

What Happens Between The COBBLESTONES IS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS

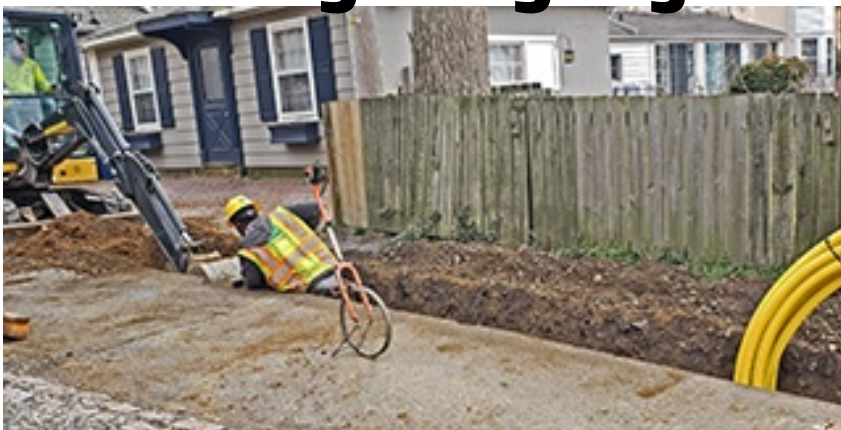
Tidbits Overheard... Didjanos... All The Buzzzzzz!

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Cobblestones Library

March 15, 2020

Dalby Alley Dig



As the Delaware Street project continues, it was really close to home recently. A very cordial crew too!



**CROSSWORD
PUZZLE
COMPETITION**

**SUNDAY
EVENT
TO BE
RESCHEDULED**

First State National Historical Park to hold a Community Open House for Input into Name of Northern Portion of the Park



Since the establishment of First State National Historical Park (NHP), various names have been used to refer to the 1,100 acres of the park located in Wilmington, DE and Chadds Ford, PA. The National Park Service is now working to determine a consistent name which will be used on park signs and in official documents. The park will hold an open house to gather public input into this decision. Attendees can stop by any time during the two-hour open house to submit their comments and ask questions. If you cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to submit your comments to firststate@nps.gov no later than March 27, 2020. The feedback received at the open house and by email will be integral in making a final decision.

CANCELLED
The event at 208 Woodlawn Rd, Wilmington
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., March 24th

this week in
HISTORY

15 The *Battle of Guilford Courthouse* took place in North Carolina. British General Cornwallis' 1,900 soldiers defeated an American force of 4,400. 1781, *Jesse W. Reno* patented the Reno Inclined Elevator. It was the first escalator. 1892, President *Woodrow Wilson* held the first open presidential news conference. 1913, 1934, *Henry Ford* restored the \$5 a day wage. 1934, The first *blood bank* was established. 1937, *My Fair Lady* opened a 6 1/2 year run on Broadway. 1956

16 Congress established the *West Point Military Academy* in New York. 1802, *Ned Ludd* leads a group of workers in a wild protest against mechanization. 1811, The *State of Delaware* enacted the first fertilizer law. 1871, *Robert Goddard* launches the first liquid fuel rocket. 1926, *Iwo Jima* was declared secure by the Allies. 1945, *Peter, Paul and Mary* released the single, *Puff The Magic Dragon*. 1963, *Paul Hornung* and *Alex Karras* were reinstated to the NFL after an 11-month suspension for betting on football games. 1964

17 The first *St. Patrick's Day!* celebrated in USA 1735, *Transylvania Land Co* buys Kentucky for \$50,000 from a Cherokee chief. 1755, The *rubber band* was invented. 1845, In Otay, California, *John Joseph Montgomery* made the first manned, controlled, heavier-than-air glider flight in the US. 1884, President *Theodore Roosevelt* coined the word

'muckrake' 1906, *Al Capone* was released from jail. 1930, *Tequila* by the *Champs* topped the charts. 1958, *President Nixon* asked Congress to halt busing in order to achieve desegregation. 1972

18 *David Melville* patented the gas streetlight. 1813, First *railroad tunnel* in US completed. 1834, *Henry Wells & William Fargo* founded American Express. 1850, *Confederate women riot* in N.C. to protest the lack of flour and salt in the South. 1863, was enlarged with the second Peace of Riga. 1921, *President Eisenhower* signed the Hawaii statehood bill. 1959, Cosmonaut *Aleksei Leonov* becomes the first person to take a space walk. 1965, *Night Fever* by the *Bee Gees* topped the charts. 1978

19 This is *St. Joseph's Day*, the day that those little birds known as swallows traditionally return to the Mission San Juan Capistrano. 1776, The first *bank robbery* in America (NYC \$245,000) was reported. 1831, *Jan Matzeliger* invents first machine to manufacture entire shoe. 1883, *Nevada* legalized gambling. 1931, *Academy Awards* aired on television for the first time. 1953, The staff of *WJM-TV* had a going-away party, as the last episode of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* was broadcast. 1977

20 The *United Dutch East Indian Company* (VOC) was formed. 1602, *Harriet Beecher Stowe* publishes the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. 1852, A plan by *John Wilkes Booth* to abduct President Lincoln was foiled when Lincoln changed plans. 1865, Einstein's *Theory of General Relativity* published. 1916, *50" of snow* across the Mason-Dixon line. 1958, *President Johnson* orders 4,000 troops to protect the Selma-

Montgomery civil rights marchers. 1965, *Me and Bobby McGee* by *Janis Joplin* topped the charts, 1971

21 *Thomas Jefferson* reports to President Washington in New York as Secretary of State. 1790, Almost the entire city of *New Orleans*, was destroyed by fire. 856 buildings were destroyed. 1788, The *Hatfield - McCoy* feud ends. It apparently all started over a pig. In the fall of 1878, Randolph McCoy sued Floyd Hatfield for stealing his hog. 1891, The U.S. Senate granted ex-President *Teddy Roosevelt* a yearly pension of \$10,000. 1910, The infamous *Alcatraz* prison is closed. 1963, On TV show *Dallas*, *JR* is shot. 1980, *Lean on Me* by Club Nouveau topped the charts

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FLAG STATUS



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39-26



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2/16 DAYTONA 500
2/23 Pennzoil 400,
3/1 Auto Club 400,
3/8: FanShield 500,
3/15 Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500

Denny Hamlin
Joey Logano
Alex Bowman
Joey Logano
2p Atlanta Motor Spdwy



Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Mon 3-16 **Joanne Gambacorta**

Wed 3-18 **Tina Ayars ★ Claudia Penn ★ Ginny Ramski**

Thurs 3-19 **Stan Ramski ★ BART Bruce Young**

Fri 3-20 **Esther Lovlie ★ Tom Clayton ★ Terry Short**

Sun 3-22 **Robert Brittingham**

41st Anniversary Tues 3-17 **Lula & David Atherton**

Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

Tell The Teditor flytedb13@comcast.net

Notable this week 15th Ides of March Andrew Jackson*253 (1845), 7th U.S.

President, Ruth Bader Ginsburg-87, Judd Hirsch-85, Mike Love-79, Eva

Longoria-45 **16th Freedom of Information Day** James Madison*269 (1836),

4th U.S. President, Henny Youngman*114 (1998), Pat Nixon*108 (1993), Jerry

Lewis*94 (2017), Erik Estrada-71 **17th Saint Patrick's Day - Submarine Day**

Bobby Jones*118 (1971), Nat "King" Cole*101 (1965), Tony Dow-75, "Leave it to Beaver",

Patrick Duffy-72, Kurt Russell-69, Rob Lowe-56 **18th Goddess of Fertility Day -**

Supreme Sacrifice Day Grover Cleveland*183 (1908), 22d and 24th U.S. President,

Peter Graves*94 (2010), Charley Pride-86, Wilson Pickett*79 (2006), Bonnie

Blair-56, Queen Latifah-47 **19th Poultry Day - Natl Quilting Day** David

Livingstone*206 (1873), Wyatt Earp*171 (1929), Earl Warren*129 (1974),

Ursula Andress-84, Glenn Close-73, Bruce Willis-65 **20th Ozzie**

Nelson*113 (1975), Carl Reiner-98, Fred Rogers*92 (2003), Hal Linden-89, Bobby

Orr-72, Spike Lee-63 **21st Julio Gallo*110 (1993), Timothy Dalton-74, Matthew**

Broderick-58, Rosie O'Donnell-58



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|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Sun 3/15 | vs. | Pirates | 1p |
| Mon, 3/16 | @ | Baltimore | 1p |
| Tue, 3/17 | vs | Toronto | 1p |
| Tue, 3/17 | @ | Toronto | 1p |
| Wed, 3/18 | @ | New York | 1p |
| Th, 3/19 | @ | New York | 1p |
| Fri, 3/20 | @ | Toronto | 6p |
| Sat, 3/21 | vs | Tampa Bay | 1p |
| Sun, 3/22 | @ | Baltimore | 1p |

MLB Baseball Preseason TV & Online

What is the current status of the start of the MLB season?

Major League Baseball is [delaying the 2020 regular season](#) by at least two weeks from the scheduled March 26 start in response to the [coronavirus pandemic](#), the league announced Thursday.

Official word came down early Thursday afternoon.

Spring training games have been canceled and the start of the 2020 season will be delayed by at least two weeks. The situation remains highly fluid, and that's true for everybody, not just for those in baseball.



is temporarily postponing all public events, programs, and tours and closing the Delaware History Museum, Mitchell

Center for African American Heritage, Old Town Hall, the Research Library, and the Read House & Gardens.

We are closely monitoring this changing situation and will post all updates here and on our social media channels.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

Each year, the churches of the New Castle community take turns hosting a simple supper and brief service on each of the Wednesdays in Lent, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Each year, we follow a theme throughout the Lenten Season.

This year, we'll be focusing on encounters with Jesus, by people whose lives were changed in different ways.

March 18th - New Castle United Methodist Church CANCELLED

March 25th - St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

April 1st - Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green

These gatherings are free and open to all!



MARCH



at Our Senior Center
400 South Street - New Castle - 302 - 326-4209

Mon 3 -16 9:30-12 Chronic Pain Self-Mgmt 11 Dance Party **Tues 3 -17** 9-12 AARP Tax Aide 9:30 McAleer Irish Dancers 10 **St. Patrick's Day**
bingo 12:30 Pokeno **Wed 3 -18** 9:15 Adventure Aquarium- Camden, NJ

Thurs 3 -19 10 Blood Pressure Screenings 12:30 Shop Rite 4:30 Old is not Easy **Fri 3 -20** 12:30 New Castle Farmer's Market

| MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 9-3 Billiards 9 Pool Exercise 9:30 Park Walk 10 Crafty Seniors 12 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jongg 1 Chair Yoga | 9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10 Bingo 12 Lunch 1 Strength Building/ Exercise | 9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 11 Line Dancing 12 Lunch 1 A.B.C. Class | 9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 9:30 Bridge 9:30 Knit/Crochet 10 Games w/Tom 12 Lunch 12:30 Super Market 1 Zumba Gold 2 Qi Gong/Tai Chi 5:30 Yoga 5:30 Bible Study | 9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 10 Bingo 10 Mah Jongg 10:30 Beginner's/ Arthritis Exercise 12 Lunch |

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- 3-15** Crossword Puzzle Contest* **CANCELLED TODAY**
- 3-16** Senior Medicare Patrol 10a-noon
Family Game Night 6:30-8p
- 3-17** Adult Tech Class* 6p "Selling on Etsy"
- 3-18** LEGO CLUB 3p/All Ages
- 3-19** Usual Suspects/5:30p "Murder by the Book"
Family Story Time 6:30p All Ages
Thurs. Night at the Movies/6:30PM*/Adults
"It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"
- 3-21** "Enormous Potato" (Longwood Community Reads)/11a All Ages

- Monday**
Computer & Job Search Help* 11:30a Adults
THINKOLOGY 4-5p/Kids 8-14
- Tuesday**
Crafty Story Time-10:30a/Kids 2+
GED in Spanish* 6:30-8:30p
- Wednesday**
Teen Time 3:30-4:30PM Teens 12 +
- Thursday**
Social Worker at Library, 2-4p
Drop-in Computer & Job Search Help 2:30-4PM Adults
GED in Spanish* 6:30-8:30p
- Friday**
Toddler Stay & Play 11a Kids 2 & older
*registration required

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Mon 10-9 Tues 10-9 Wed 2--9 Thurs 2-9 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun Closed



Immanuel's next
Movie Night is Sat., March 21st
The film to watch before you come is
THE UPSIDE
6pm at the home of
Nancy Crowder
at 42 W. 4th Street
Watch the movie, then join us for discussion.
Please bring a dish to share

New Castle Library Friends' Annual Supper Meeting and Program
Friday, March 20th 6 pm • New Castle Public Library

After a light supper and a short meeting, a special presentation of the Delaware Library Association Trustee Award will be made to **Carlo Viola** in recognition of his many years of dedication and advocacy for the library.

Finally, Joan **DeFattore** will present a program on "Views, Fraud, and Honest Error: The Psychology of Belief - How we see the world and what we don't believe? Drawing on philosophy, psychology, and avoiding partisan politics - this talk outlines the unconscious factors that influence the way humans reach conclusions and make decisions.

This is a Friends' members only evening, although membership can be purchased at the door (membership starts at only \$10 per year.)

Please RSVP to ncclibraryfriends@gmail.com or call the library at 302.328.1995.

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TRUSTEES ELECTION

Saturday March 21st

Goodwill Fire House 4th and South Streets, New Castle
8am to 4pm

If you are unable to vote at that time, early voting is available in the Trustees' office at 201 Delaware Street starting at 10 AM on March 4, 2020 and ending at 2 PM on March 20, 2020. Normal business hours are 10 AM to 3 PM, Monday to Thursday.

You will need your Delaware Driver's License or Federal ID. If you are unable to vote on election day, and unable to vote early during the allotted dates / times, call 322-2809 to obtain a ballot in the mail.

If you are not yet registered on the **TRUSTEES' VOTER REGISTRATION LIST**, you must register in order to vote. You can register and vote simultaneously, however registration ends at **2 PM on March 16th** while early voting continues through March 20th. Bring ID.

The candidates are
Brenda W. Antonio and Angelo J. Rispoli.

ELECTION DATE: MARCH 21, 2020
PLACE: GOODWILL FIRE STATION
TIME: 8 AM UNTIL 4 PM



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Jim Whisman is self-employed providing investment and financial planning services. He founded his initial firm in 1973 with the objective of serving the tax, auditing, and bookkeeping needs of small businesses and individuals. In 2004 Jim joined Wharton Investment Consultants and changed his service model to include providing investment, financial planning, and advisory services.*

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Jim is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), and an Accredited Estate Planner (AEP®). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and several other professional organizations.

Over the course of his career, Jim has been involved as a volunteer with numerous professional, community, and civic organizations. He is involved as a reenactor in historical programs in Old New Castle where he and his wife Barbara live. In addition, he is an educator crew member with the Kalmar Nyckel, Delaware's Tall Ship, and volunteers with the First State National Historic Park Service providing historical and environmental education programs.



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Mon 3/16 Board of Adjustment. Mtg 6:30pm

Public Hearing - Delmarva Power Special Exception

Thurs. 3/19 Municipal Services Commission Mtg. 4pm

MSC Office 216 Chestnut Street

Mon 3/23 Planning Commission Mtg 6:30pm

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Click [HERE](#) to learn about all my friends on South Street



Brandywine Valley SPCA - 600 South Street, New Castle, DE 19720 Phone: (302) 516-1002

2 Cups vanilla ice cream softened - 1/3 cup whole milk - 4 tbsp 101 proof peppermint schnapps - green gel food coloring - whipped cream

Instructions

Allow ice cream to soften on the counter for 20 to 30 minutes. Place ice cream, milk, schnapps, and green coloring in a blender. Blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into one large glass or divide between 2 smaller glasses. Top with whipped cream and decorative sprinkles.



Shamrock Shake



MINT OREO BARK



You'll need

25 oz. white chocolate chips,
1 tsp. coconut oil, green food coloring, 20 Oreos, crushed and divided, 1 tsp. peppermint extract, 1/2 c. semisweet chocolate chips, melted

Let's do it!

1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, combine white chocolate, coconut oil and green food coloring. Microwave on high for 25 seconds at a time, stirring after each time until chocolate chips are completely melted.
2. Add 3/4 of crushed Oreos and peppermint extract to melted chocolate. Fold to combine. Pour onto prepared baking sheet and spread in an even layer. Top with remaining crushed Oreos and drizzle with melted chocolate.
3. Place in the refrigerator to harden for 2 to 3 hours. Break into pieces and serve. See the [VIDEO](#)

The Kidnapping of Bathsheba Bungy

A Theatrical Presentation by

Valarie Boyer Ph.D.



Through monologue and song Dr. Boyer tells the story of Bathsheba Bungy, a free African American New Castle girl, who was kidnapped from her home and taken into Maryland to be sold as a slave. Hear the story of her ordeal, escape and trial of the kidnappers here at the Court House.

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Delaware HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Update for the Colonial School District

Per the directives of Governor John Carney,
all Delaware Public Schools will
CLOSE Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 27th
in an effort to curb the spread of the Coronavirus.

Please continue to monitor www.colonialschooldistrict.org
and school Facebook pages for updates.

More specific plans regarding continued learning opportunities and em-
ployee responsibilities will be released early next week.

Colonial
SCHOOL DISTRICT



New Castle
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Annual Meeting
CANCELLED
March 26th
7 PM - 9 PM

30 Market St, New Castle
and the Closing Social for the *Italian*
Immigrant Experience in New Castle
exhibit on March 29. The Annual Meeting
will be rescheduled

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BINGO

Friday, April 24, 2020

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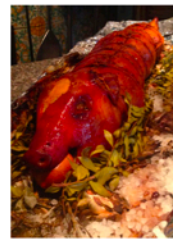
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DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
BINGO BEGINS AT 7:00PM

Tickets only \$25
You must be 18 or older to attend

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH WINE FESTIVAL



CANCELLED

March 27th 6:45 Social Hour and Wine Registration
St. Anthony's Church Gymnasium
1000 St. Anthony's St., New Castle, DE 19720

6:45-7:30 Buffet - Italian Cuisine - Whole Roasted Pig (Porchetta), Veal
Spezzato, Pasta Fagioli, Long Hots, Italian Greens, Salad, Desserts
7:30 - 10:00 Music & Dancing by Frank Stella & Michelle Christopher
Homemade Wine contest, Judging of wine, Awards & Sampling
Tickets \$30.00

For tickets Contact Bob Blakely (302) 328-2230,
Alex Alvini (302) 328-7156

Proceeds Benefit St. Anthony's Day Procession and St. Peter's Bazaar Spaghetti
Dinner

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Winston Churchill



3-20
NC Library Friends' Supper & Meeting
CANCELLED

3-21
TRUSTEES ELECTION

3-21
St. Anthony's Wine Tasting & Dinner

3-26
New Castle Historical Society Annual Meeting

4-18
New Castle Sailing Club Battery Park Beach Cleanup

5-1 & 2
May Market

5-16
Day in Old New Castle

5-21
Fallen Heroes 5k

6-12 & 13
Separation Day Weekend



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| 18 | 7:09am | 7:12pm |
| 19 | 7:07am | 7:13pm |
| 20 | 7:06am | 7:14pm |
| 21 | 7:04am | 7:15pm |



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PUBLIC HEARING re: Ordinance 525 to amend zoning code to require newly installed telephone, electric, and transmission lines to be placed below ground.

All Council members present plus City Solicitor Dan Losco, Building Official Jeff Bergstrom, and City Treasurer Janet Carlin.

Council President Ratchford asked Mr. Losco to summarize the issues leading to this ordinance. He said that the MSC requested it as having lines below ground reduces maintenance and limits potential damage from storms. Also, the Cohen Group, which is assisting the City in its negotiations with Verizon regarding the renewal of our franchise agreement, suggested this ordinance and helped draft it. It is modeled after similar ordinances used successfully in other cities.

Councilperson Michael Platt asked if industrial parks are included in the ordinance. Mr. Bergstrom noted that all the industrial parks in New Castle already have their power lines underground. Mr. Losco added that above-ground lines could be permitted in commercial zones by special exception.

Councilperson Valerie Leary asked about requiring removal of old lines when new ones are installed as this is not usually done and the old lines are left hanging from the poles. Ms Ratchford commented that this was a good idea and perhaps could be included in the franchise negotiations. Mr. Losco said he will discuss this issue with them. I noted that the Delaware St. project includes removal of the poles and asked if the wires would also be removed. The consensus was that these wires will be removed.

Ms Ratchford opened the discussion for public comment. Glenn Rill asked about the few remaining empty lots in town with above ground lines around them; what about the new lines if there is new construction? Mr. Losco said we can't strip rights of Verizon and Comcast to use existing lines. If there is a pole on the corner of the empty lot, an easement already exists. If the poles are on the other side of the street, installing the underground lines to the new construction would be "part of the cost of doing business".

There were no other public comments.

REGULAR MEETING

The same attendees as above plus **Capt. Keith Dempsey** for the Police Dept. (Chief McCabe was unable to attend due to illness.) and Mayor Quaranta. City Administrator Bill Barthel was absent.

Ms Ratchford opened by saying that we are all concerned about the spread of the corona virus. As of 3pm there were no cases in Delaware. The State Public Health Dept. has plans to deal with this issue. Information is available on the State website. The City monitors through the State. She added that we all need to take steps as individuals to protect ourselves and others and that the City will work to keep people informed.

Proclamation honoring Justice Collins J. Seitz upon his appointment as Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court

The Mayor read the proclamation honoring CJ, as he is known to family and friends, and added comments about CJ's great reputation both in Delaware and beyond. Justice Seitz spoke briefly, saying that he was proud to call himself a "New Castilian". He said that the corona virus is impacting the courts as people from all over the world come here and the courts must also deal with the prisons. Most hearings are now done via video conferencing. He concluded by saying that he is proud to have been appointed and promises to do his best and work hard. Ms Ratchford told him, "We're all proud that you're a local."

DELDOT presentation re: the railroad crossing update and the 9th St. traffic light proposal

Matt Buckley and **John Hermes** from the engineering firm working with DELDOT on these projects spoke. Mr. Hermes began by saying that the railroad crossing update has been pushed back 1 year (to the summer of 2021) because Norfolk Southern Railroad couldn't commit to scheduling this summer and Delaware funds 1 crossing per year. There is a crossing in Newark which also needs an upgrade so they will do that one this year.

Mr. Buckley spoke about the traffic light at 9th St. He said they originally thought the light would be at 8th St. but, with further review, realized that putting the light at 9th would be better as it would also serve as a pedestrian crossing and help those entering Delaware St. from 9th make the turn. This light will be coordinated with the one at Ferry Cut-Off as well as with the railroad crossing. When a train approaches, the signal will be sent to both traffic lights and the railroad crossing. The current engineering best practice for rail crossings is to allow 68 seconds for traffic to clear the rail crossing before the train arrives. This allows time for the slowest-moving vehicles to clear the rail crossing. The pole for the light at the rail crossing will be black to match the poles on Delaware St. but it cannot be fluted as it is too big.

Mr. Platt asked how much additional delay the light will cause for drivers turning from 9th St. onto Delaware. Mr. Hermes said the estimate is 3 seconds. Mr. Platt asked why we need the light. Mr. Hermes said it is tied to the rail crossing to provide the necessary 68 second clearance. It will also provide for a safe pedestrian crossing. When there is no train involved, traffic on 9th St. will activate a trip for the traffic light.

Mayor Quaranta asked why we were doing this now since we have asked WILMAPCO to look at this whole intersection. He fears commuters will try to avoid the light. Mr. Hermes said the timing of the light can be adjusted if needed after we have experience with it in place. The WILMAPCO study and any resulting DELDOT action will take years. The light will provide greater safety and can be adjusted for any changes made at a later date. He also thinks rail traffic may increase.

Ms Ratchford moved consideration of Resolution 2020-07 supporting the traffic light at 9th St. to this point in the meeting since we had just discussed it. It passed unanimously.

Update on Comprehensive Plan

Planning Commission Chair **David Baldini** introduced **Debby Pfeil** of KCI, the firm assisting the City with the preparation of our new Comprehensive Plan. She outlined the schedule for completion of the Comp Plan. The application is due April 1. She had copies for Council members to review and submit comments by March 20. There will be a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council on March 23 which is a public meeting. The plan will be presented and the public will have the opportunity to comment.

Once the plan is adopted, she recommends an annual joint meeting of Council and the Planning Commission prior to establishing the budget to set priorities and work on action items in the plan. She said this can help the City get grant money.

Minutes of prior meetings

We reviewed and approved the minutes of the Jan. 14 [Public Hearing](#), the Jan. 14 [Regular Meeting](#), and the Jan. 30 [Special Meeting](#). Mr. Platt noted that the minutes of the Feb. Regular Meeting were missing. He said it's not fair to citizens for the minutes to be delayed. He receives regular calls from residents asking about this. Ms Leary said that she hopes we'll have both the Feb. and March minutes for review at the April meeting. City Clerk Brian Whitaker said that he gave the Feb. minutes to the Council secretary but didn't say when he had done so. Ms Ratchford said they have to be received a week and a day prior to the meeting at which they will be considered so that the required public notice can be given.

Treasurer's Report

Ms Carlin reported that we are on target for this point in the fiscal year. The report was approved subject to audit.

Staff Reports

Mr. Bergstrom reported that the **Delaware Street project** is proceeding on target. The gas line work is going smoothly and they are tweaking the curb

Capt. Dempsey reported for the Police Dept. in the Chief's absence. Our 3 recruits will graduate from the Academy on March 26. The Attack Addiction walk/run went smoothly this past Saturday. There were over 4000 participants and no incidents. There were some problems with traffic flow. He thanked DELDOT, the New Castle County Police, the State Police, the Fire Police, and Goodwill Fire Dept. for their assistance.

He said that generally it had been a quiet month. There was a crash on 6th St. in which several parked cars were hit. It was found to be a DUI. A suspect in a New Castle burglary was arrested in Delaware City. The 2 departments worked together on this.

Ms Ratchford said that a resident had asked about installing a red-light camera at Ferry Cut-Off. The Captain said they reviewed 2 years of incidents at that intersection and found a small number of red light issues and concluded that installation of a camera there was not justified.

Council Communications

I said that Ms Ratchford and I participated in the Attack Addiction walk. It seemed to be very meaningful to the families participating in honor of a loved one. It was very well organized and went smoothly, even with over 4000 participants. I thanked our police and fire departments for their assistance. I also reported that last week I attended a workshop on Delaware's plan to address climate change. The State is developing a Climate Action Plan this year. The workshop was part of this process and was designed to obtain public input. There will be another workshop in June on resiliency which I hope to attend to learn more to help us make decisions about what the City can do.

Ms Leary reminded us to get information about the corona virus from reputable sources such as the CDC, to wash our hands, and follow other advise to reduce the odds of transmission.

Report from Mayor

Mr. Quaranta reiterated Ms. Leary's comments about the virus and said as part of his "day job" he met yesterday with CEO's of hospitals regarding State plans. He praised Joseph Day who he is nominating to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission. He mentioned the performances scheduled for this Friday arranged by the New Castle Arts Council – opera highlights at Immanuel Parish Hall followed by stand-up comedy at Sonora Restaurant. These are made possible by volunteer efforts and contributions from local businesses.

He thanked residents for their patience as the Delaware St. project progresses and asked us to be alert for the increase of bicyclists the warm weather is likely to bring. He reminded us of the bike racks next to the Terry House and nearby bicycle repair station.

Finally, he thanked Dobbinsville resident **Bobby Thomas** for his diligence in getting the slight traffic rerouting needed to avoid hitting manholes which caused noise and infrastructure problems. **Victor Bryson** also brought this to our attention at last month's meeting. DELDOT is looking into the possibility of restriping the road in that location to avoid the problem altogether. The Mayor is seeking a longer-term solution to limit truck traffic in this residential area. Ms Ratchford added that one of the manhole covers was found to be cracked and we are working with DELDOT to have it repaired.

Report from Council President

Ms Ratchford reported on an internal meeting she, Mr. Barthel, City Engineer Dave Athey, 2 DNREC representatives, and I attended regarding resiliency. Mr. Athey will gather needed additional information and prepare a report for a future Council meeting. She also said, just because there is no mention of this issue at public meetings, doesn't mean nothing is being done.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Ordinance 525 Amending Zoning Code to require new utility lines to be placed underground

The ordinance passed unanimously.

Re-Appointment of Daniel Knox to MSC

Ms Ratchford noted that he has experience in rate-making with another utility plus a financial background. He spoke briefly, saying that he thinks of those who preceded him at MSC and the duty to maintain the high standard they set. He also praised the high quality and dedication of the staff of MSC. Mr. Smith commented that on our tour of MSC facilities last fall we all saw the excellence of the staff. The Mayor also praised Mr. Knox.

His re-appointment was approved unanimously. His new term expires March 31, 2023.

Approval of **Mayor's Appointment of Joe Day** to Planning Commission

The Mayor said that Mr. Day is the current Chair of the Board of Health and brings good experience from his work at the New Castle County Department of Land Use. Mr. Day said he has worked there for 20 years and will be pleased to work on the new Comprehensive Plan.

His appointment was approved unanimously. The unexpired term he is completing expires July 11, 2020.

Appointment of Judy Baldini to the Tree Advisory Commission

Ms Ratchford said that Ms Baldini knows a lot about trees and invited her to speak. Ms Baldini said she doesn't know about all trees but is willing to learn. She said some of our trees are very nice, some are not so nice, and some need work. She added that once the power lines are buried we may make some changes.

Her appointment was approved unanimously. Her term expires Dec. 11, 2021.

First Reading of **Ordinance 526**; to rezone 604 Frenchtown Rd to Retail Commercial

Mr. Losco said the rezoning was requested by the property owner. It is the property currently known as Wilson's Radiator Shop. Mr. Losco said the commercial zoning is probably more consistent with the current use and is similar to the surrounding properties. It is currently zoned Residential. Since this ordinance will go to the Planning Commission, have a public hearing, and then return to Council for discussion and vote, there was no comment on it tonight.

Resolution 2020-11; approving financing for purchase of a new garbage truck and dump truck

Council previously approved the purchase of these trucks. The garbage truck being replaced is over 20 years old and in poor repair. The City needs a dump truck with a plow attachment. The financing is through PNC bank at a rate not to exceed 4% per year. The cost of the garbage truck is \$186,277 and the dump truck is \$56,700. The particular models were recommended by staff after investigation of various manufacturers.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Bill Emory spoke about criminal activity in Baldton. There have been 2 incidents at his home in the past year or so. First, someone tried to steal his boat and, more recently, he observed people sitting in a car stopped on his driveway. Both times he called the police. The response from the City Police was 15 min. the first time but he managed to scare away the would-be burglars. The second time County Police responded in 15 min. but the City Police didn't arrive for 23 min. The people parked on his driveway had left but were located and arrested for selling drugs. He was disturbed by how long it took City Police to respond. He said that in the recent incident he learned that there was another major incident occurring simultaneously so he felt a little better but was still unhappy about the response time and the fact that the police never told him what happened. He said he left a message for the Chief to call him but never heard anything.

Ms Ratchford asked Capt. Dempsey to respond. He said that he knew about the recent incident. The department was involved in a complex issue that also involved County Police. He doesn't know why the Chief didn't call Mr. Emory but said that if the Chief is not available citizens can always talk to him as he is in charge of operations.

To view this discussion on the web, visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/council-updates/429fc964-ddb4-4616-ad24-9243c224f162%40googlegroups.com>.

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Thanks to every one who joined us at our 8th Annual Irish Night Fundraiser for the New Castle Senior Center on Saturday evening! It was great fun with the hugely popular Seven Rings band again providing our entertainment. Your support is very much needed and appreciated.

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♣ Judy & Paul

♣ Mary Jane & Bear Glen

♣ Mannie with his Mom

♣ Michael & Vince

♣ Toners with Vince, Bear Glen & Michelle

♣ Gale & Jim

♣ Toners with Vince, & Sharon

♣ A WONDERFUL CROWD ♣

♣ Regina snaps pics

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