typically, we found that crime stories draw a large audience, as do stories about local businesses — such as the year's most-read story, about the sudden closure of Finn McCool's Irish Gastropub in October.

Here's a look at the top 10 best-read stories online:

1. Finn McCool's abruptly closes its doors on Newark's Main Street

2. Police ID jogger struck, killed in Newark neighborhood

3. Three facing up to life in prison for sex trafficking 15-year-old in Newark

4. Employee of Newark restaurant charged with assaulting customer

5. California party bros visit Newark to 'fight for the right to party'

6. Two Newark residents killed in Maryland crash

7. Newark Shopping Center up for sale

8. Main Street's California Tortilla closes its doors

9. Your guide to Newark's Independence Day festival, fireworks display

10. One killed, one wounded in shooting at Newark motel

Men charged with stealing copper from Rodney site

Police: Suspect made phony 911 call to distract officers

By JOSH SHANNON

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Two men who were stealing copper from the former Rodney dorms tried to evade capture by calling in a phony report of domestic violence to distract police, officials said.

The incident happened around 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Rodney site on Hillside Road, where demolition of the old dorms is underway, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

A witness saw two men stealing copper inside the fenced area and called police. Responding officers found a pickup truck

— loaded with \$2,000 worth of scrap copper — parked on a walking trail on the property. With the assistance of a K-9, police searched the property but could not find the men.

Officers seized the truck and copper and found documents inside the truck that identified two possible suspects, Rubin said.

Around the same time, the 911 center received a call reporting a domestic dispute involving a handgun.

"Further investigation revealed that the 911 call reporting the domestic incident was actually a false report in an attempt to get the police away from the burglary scene," Rubin said.



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Phone records showed that the caller was William Byrd, 32, of New Castle — the same person whose documents were found in the truck, Rubin said.

Byrd and his alleged accomplice — Rodnie Allen, 32, of Norristown, Pa. — were arrested Dec. 18 when they came to the police station to retrieve their seized truck, Rubin said.

Both were charged with burglary, theft, conspiracy, criminal mischief and trespassing. Byrd was also charged with falsely reporting an incident and malicious interference with emergency communication.

The two men were released on their own recognizance.



RODNE ALLEN

Wawa says data breach affected thousands over 10 months

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Wawa convenience store chain says a data breach may have collected debit and credit card information from thousands of customers.

Pennsylvania-based Wawa

Inc. said last week that its information security team discovered malware on its payment processing servers on Dec. 10 and stopped the breach on Dec 12. The company believes the malware

was collecting card numbers, customer names and other data as early as March 4.

The company said it doesn't yet know how many customers were affected. Wawa said it's also unaware of any unauthorized use of credit cards as a result of the breach.

The breach affected all of Wawa's 850 locations, including the four in the Newark area. In-store payments and

payments at fuel dispensers were affected, but ATM machines were not.

Wawa says it's notifying customers and offering free credit card monitoring and identity theft prevention services to anyone whose information may have been collected.

Police are investigating, and the company has also hired a forensics firm to conduct an internal investigation.

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The most memorable photos from 2019



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Brinley Sayers, 4, celebrates World Kindness Day along Barksdale Road in November.



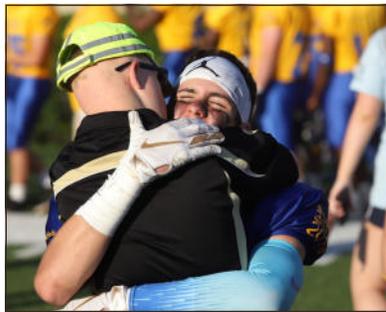
Hundreds attended a climate change protest in front of Memorial Hall in September.



Victoria Saunders, 9, fist-bumps a teammate as she is welcomed as an honorary member of the University of Delaware Dance Team in October.



Country musician Katelyn Christine performs at Parks on Draft in Olan Thomas Park in August.



Newark High's Dayton Swanhart greets his DFRC Hand-in-Hand buddy Josh Grieten before the Blue-Gold game in June.



Kylee Steltz, 3, throws a pie at University of Delaware student RJ Fink, who invited Community Day attendees to pay \$2 to pie him in the face as part of a project for his entrepreneurship class.



Newark Morning Rotary Club members Mark Sisk and Laura DelPercio look at the names of local veterans inscribed on small tags attached to large American flags displayed on the lawn of city hall for Veterans Day.



A worker takes a lunch break while moving a house on New London Road across a construction site to Wilson Street.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ
Special Olympics weightlifter Jon Stoklosa visits Downes Elementary School in March.

BIZARRE

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One man's trash is another man's treasure.

That was the case this fall when a demolition crew hired by the city knocked down the old Rodney dorms to make way for a stormwater pond and park.

The pile of rubble left behind was destined for the dump, but University of Delaware alumni, nostalgic for their days in the 1960s-era dorm, clamored for a chance to secure a piece of history from the site.

Responding to what city officials described as "an influx" of requests for souvenir bricks from Rodney, the city's contractor agreed to set up a process to distribute bricks. The

bricks were distributed at city hall earlier this month, just in time for Christmas.

Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen unwittingly became a drive-thru restaurant in March, when a car plowed through the eatery's side wall.

Police said the driver was attempting to back his car into a parking space at the Super 8 motel next door, when he mistook the gas for the brake and accelerated backward through a fence, across a driveway and into the restaurant.

Fortunately, no one was hurt, and the building sustained no structural damage. Grain, known for its clever marquee messages, took the incident in stride.

"Let us be your favorite hole in the wall," the lighted sign read the night after the crash.

St. Patrick's Day is always a

crazy time in Newark. While nothing rose to the level of the Dumpster Incident of 2014, this year didn't disappoint. Two people at the Rittenhouse Station apartments on South Main Street broke out a second-story window screen and urinated out the window, exposing their genitals to a woman walking past, police said. The suspects, both 19-year-old residents of New York, were charged with indecent exposure, conspiracy, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and underage drinking.

Newark Charter School students pride themselves on their "excellence in academics and decorum" – and indeed, the school typically has few disciplinary issues – but an attempt at a senior prank turned criminal when one senior set off what po-

lice described as a "non-explosive smoke bomb" in the cafeteria a couple weeks before graduation.

The device caused a large cloud of smoke, and prompted the school staff to evacuate the students from the cafeteria while they located the device. The 18-year-old student was arrested and charged with one count of disorderly conduct.

A man accused of burglarizing more than two-dozen cars in Newark managed to escape from an ambulance while handcuffed and led police on a foot chase before being taken into custody a second time.

While at the police station, the suspect complained of an illness, prompting officers to call an ambulance to take him to Christiana Hospital. While the ambulance

was stopped at a red light at the corner of Ogletown-Stanton Road and Harmony Road, he made his break for freedom.

"He was handcuffed in the front," a police spokesman said. "He was able to get up and jump out."

An officer following the ambulance gave chase and re-captured him within four minutes.

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np 12/20,27 2885591

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

DANIELLE LYNN WEAVER
Petitioner
Dated: 12/17/2019

np 12/20,27,1/3 2885627

Estate of FRANCIS P. SWEENEY, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that **Letters Testamentary** upon the estate of FRANCIS P. SWEENEY, aka FRANCES P. SWEENEY who departed this life on the 28th day of June, A.D. 2018, late of 1212 MILLTOWN ROAD, WILMINGTON, DE 19808, were duly granted unto JOHN F. RUSSELL JR, aka JOHN F. RUSSELL on July 25, 2018, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the **Personal Representative** without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal Representative** on or before **February 28, 2019**, or abide by the law in this behalf.

<u>Address</u> JOHN F. RUSSELL JR 21 RIDON DRIVE HOCKESSIN, DE 19707 File #169921 np 12/20,27,1/3	<u>Personal Representative</u> JOHN F. RUSSELL JR, aka JOHN F. RUSSELL 2884613
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
 HOPE ELIZABETH SCHMID
 Petitioner(s)
 TO
 MAXWELL HOPE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HOPE ELIZABETH SCHMID 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 MAXWELL HOPE.
 HOPE ELIZABETH SCHMID
 Petitioner
 Dated: 12/18/2019
 np 12/27,1/3,10 2885894

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
 ALYSSIA JULEIGHETTE NICKERSON
 Petitioner(s)
 TO
 JULES ALEXANDER NICKERSON
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALYSSIA JULEIGHETTE NICKERSON 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 JULES ALEXANDER NICKERSON.
 ALYSSIA JULEIGHETTE NICKERSON
 Petitioner
 Dated: 12/10/2019
 np 12/20,27,1/3 2884494

Revised Public Notice

Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Plan Public Notice
 Public Hearing Scheduled for
 Friday, December 27th at 5:00 pm

The Newark Housing Authority's 2020 Annual Plan and Supporting Documents are available for review by the Public. The Plan can be reviewed at the Newark Housing Authority located at 313 E. Main Street by contacting Marene Jordan, Executive Director, during normal business hours from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday, from Friday, November 8th – Friday, December 27th or by calling (302) 366-0826.

All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review period specified. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, December 27th at 5:00 pm at the Newark Housing Authority.

np 11/8,15,22,29,12/6,13,20,27 2878978

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
 DARNEISHA LYNELL MAYNARD
 Petitioner(s)
 TO
 LEESA DECEMBER SADIEUX
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DARNEISHA LYNELL MAYNARD 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 LEESA DECEMBER SADIEUX.
 DARNEISHA LYNELL MAYNARD
 Petitioner
 Dated: 12/4/2019
 np 12/13,20,27 2883674

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
 ASHLEY JO BERMELE
 Petitioner(s)
 TO
 ASHLEY JO HOLLOWAY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ASHLEY JO BERMELE 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 ASHLEY JO HOLLOWAY.
 ASHLEY JO BERMELE
 Petitioner
 Dated: 12/9/2019
 np 12/13,20,27 2884378

LEGAL NOTICE

JANUARY QUARTER 2019/20 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The new assessed values for each parcel on the Supplemental Assessment roll for New Castle County and school taxes for the January Quarter of the 2019/20 tax year may be inspected in the Office of Finance – Assessment of New Castle County ("Assessment"). The office is located at the New Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective January 1, 2020. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments may be obtained from Assessment at the address aforesaid and must be filed with Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2020. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will meet in the New Castle County Government Center, or some other public place to be announced, to hear appeals from these Supplemental Assessments. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec. 8311.

np 12/27,1/3 2884721

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy a owner's lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public lien sale on January 29, 2020, the personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until all units are sold.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 20496, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0556

Time: 10:00 AM

A113 - Davis, Maryan; A116 - Calloway, Anthony; A120 - Blake, Lavada; A137 - Williams, Nola; A142 - Simonds, Jessica; A156 - Porter, Larry; A162 - Garvin, Jamir; A201 - hardy jr, maurice; A220 - Preston, Jasmarie; A224 - Nickle, Robin; A238 - Seeney, Parris; A245 - Jones, Reide; A249 - Brown, Shareef; A255 - Redmond, Monique; A259 - Berry, Cornelius; A264 - Eldridge, Kiaya; A272 - Meadows, Brenda; B300 - Washington, Andrew; B319 - Seals, Dove; B332 - Mayo, Jasmine; B427 - Thomas, Nish; B435 - Woodlin, Shirley; B443 - Shabazz, Amy; C534 - Casey, Patrick; C627 - Johnson, Adonica; C641 - Williams, Chudilya; D730 - Cooke, Linval; D800 - Beckett, Barry E.; D835 - Stevens, George; E901 - Weston, Stephanie; E908 - Prawl, Edmond; F1045 - Winter, Dennis; F1047 - Hale, Grace; G1098 - Collazo, Loizaida; G1123 - Mensah, Chrystina; G1134 - HARMON, CHANTAY; G1140 - Dow, Wayne; H1170 - Taylor, Kayla; H1176 - Wilson, Lainie

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24114, 425 New Churchmans Road, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0621

Time: 10:00 AM

A008 - Perry, Mark; B002 - Shynbekov, Yerzhan; B029 - Butler, Tracey; B047 - Henry, Ramona; C016 - HARDY, JAIMONI; C048 - Dollard, Iris; C075 - Faulkner, Leila; C084 - Jackson, Charlene; C099 - jackson, shawn-er'e; C122 - Everett, John; C199 - Bodine, Margaret; D049 - Lolley, Nathaniel; E017 - Richardson, Steven; E058 - Wynn, Joseph; F001 - Denby, Gene; F013 - Hyland, Vinee; F020 - IQBAL, JAMSHAD; F022 - Jones, Tameshia; F042 - Popov, Vladimir; F056 - Lewis, Jay; F081 - Samartano, Elizabeth; F102 - Vivero, Julia; F116 - Devose, Shirley; F139 - Douglas, Nathaniel; G016 - Stewart, Lee; G019 - Cook Jr, Frederick; H008 - Mozee, Diane; H019 - King, Karin; H027 - Johnson, Sherrie; P044 - Wingate, Lawrence

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24115, 201 Bellevue Road, Newark, DE 19713, (302) 266-1773

Time: 10:00 AM

A053 - Frank, Morgan; A054 - Gardner, Ramiel; B033 - Dickerson, Allana; B125 - Smith, Andrea; C047 - Dorsey, Natasha; C061 - escobar, david; D005 - Minnehan, Ryan; D012 - Gibson, Brien; E005 - Isaac, Kevin; E042 - Henretty, paul; E045 - Smith, Brenda; E061 - Fowler, Tiffany; E076 - Kent, Dachele; E114 - Ross, Aaron; F018 - Amaro, Sonia; F105 - Milbourne, Sonya; G018 - White, Sharnay; H012 - Dempsey, Charese; H027 - Dixon, April

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25716, 3800 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 268-6201

Time: 10:00 AM

1007 - Miller, Stacy; 1022 - Rivera, Keyla; 1124 - Locke, Brenda; 2016 - Bate, Noriece; 2020 - James, Alicia; 2042 - Rosario, Juanita; 4039 - Jackson, Andre; 4085 - Curtis, Latoya; 4100 - Stucky, Christine; 5031 - Johnson, Monique; 5071 - Jackson, Ronald; 5090 - chike, alexis

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 np 12/27,1/3 2884566

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Dillon Albert Driscoll, residing at 4 Andrew Lane, 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.

Dillon Albert Driscoll,
 12/18/19

np 12/27 2885931

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Daniel J Caffrey, residing at 65 Broadleaf Dr., Newark, DE 19702, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Daniel J Caffrey,
 12/06/19

np 12/27 2885930

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Kyle Trainor, residing at 6601 Winterhaven 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.

Kyle Trainor,
 12/18/19

np 12/27 2885936

NOTICE OF PETITION TO OBTAIN TITLE TO ABANDONED PROPERTY

A petition has been filed to obtain title to the following abandoned property:
1990 LIBH HS VIN# 08L61022

The petition was filed by:
MOUNT PLEASANT MOBILE HOME PARK LLC

The following persons have been identified as owners or other persons with an interest in the property:
ATP - MICHAEL P MORTON
PLTF - MOUNT PLEASANT MOBILE HOME PARK LLC
DEFT - TIMOTHY S. CANNON

If judgment is entered for the Property Holder/Petitioner, the Petitioner will be awarded complete and absolute title to the property pursuant to 25 Del. C. § 4002. If there are existing liens or other interests claimed against it, the property will be sold and the proceeds of the sale used toward those liens.

Anyone with a legal interest in this property may contest the petition by filing an Answer (J.P. Civ. Form No.53) by 1-31-20 with:

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT NO. 9
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Please reference Civil Action No. JP9-19-003526 when contacting the court.

Date: OCTOBER 30, 2019

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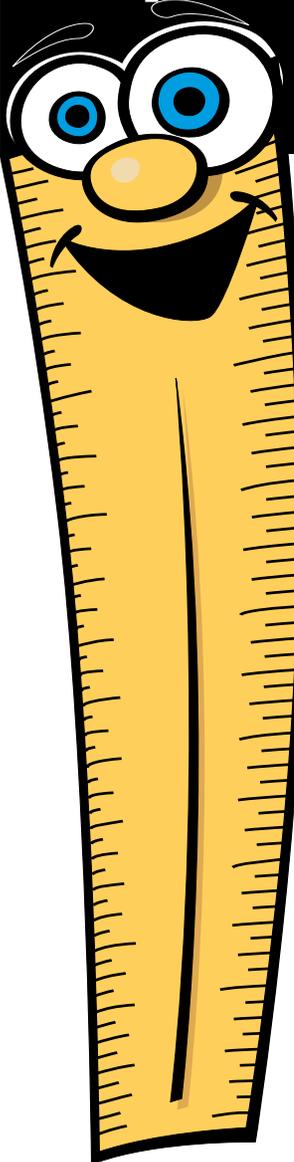


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Larceny Bourbon \$32.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Little Penguin All Types \$7.49 1.5L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Guinness Extra Stout \$21.99 cs 2/12pack bottles No limit Good thru 1.01.20
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Canadian Club Whiskey \$13.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Big House All Types \$12.99 3L Bag in Box No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Coors Light \$16.99 cs 2/12pack bottles No limit Good thru 1.01.20
Pinnacle Vodka \$12.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Moshin Westside Crossing Chardonnay \$17.99 750ml No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Stone IPA & Delicious \$15.99 12pk cans \$28.99 cs/2-12pk cans No limit Good thru 1.01.20
Stolichnaya Vodka \$22.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Moshin Westside Crossing Pinot Noir \$17.99 750ml No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Sierra Nevada Celebration, Pale, IPA \$25.99 cs 2/12pack bottles No limit Good thru 1.01.20
New Amsterdam Gin \$16.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Hess Select Pinot Grigio \$7.99 750ml No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Flying Dog All Types \$2 off any pack \$6 off a case No limit Good thru 1.01.20
Bombay Sapphire Gin \$29.99 1.75L No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Gloria Ferrer Brut & Blanc de Noir \$14.99 750ml No limit Good thru 1.01.20	Victory All Monkeys 12oz \$9.99 6pack \$36.99 case No limit Good thru 1.01.20