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Pastors from several local churches joined forces Monday evening for a Martin Luther King Day celebration at Newark United Methodist Church. **Above:** Tanya Jackson dances as the choir performs. **Below:** Choir members from various churches join hands at the close of the ceremony. **Left:** The Rev. Marilyn Turner-Triplett, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, addresses the audience. **Turn to page 10 for the story and more photos.**



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON

Farrall named police chief

Newark native promoted to lead city's police department

By JOSH SHANNON

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Mark Farrall, a lifelong Newarker and a 28-year veteran of the Newark Police Department, will serve as the city's next police chief.

City Manager Tom Coleman announced the decision Tuesday, two weeks after Chief Paul Tiernan retired.

In a prepared statement, Farrall said he is "humbled by the opportunity" to lead the police department he has called home since 1995.



FARRALL

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of the Newark Police Department and look forward to leading them as they continue to serve our community with excellence and professionalism," Farrall said.

Farrall is a graduate of Newark High School and the University of Delaware. He started his law enforcement career at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in 1993 and joined NPD two years later. He has served in a number of roles, including the traffic unit, leader of the street crimes unit, patrol sergeant, internal affairs and public information officer.

In 2015, Farrall was appointed one of two deputy chiefs, a position created as part of a succession plan for the department. Tiernan, who worked in New Jersey before taking over as Newark's chief in 2007, said at the time that he wanted to ensure that Newark's next chief came from

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Newark's Jester thrives in 'Pressure Cooker'

Local chef featured in Netflix show

By MACKENZIE BRADY

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Newark chef Robbie Jester was, literally, the first to walk into the "Pressure Cooker," a reality cooking show that premiered on Netflix earlier this month.

Spoiler alert: Jester, 36, was also the last to walk out of the Pressure Cooker as the first ever winner of the show, taking with him the \$100,000 grand prize.

Cooking show fans are familiar with the competitive individual and team challenges used to put chefs' skills to the test, but Pressure Cooker takes it a step further. Not only do chefs work together and compete against one another, but on this show, the 11 chefs live under one roof and vote on who among them will go home and who will win \$100,000.

Pressure Cooker was trending number eight of the "Top 10 TV shows in the U.S. today" Netflix category.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done," Jester said of being a contestant on Pressure Cooker during a phone interview.

Jester grew up in Galena,

Md., before going on to The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. His father was also a chef, and his parents owned several businesses in Maryland.

Jester has worked at various restaurants and hotels in the area, and has owned several of his own businesses.

Today, he runs Jest Events, a private chef and event company, and is an owner of Pizzeria Mariana on Cleveland Avenue.

Jester's premiere dish on the show — meant to demonstrate who each contestant was as a chef — was Eastern Shore crab cakes.

"I love the food (on the Eastern Shore), it's some of my favorite food and my favorite classic combinations," Jester said. "I wouldn't be who I am, with the success I (have), without having grown up down there. I love it."

Jester said he was contacted about being a contestant on the show through a direct message on Instagram. He underwent the audition process and was ultimately selected to compete on the show.

At that time, neither he nor his fellow competitors knew



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY TERENCE PATRICK/NETFLIX
Newark chef Robbie Jester (right) competes on Netflix's newest cooking show 'Pressure Cooker.'

they would be their own judges.

He said the contestants were told there would be a "social component," but did not know they would be judging one another until that first ticket printed and he read it aloud to the group.

Once they found out the judging system, Jester said he thought "they like good food, I like good food, this won't be a problem" but he was worried that if other people were not judging based on the food, whether he "would be enough" to advance.

In Jester's eyes, he thought most — but not all — of the

decisions to send chefs home were made based on the food.

Jester said cooking for the show was a different kind of pressure than working on the line in a restaurant because in the restaurant, you know generally when service is coming and how many people you'll serve, so there is time to prepare.

"There are certain things ... that are off the table when you're competing, and you have to be very aware not only of your vision for the plate and the favors and the techniques that you want to use, but also the time and the audience that you're feeding," Jester said.

Pressure Cooker was not Jester's first time on the small screen. He has also competed on "Guy's Grocery Games" and "Beat Bobby Flay."

Unlike those other shows, however, Jester said on Pressure Cooker, "you don't get a break from the lights, camera, action when you're being filmed 24/7."

Jester said he stayed up to watch the premiere of the show when it aired at 3 a.m. Jan. 6 and watched the entire season in one sitting. He said it was an accurate depiction of what happened.

"What you don't see are some of the more humble moments sitting around the dinner table when we're not competing," he said.

He recalled when housemates would have moments of vulnerability and "everyone" would support that person. "It was beautiful," he said of the support he gave and received in those moments.

"They put 10 of the best humans I've ever been around in a house together and we are still friends, we talk regularly," Jester said. "They really are just the highest quality of people...Everyone was great, and everyone had a huge heart."

Two of his fellow competitors — Lana Lagomarsini and Ed Porter — even attended Jester's wedding in October. He said he speaks to them — and Jeana Pecha, whom he said was "like a little sister"; Renee Blackman, whom he said was integral in helping him start his private chef business; and Brian Nadeau, whom Jester called a hard worker and a jokester — a few times a month.

Jester did not expect to form such bonds going into the show, but after getting to know people, he "knew we would be friends for a long time."

Overall, Jester said "it was a blast" being on the show.

He also said that, when he came home after the show, he was probably emotionless for four days because he was "fried."

Jester said his plans for the prize money include taking his wife on a honeymoon and, alongside his business partners in the pizza shop, figuring out what their next opportunity is. "I know that it takes a team," he said.

"I'm not that chef that thinks that I can do it by myself," Jester said. "And I'm also not that chef that wants to die on the line."

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

Downtown Newark parking fee increase now in effect

By JOSH SHANNON
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Visitors to downtown Newark should prepare to dig a bit deeper in their pocket. The city's parking rate hike took effect Tuesday. City-run parking lots increased from \$1 per hour to \$2 per hour. Most on-street meters increased from \$1.25 per hour to \$2.25 per hour. Meters on Lovett Avenue and Haines Street, south of Delaware Avenue, cost \$2 per hour. Those meters are cheaper as a way to incentivize students and other visitors to park in the less-desirable areas farther from downtown. City officials said the increase is long overdue, as Newark has not raised parking rates since 1999. Officials initially proposed a

smaller increase, but city council decided on a steeper hike to offset the need for a larger tax increase. Newark will give visitors a break twice a year during periods when the university isn't in session. The cost of parking will return to the previous rates from Dec. 15 to Jan. 15 and June 16 to Aug. 15 each year. Newark spokeswoman Jayme Gravell said the city is planning several ways to inform residents of the rate hike, including social media posts, signage in the lots, and a notice sent to the approximately 4,000 people signed up to receive municipal alerts. The city recently increased parking fines as well. The fine for an expired meter is now \$70, with a 50 percent discount if paid within 15 days.

Newark's annual Restaurant Week runs through Wednesday

By JOSH SHANNON
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Thirteen Newark restaurants are cooking up something special for the city's annual Restaurant Week, which began Thursday and runs through Jan. 25. "Our chefs have gotten extra creative this year," said Leann Moore, executive director of The Newark Partnership. "Pretty much everyone has completely new things on their menu that you won't see on the traditional menu, which is really exciting." Restaurant Week began in 2007 as a way to draw customers downtown during the University of Delaware's winter session, which is a traditionally slow time for Main Street businesses. Now run by TNP, Restaurant Week includes businesses all around the city. Each restaurant will offer a three-course meal for \$40. The special Restaurant Week offerings are available between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. all week. "Newark has some of the most unique dining in Delaware," Moore said. "It's a great time to try new things, try a new place and get downtown when it's not as busy when the students aren't here." Three restaurants will participate for the first time:



SUBMITTED IMAGE

Caffe Gelato's Restaurant Week menu includes this filet mignon au poivre with honey balsamic roasted Brussels sprouts and smoked mozzarella mashed potatoes. Hamilton's on Main, Sonora and MadMacs. Rounding out the Restaurant Week roster are traditional favorites Home Grown Cafe, Taverna, Caffe Gelato, Stone Balloon Ale House, Iron Hill Brewery, Grotto Pizza, Blue Crab Grill, Skipjack Dining, Klondike Kate's and Santa Fe Mexican Grill. "The restaurants that participate all the time always see an increase, especially at dinner time, in January during Restaurant Week," Moore said. "We've had really good success with that in the past and are looking forward to doing that again this year." This year's Restaurant Week coincides with the implementation of the city's parking fee increase, so visitors to Main Street should be prepared to pay more to park than usual. Parking rates are increasing \$1 per hour to \$2 per hour in city-run lots and \$2.25 per hour at on-street meters. "It's still significantly cheaper than some of the other municipalities that folks might go to do a Restaurant Week, whether that be in Philly or New York or D.C. or Baltimore," Moore noted. "We have the same quality of food right around the corner with cheaper parking." To see the menus for each restaurant, visit thenewark-partnership.org/restaurant-week-2023.

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Two hurt in crash south of Newark

By JOSH SHANNON

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Two people were injured in a car crash south of Newark on Tuesday morning.

The two-vehicle crash happened just before 10 a.m. at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike and South Chapel Street, according to a spokesperson for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company.

A 28-year-old woman was trapped in her vehicle and had to be freed by firefighters. She was taken to Christiana Hospital to be treated for injuries to her head, neck and back.

A 55-year-old man was also taken to the hospital. State troopers are investigating the crash.

Newark man charged with dealing cocaine

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark man accused of dealing cocaine is behind bars after being arrested Sunday night.

State troopers began investigating earlier this month after getting a tip that a man in a silver Ford Escape was selling cocaine to people along the Kirkwood Highway corridor, according to Senior Cpl. Leonard DeMalto, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

On Sunday, troopers got another tip that the man was spotted selling drugs out of his car in the area of Kirkwood Highway and Newport Gap Pike. Troopers spotted the car around 8:40 p.m.

The driver, 37-year-old Wilfri Moreno-Garcia, tried to hide something in his pocket but was arrested after a brief struggle, DeMalto said. Troopers found him in possession of 14.75 grams of crack cocaine and approximately 2.8 grams of powder cocaine.

Moreno-Garcia was charged with possession with intent to deliver drugs and resisting arrest. He was jailed after failing to post \$26,000 cash bond.



MORENO-GARCIA

Ceremony celebrates promotion of two Aetna firefighters

POST STAFF REPORT

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company promoted two of its career firefighters during a ceremony Jan. 11.

James Read was promoted to lieutenant, and Robert "Dean" Helsel was promoted to technician.

Read and Helsel are among Aetna's 18 full-time paid career firefighters who supplement the department's volunteers. Four teams of career firefighters are each led by a lieutenant and rotate in 24-hour shifts, ensuring there is always a crew on duty to get the first fire engine out the door when an emergency call comes in.

Read is a graduate of Smyrna High School and was hired by Aetna in April 2018 as an emergency medical technician. He has held positions as an EMT, field training officer, firefighter, apparatus driver and technician prior to his promotion to lieutenant. He has over 12



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Aetna firefighter Robert "Dean" Helsel was promoted to technician during a ceremony Jan. 11. Pinning on his new rank is his father and son.

years of experience with the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company in Kent County, where he currently serves as fire chief.

Helsel is a graduate of

Lake Forest High School and was hired by Aetna in July 2017. He was a firefighter/EMT prior to his promotion to technician. He has

more than 22 years of experience with the Harrington Volunteer Fire Company in Kent County.

In 2022, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company used a combination of full-time career, part-time and volunteer staff to respond to more than 3,347 fire and rescue incidents and more than 10,650 requests for emergency medical services.



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Aetna firefighter James Read (second from left) was promoted to lieutenant during a ceremony Jan. 11.

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Newark United Methodist Church won the Judge's Choice Award in The Newark Partnership's holiday window decorating contest.

MadMacs, Newark UMC win holiday window decorating contest

By MATT SMITH

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MadMacs and Newark United Methodist Church were crowned the winners in The Newark Partnership's holiday window decorating contest.

Thirteen businesses and organizations participated in the contest, which was intended to bring Christmas excitement to Newark and encourage people to patronize local establishments.

"I really liked that each of the businesses did something very different," said Leann Moore, executive director of TNP.

She said she hopes the contest continues to grow in popularity every December.

"I'm really hopeful that it will kind of become this destination place to come and look at holiday decor and windows from a more local standpoint versus just relying on some of the bigger light displays," she said.

MadMacs on South College Avenue won the People's Choice Award, which was voted on by social media users. Newark United Methodist Church won the Judge's Choice Award, selected by city council members and TNP board members.

"They both got very creative with it," Moore said.

MadMacs owner Ryan Smith was delighted to win.

"It means a lot. My whole goal is to have this for the community," Smith said. "Not to mention there's a lot of personal time and work that went into it. So for people to actually notice and pay attention, it was pretty cool."

Smith went with a Christmas wonderland theme,



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MadMacs won the People's Choice Award in The Newark Partnership's holiday window decorating contest.

including lights, garland, stockings and toy soldiers.

"I just want to make it that spot where people feel warm and comfortable but embrace the spirit of the time of the year," Smith said.

Meanwhile, volunteers at Newark United Methodist Church painted the church's windows with a "home for the holidays" theme, including images of planes, trains and cars.

"We just started thinking about how so many of the people here at the church are now spread around the country," said Lisa Santare, office manager for the church. "We have young people that come through the preschool and through our youth programs, and they go to college and start their families. And they all come home for the holidays."

For a personal touch, the church also added handprints of students from the church's preschool.

"I thought that would probably be a really good way for us to get the church and the preschool out into the atmosphere for others around the community to know that we exist," said Jill Hall, administrative assistant with the preschool.

During much of the contest, Newark UMC was neck-and-neck with MadMacs in the social media voting.

"Oh, we just had so much fun with the whole thing," Santare said. "We became, in a fun way, competitive about it. Refreshing that Facebook page, we're like, 'how's MadMacs doing?'"

Allie Suminski, assistant preschool teacher, agreed.

"I think I tagged every single person on my Facebook page," Suminski said. "I came out of Facebook retirement and I'm like, 'Come on, I haven't been on here for a while, so this means a lot to me.'"

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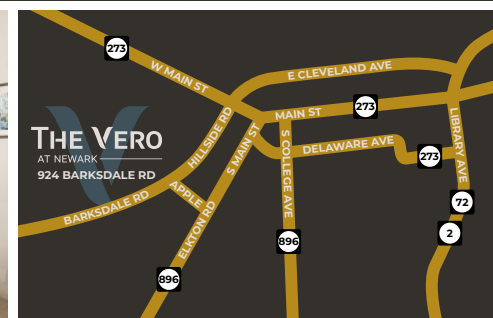
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University of Delaware professor Tian-Jian Hsu gives Sen. Tom Carper a tour of the Coastal Engineering Laboratory.



University of Delaware professor Tian-Jian Hsu gives Sen. Tom Carper and DNREC Secretary Shawn Garvin a tour of the Coastal Engineering Laboratory.

Federal legislation gives boost to UD's coastal research

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Research being conducted at the University of Delaware will soon help the Army Corps of Engineers with flood control, coastal restoration, ecosystem restoration and invasive species mitigation.

The Water Resources Development Act of 2022, which Congress passed late last year, directs the Corps to work with UD as well as the University of Missouri, University of Oregon and West Virginia University.

"The research that Delaware has

going on here is so vital," said John Kane, senior policy advisor for Sen. Tom Carper. "This provision opens the door for the University of Delaware to work on a bigger level, so that our research can be translated and our problems can be appropriately translated to the communities and address the projects that we're having issues with."

Carper, who chairs the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, visited UD on Jan. 13 to promote the new legislation and tour labs in the Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Laboratory and the Coastal

Engineering Laboratory.

"The coastal research they're doing here is now going to be practically applied by the Corps, and it's going to help save our coastlines," Kane said. "It's going to help save the inland bays. It's going to help all across the country broadly."

The new partnership also opens the door for UD to receive federal grants and contracts to further expand its research.

Sen. Tom Carper tours the Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Laboratory at the University of Delaware on Jan. 13.



UD temporarily moving administrative offices to STAR Tower

By JOSH SHANNON

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The University of Delaware is planning to move its administrative offices to the STAR Campus for the next few years as it prepares for a major renovation of Hulliher Hall.

Last month, the Board of

Trustees approved spending \$3 million to fit-out the ninth floor of the STAR Tower. Officials expect to ask the trustees for another \$1.5 to \$2 million in the spring.

UD hopes to move into the new space in July 2023.

Leasing the ninth floor expands UD's occupancy of the 10-story tower man-

aged by Delle Donne and Associates, which has development rights for a 16-acre portion of the STAR Campus. UD's College of Health Sciences leases floors two through seven, while the top three floors were reserved for commercial tenants. The first floor houses a UD auditorium and other space.

The ninth floor is not currently in use and will be leased by the university, according to UD officials.

Moving administrative offices to the STAR Tower will clear the way for a project to renovate and "reimagine" Hulliher Hall, which has long served as offices for UD's senior officials. The building has been underutilized since the pandemic, when many employees began working remotely.

President Dennis Assanis wants the stately building along The Green to be more student-facing, noting that it originally served as classrooms when it was built in 1940. It could eventually house offices for student advising, the Honors College and the Graduate College, among other functions.

Details are still being worked out, though the Hulliher Hall project is expected to cost upward of \$60 million and take several years to complete.

Once the project is complete, some offices, such as the president and provost, will return to Hulliher Hall, while others may move elsewhere. UD could eventually use the space on the ninth floor of the STAR Tower for academic purposes.



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'Cheers' to local people, teams making national headlines

Newark High graduate and current Voice of the Blue Hens Scott Klatzkin has been named Delaware Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association.

"I'm very honored to win this award and thank the voters and NSMA," Klatzkin said. "I am grateful to be in a position for over a decade now where I get to do something that I love at a place that I love. I truly look forward to every broadcast alongside my amazing partner, Bill Harman, and I'm glad that our passion for the school and the teams has shined through for Blue Hens fans."

Klatzkin's passion for broadcasting started at Newark High School doing the "morning news report". He announced games for WVUD radio while a student at UD and then went on to broadcast high school and Delaware State University games on radio before becoming the "Voice of the Blue Hens" in 2012. Klatzkin is also a frequent television broadcaster for local college football and basketball games as well as the FloSports livestream broadcast for all UD home football

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and basketball games. He has now won the award six times and three of the last four years.

Also this past week, Blue Hen mascot YoUDee was named National Champion in the Open Mascot division of the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando.

YoUDee's victory was just one of three national titles for the Blue Hens. The cheerleading squad finished atop the Small Coed Cheer Gameday standings for the fifth consecutive year, and the dance team came in first in the hip-hop division of the Universal Dance Association (UDA) championships.

"The amount of Blue Hen pride I have from this year's UCA and UDA College Nationals is overwhelming," said Ryan Blanford, spirit program coordinator and coed cheer team head coach. "Cheer, dance and

mascot each bringing home a national championship is the triple crown. That is something we haven't done since 2019 and only the second time in UD history. Between our student-athletes, coaches and athletics support staff, we have a program culture that works to achieve excellence on a daily basis. That strong culture proved itself this weekend and I'm so glad our student-athletes got to experience the rewards of all their hard work. This program is Blue Hen built."

This is the 17th straight year that the UD program has won at least one national championship, and it has captured 27 overall.

And that's not all from the "Happiest Place on Earth". Wilmington University's cheerleading squad won the gold medal in the Open Small Coed division. It was the ninth championship overall for a program that has been a mainstay atop the rankings for more than a decade, winning eight consecutive national championships from 2012-19, finishing second in 2020 and placing third a season ago.

"To win our ninth national championship at Wilming-

ton University seems like a dream," head coach Ashley Munday said. "After coming up short in 2020 and 2022, this year's team bought all the way into our process and put in the work needed to create a championship routine. We pride ourselves in representing the University and the state of Delaware in the highest light at the national level. And to do that with local athletes on the team makes it even better."

Coaches wanted

Newark High school is seeking boys lacrosse head and assistant coaches for the spring season. Interested candidates please contact athletic director Jason Bedford at Jason.Bedford@christina.k12.de.us.

Glasgow has an opening for its football head coaching job. Contact athletic director Robert Peterson at Robert.Peterson@christina.k12.de.us.

UD 2023 football schedule announced

The football schedule for next season includes three non-conference games highlighted by the first ever trip to Penn State on Sept. 9. The first of six home games kicks off Sept. 16 when the Hens host Saint Francis (Pa.)

in a rematch of last year's NCAA FCS playoff opener, which Delaware won, 56-17. Other home games include New Hampshire, Duquesne, North Carolina A&T, Elon and Villanova. For the complete schedule visit www.bluehens.com.

In my opinion only

The blowout in the FBS Championship game convinced me that expanding the playoffs is the right move. What will be interesting to see is how colleges adapt their regular season schedules to account for the extra games and wear-and-tear on bodies and budgets. Have we seen the end of conference championship games? Will off weeks be a thing of the past? Will a champion be crowned before February? Lots of questions to answer, but most importantly let's just hope the new system prevents another lopsided game in the season finale. Oh, and one more thing: if the NCAA football championship can kick off at 7:45 on a Monday night, why does the basketball championship game tip off at 9:20 p.m. when people in school or with jobs have to get up early the next

morning? Or are just too old to stay up past 10 p.m. Asking for a friend.

Wrapping it up

Former Newark Charter basketball player Justin Thomas, now playing for Wilmington University, was named to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Weekly Honor Roll for averaging 15.5 points and four rebounds per game in a win over Holy Family and a loss at Dominican the week of Jan. 3. Thomas is second on the team in scoring (13.8) and rebounds (4.4). ... It doesn't feel anything like spring weather outside, but registrations for most spring youth sports are either already happening or will be very soon. Don't miss out. Make sure to check in with your organization for when and where signups, and in some cases, tryouts and skills assessments, will be held. I've seen some that even offer discounts to sign up early.

Until next time ... have a great sports week!

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On Martin Luther King Day, Newark pastors issue a call to action

By JOSH SHANNON

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Freeman Williams remembers gathering with his family in 1963 to watch television coverage of the March on Washington. The young Newarker turned to his father and asked him what he thought of the event.

"My father, he was a man of few words, and he said, 'Boy, hopefully in your lifetime, things will change,'" Williams recalled Monday. "I'm kind of sad to say that, in my lifetime, things have not really changed. In fact, you can make a case that things have regressed."

He pointed to issues like voter suppression, which he said is still "alive and well."

Williams, harkening back to his days as an educator, said he has thought about how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would "grade" the civil rights progress since his death in 1968.

"The grade he would give us would be 'incomplete,'" Williams said. "We have not reached the goal."

Williams, who serves as president of the Newark branch of the NAACP, was one of several speakers at a Martin Luther King Day celebration held Monday evening at Newark United Methodist Church. The event also featured performances by a joint choir made up of members of several local churches and organizations.

Williams and several clergy

members implored those gathered to carry on the work of Dr. King.

"The celebration of this weekend is phenomenal. It really is," he said. "But please don't let this be a weekend thing. It cannot be. We have to commit ourselves to changing things in our society."

The Rev. Blaine Hackett, pastor of St. John UM Church, preached a similar message.

"Today, we celebrate the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Hackett said. "Tomorrow, we stop hanging on the dream, and wake up from our sleep and get up and be the change agents and be the advocates for the social, economic and racial change we want to experience in the 21st century."

The Rev. Marilyn Turner-Triplett, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington, quoted a speech in which King urged followers to "throw down the sword and live by the higher principle of love." However, she said that when she thinks about police brutality, mass incarceration and other racial injustices, she finds that hard to do.

"We must acknowledge that the old hatreds of Dr. King's day have simply remade themselves more politically correct," Turner-Triplett said. "Pre-civil rights segregation was simply dressed up as gentrification. Jim Crow has found a new life in an injustice system that controls the life of 6.7 million Americans. Hard-won voting rights are being consumed by



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Dancer Hadassah Carter and a choir perform during a Martin Luther King Day celebration at Newark United Methodist Church on Monday.

redistricting. Sometimes I wonder how I can resist that bitter cup of bitterness? How can I sing the songs of Zion when as a black woman in America, I live in a foreign land?"

When she feels that despair, she turns to King for inspiration.

"A few months before Dr. King gave the address that I'm speaking of, his home had been bombed while his wife and seven-week-old daughter and a neighbor were inside," she said. "Yet, this young man found it in his heart to call for love. Can we model that call?"

Pastor Joseph Williams, of Prayer Temple Ministries, said great nations are made by people who reach out to one another and love one another.

"We must love because love is contagious. Love is infectious," he said. "Pretty soon, it will spread throughout the nation and the world."

Pastor Joseph Fields, of St. Daniel's Community Church, said that



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Newark United Methodist Church hosted a Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday.

in the 1960s, he was more militant and didn't subscribe to many of King's teaching. Over time, though, he has developed a great deal of respect for King, he said.

"Let's try to mimic what Martin taught us. Let's learn how to love," Fields said. "We need to pray that God teaches us how to love because we don't know."



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Freeman Williams, president of the Newark NAACP, speaks during a Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday.



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Mark Farrall, pictured speaking at a community forum last year, will serve as Newark's next police chief.

FARRALL

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within the department.

From 2018 to 2020, Farrall switched to the municipal side of city hall to serve as acting deputy city manager after both the city manager and deputy city manager left.

He has been serving as acting chief for the past two weeks.

"Acting Chief Farrall is an experienced and respected leader with a track record of

effectively managing those in his chain of command," Coleman said in a prepared statement. "I value his contributions to public safety over the last three decades and congratulate him on this promotion."

Tiernan called Farrall "the perfect choice" to be chief because he is known and respected in the community, has a good working relationship with city hall and is a talented police officer.

"He's mature, he's serious about the job, he's got a great personality," Tiernan

said. "I think the most important thing, and it's not a popular thing, is he has the ability to say no when it's not in the best interest of the department or the city. And that is probably the hardest part of being a chief."

When Tiernan arrived in 2007, Newark had experienced 78 robberies in one year. Tiernan created the plainclothes street crimes unit to address the problem and tapped Farrall to lead the new squad.

"From the very beginning, as a sergeant, he impressed me with the way he

handled the street crimes unit," Tiernan said, adding that robberies decreased nearly every year.

Mayor Stu Markham also praised Farrall.

"The Newark community is in good hands with Acting Chief Farrall at the helm of the Newark Police Department," Markham said in a prepared statement. "He is well respected among his peers in law enforcement and I look forward to working alongside him to maintain Newark's reputation for being an attractive and safe place to live and visit."

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How to Make the Jump to Manager

If your career ambitions include making a jump to a management position, there are some specific goals you should be trying to hit along your professional journey. Some of them are tangible, while others are more focused on relationships. Read on for a few ways to make sure your leadership objectives come to fruition.

Be a Consummate Professional

Take professionalism seriously if you're looking to make the leap into management. Commit to wearing proper attire and using appropriate language in the workplace.

It can be easy to slip into gossip situations with co-workers, especially as you build close, strong relationships. But it is important to remember that word travels fast, so making sure you stay above these situations is paramount to your growth within the company. You should also be aware of your company's human resources policies and guidelines. Always follow these guidelines and expect the same out of your leadership team.

Be a Problem-Solver

Executive leadership takes notice when you bring solutions to an issue versus all of the related challenges. The people with the power to promote you are looking for creative problem-solvers to help move the company forward. Businesses that run effectively are able to overcome problems, such as competi-



tion, product quality issues and communications gaps with customers. The speed at which they overcome these problems can make the difference between success and failure. You can differentiate yourself by identifying issues, coming up with an effective solution and then pitching it to your leaders.

Make Your Goals Known

Management teams at good companies are constantly looking for the next wave of leadership to help advance business goals. Don't make them guess if you are interested in being part of that wave. Communicate openly and honestly with your leadership team about your aspi-

ration. Use your performance review sessions to share any career path goals you have. They may be able to put you on a specific plan to help you reach these objectives. Being forthright about your goals will earn the respect of your managers. Leadership is hard, and anyone who is willingly making it a priority to lead will gain the respect of hiring authorities.

Build Strong Relationships

Any great leader will tell you that a successful career is all about relationships. You've heard the old adage, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." Who you surround yourself with and the relationships you build in the workplace will serve as springboards into your next opportunities — whether it's within your current company or not. Be a good listener and con-

fidant when people need to get things off their chest. Give solid advice to peers looking for someone to listen. Go the extra mile to help people out on projects, even if it's not particularly in your wheelhouse. Your efforts in building positive, sustainable relationships will go a long way toward building your personal brand as a collaborative, trusted professional.

Next Steps

Before you can become a manager, you have to define your personal goals and timeline. Are you looking to be promoted within the next few weeks? The next year? Putting your specific goals on paper will help you build out a career growth plan. If your employer isn't willing to help with this process, then there may be a company out there that is a better fit for what you're trying to achieve as a professional.

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**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Executive Session Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(4) for the purposes of a strategy session, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to potential litigation when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body and discussion of the content of documents, excluded from the definition of "public record" in § 10002 of this title where such discussion may disclose the contents of such documents

(Executive Session to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Executive Session after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

A. Potential vote to give direction to the City Solicitor

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***1 PUBLIC PRESENTATION: (15-minute limit):**

- A. The Newark Partnership – Leann Moore (15 minutes)
- B. General Assembly Update – Lobbyist (15 minutes)

2. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:

- A. Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers (2 minutes)
- B. University
 - (1) Administration (5 minutes per speaker)
 - (2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)
- C. City Manager (10 minutes)
- D. Council Members (5 minutes)
- E. Public (5 minutes per speaker)

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (1 minute)

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2022
- B. Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes – November 1, 2022
- C. Receipt of Planning Commission Minutes – December 6, 2022
- D. Receipt of Alderman's Report – January 6, 2023
- E. Receipt of Financial Statement Ending – November 30, 2022
- F. Recommendation to Amend the Budget for the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and Waive the Bid Process in Accordance with the Code of the City of Newark for the Purchase of a Nissan Leaf on State of Delaware Contract GSS22561-VEH_LDP
- G. **First Reading – Bill 23-04** – An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Development Plan by Changing the Designation of the Property located at 532 and 540 Old Barksdale Road – **Second Reading – February 27, 2023**
- H. **First Reading – Bill 23-05** – An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning from BC (general business) and BN (neighborhood shopping) to BB (central business district) 1.33 Acres Located at 532 and 540 Old Barksdale Road – **Second Reading – February 27, 2023**

***4. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:** None

5. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING: None

***6. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** None

***7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** None

***8. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS OVER CONSENT AGENDA LIMIT:**

- A. Recommendation to Amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for Project Q2301 and Waive the Bid Process in Accordance with the Code of the City of Newark for the Purchase of a Backhoe (CIP HEQSF) and Mini Excavator (CIP Q2301) based on Competitively Solicited Purchase Contracts in Association with Sourcewell for CIP HEQSF and Q2301 – Public Works & Water Resources Director (10 minutes)

***9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:** None

***10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

- A. Request of CD Union, LLC., for a Special Use Permit to allow the restaurant to sell alcoholic beverages for the consumption on the premises at All Blue Cajun located at 165 East Main Street (20 minutes)
- B. Request of 96 East Main Street Associates, LLC., for a Special Use Permit to allow the hotel to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises as an Accessory Use, with Impact, for an eatery/bar within the Hyatt Place Green located at 94 East Main Street (20 minutes)

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