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HAGLEY DAMAGE MAY HIT \$2 MILLION, AND IT HAS NO FLOOD INSURANCE



BY BETSY PRICE

Damage to the lower property at Hagley Museum and Library—a seminal piece of Delaware industrial history where DuPont manufactured gunpowder—may hit \$2 million, according to CEO Jill MacKenzie.

Water overflowing the Brandywine River Sept. 2 after the remnants of Hurricane Ida came through scoured the property, knocked down walls and flooded all the buildings along the mill race down to Breck’s Mill.

Some of the worst damage came, though, after eight feet of water filled the basement of the Visitors Center, which held the control units for many of the property’s systems such as electrical, a sewer pump, and heating and air conditioning.

“We’ve had a little bit of water get in but never at that level,” MacKenzie said. “There was 180,000 gallons of water down there that we had to pump out, and then get all of the stuff that was down there, which again was

not collections, but it was our store inventory, and a lot of our educational supplies.”

Hagley does not have flood insurance because it cost so much, MacKenzie said.

Museum officials have filled out Federal Emergency Management Agency forms and are working with it and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency to have the flooded areas of Delaware declared a Presidential Disaster Area. That will allow money, grants and other aid to come Hagley’s way.

The waters also flooded the U.S. Post Office at Breck’s Mill and came up to the top of the steps on the second floor, where Somerville Manning Gallery is. The gallery has been forced to postpone its 40th anniversary show, according to a phone message at the gallery. MacKenzie said it has moved out of Breck’s Mill for the time being.

Efforts were not successful Tuesday afternoon to reach

gallery owner Vickie Manning.

“We hope to welcome them back as soon as we can, but clearly she had to take the steps she had to, to be able to open that show,” MacKenzie said.

Hagley’s own new permanent exhibit, “Nation of Inventors,” was supposed to open Monday in the Visitors Center. It had a media preview in August.

“We were able to move all of the artifacts out of that building very quickly so everything was safeguarded and protected,” MacKenzie said. “They’re all back in their storage. We feel that our emergency response here at Hagley worked at 100%. Our folks did what they needed to do.”

“Nation of Inventors” now is tentatively expected to open in spring 2022. It’s possible it could have opened earlier, MacKenzie said, but that would have put it into the dead of winter, which isn’t know for encouraging high visitor interest.

“We have not set any deadlines at this point because we don’t want to,” MacKenzie said. “We don’t want to set an unrealistic deadline that we then feel that we have to meet.”

The former du Pont estate reopened to the public in a limited way last week, with reduced prices for a tour of upper property buildings, including the family home Eleutherian Mills, the garden and an exhibit of patent invention models in the library.

MacKenzie said Hagley officials aren’t yet sure exactly how much damages are going to cost.

They are estimating they will need several hundred thousand dollars worth of mortar work alone to repair and replace walls.

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UPCOMING MASSES TO HONOR MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS, LEGAL PROFESSION

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will honor police, fire, EMS and military personnel during its annual Blue Mass on Friday, Oct. 1.

The event, which begins at 11 a.m., will be held at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, located at 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. The Mass will be followed by a reception in Grant Hall beneath the church.

All current and retired first responders, military and members of their families are invited to attend. The Mass will also be live streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel.

The Wilmington Diocese's new Bishop William E. Koenig will preside at the Mass and will give the homily.

While the service will be a Catholic Mass, other faiths are welcomed to attend, either in person or via YouTube, to join in prayer for those who risk their lives for public safety, the Diocese said in a press release.

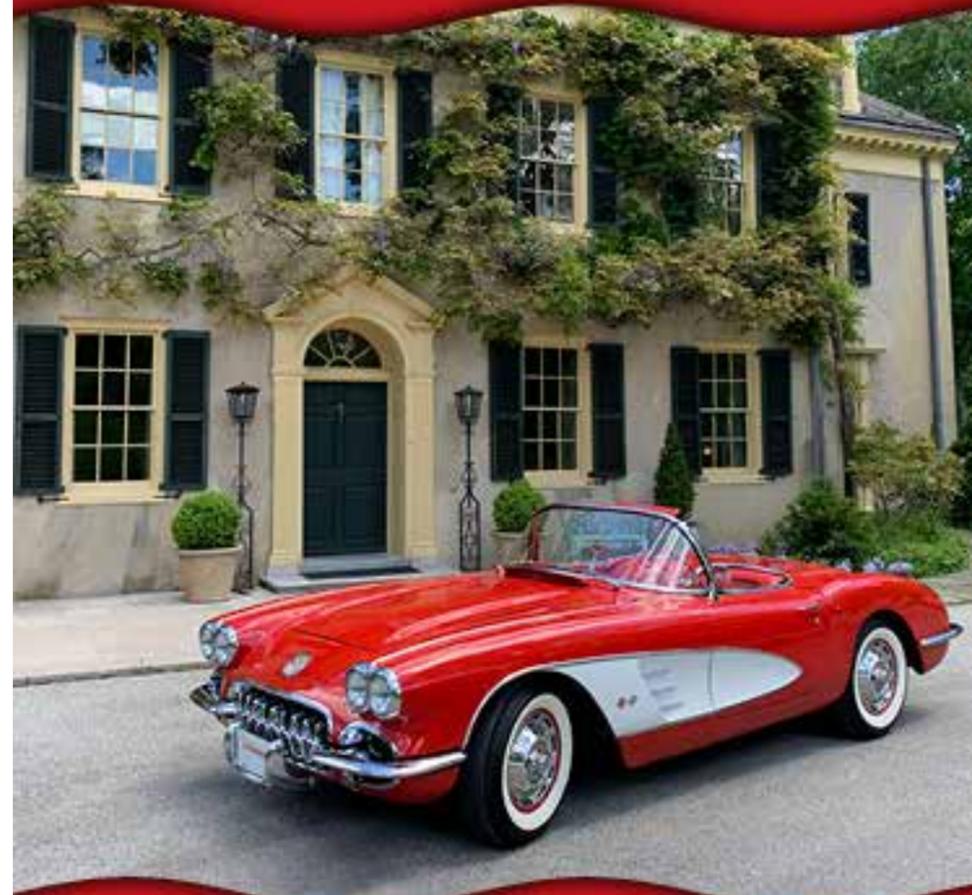
A separate event for members of the legal profession will be held by the St. Thomas More Society of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington on Oct. 3. The Red Mass marks the beginning of the judicial year and is celebrated by judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students and government officials.

That event will be held at St. Joseph's on the Brandywine, located at 10 Old Church Road in Greenville.




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WILMINGTON JAYCEES BRING BACK CHRISTMAS PARADE

BY BETSY PRICE

The Wilmington Jaycees annual Christmas Parade returns Nov. 27, after taking last year off because of COVID-19.

The parade will feature floats, antique cars, local celebrities, community groups, marching and string bands, among other performers and of course, the star of the show, Santa Claus.

Children once again will be encouraged to write a letter to Santa and drop it off as he passes by during the 57th parade. If they'd like a reply, a complete mailing address, including zip code, should be included. The Jaycees will work with Santa and his elves to make every effort to answer each letter.

The parade long has been considered the unofficial start to holiday shopping and events, coming the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Mike Purzycki hailed the return. "We are happy to help the Wilmington Jaycees after

all they have done over many years to organize this special event, which has become an enjoyable holiday tradition that people look forward to every year," he said in a press release. "We all look forward to Santa's return visit to Wilmington this year."

The organization is seeking volunteers and parade participants. Those who are interested should go to www.wilmingtonjaycees.org no later than Oct. 31.

Past Wilmington Jaycees Christmas Parades have featured an outstanding selection of local and national celebrities: Luke Matheny, 2011 Oscar winner for Best Live Action Short Film; Aubrey Plaza, star of NBC Comedy "Parks and Recreation;" Vince Papale who inspired the 2006 movie "Invincible;" A.J. Melendez of "American Idol Juniors;" Sean Patrick Thomas, co-star of CBS Drama Series "The District" and movies "The Last Dance" and "Cruel Intentions;" Heavyweight Boxing Champion Michael Spinks; Middleweight Boxing Champion Bernard Hopkins; Olympic Gold Medalist Dionna Harris; Television's "ER" star Evette Freeman; "Welcome Back Kotter" star Ron Pallilo; and singers Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr.



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FOR FIRST TIME, MILFORD WOMAN DESCRIBES ESCAPING TWIN TOWERS

BY BETSY PRICE

Peggy Reilly only wears shoes she can run in.

It's a lesson the Milford resident learned in 2001 on the 13th floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower when American Airlines Flight 11 slammed into the building 80 floors above.

Reilly was standing in the office of her friend and Instanet Corp. coworker Barbara Galanaugh at 8:46 a.m., showing Barbara a photo of her new great-nephew Brandon, when the building shook so hard it knocked Galanaugh across the room.

The two women thought there must have been an earthquake. They could see glass and pieces of paper falling outside the windows.

Then the tower started swaying alarmingly.

"That building naturally swayed because of the way it was built," Reilly remembered. "It was supposed to naturally sway. But it was swaying way more than I was comfortable feeling."

"We need to get out of here," she told Barbara.

They gathered the other three office early birds—the rest of the staff didn't come in until 9 a.m. or a little later—and headed across the building to the B stairwell. Parts of those stairs are now in the 9/11 Memorial Museum.

Reilly abandoned her purse, assuming she'd be back in the office at some point. She was wearing a company polo shirt, khaki pants and clogs, which were fashionable then, but Reilly realized she was never going to be able to run in them.

She kicked them off.

"I went out barefoot, which was probably the biggest mistake I made the entire day," she said.

This is the first time Reilly has talked to media about that day. While she talks to family and friends, and it sometimes comes up in conversations, Reilly has only talked in public about it once. That was to the Milton Fire Department. There, she kept the story brief and left out a lot of details because there were children in the crowd.

"I've never really talked about it because I feel really blessed," she said. "And I felt really guilty because I was 52 at the time, and I didn't understand why God saved me and not some of those 20- and 30-year-olds. So I had a lot of guilt for a long time."

Sept. 11, 2001, started normally enough for her. She got up early and worked out as she always did. But instead of walking to the Hackensack train station, she was dropped off by her retired husband, Jim, about 7:15 a.m.

Reilly took the train to Hoboken, where she transferred to the Waterways Ferry that took her to the World Trade Center. She stopped at Starbucks for her usual grande black coffee and made the 10-minute walk through the North Tower before arriving at her 13th floor office.

"Not a lot of buildings have No. 13 floors, you know," she said. "They skip it. In New York, they always skipped it. But the World Trade Center did not skip it."

Instanet is an electronic trading company, and Reilly was the vice president of client relations for them.

Reilly was the one who insisted her small group head down the stairs. They stopped on the 10th floor, where there were more Instanet office. No one there could reach the building's command center.

As the group came out of the office, they met firefighters going up. The firefighters told them to return to their own floors.

Reilly refused.

"I remember saying something like, 'You know I'm a kid from the 60s. I just can't listen to you. I feel like we need to get out of the building,'" she said. "It's that fight or flight thing that you go into. I never knew which I would do."

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DELAWARE ART MUSEUM TO REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION TO ENTER

BY BETSY PRICE

The Delaware Art Museum announced Sept. 9 that starting Oct. 1, visitors must provide proof of vaccination to enter.

The move will help ensure the health of members, guests, staff, volunteers, other visitors and the wider community, museum Executive Director Molly Giordano said in a social media statement.

The Art Museum’s move follows a rising number of public buildings and venues who cater to the public in demanding proof of vaccine, or a recent negative COVID-19, in addition to face masks. The Grand Opera House in Wilmington has announced everyone in The Grand or the Playhouse on Market Street must be vaccinated or show proof of a test. The University of Delaware on Friday announced the same rules applied to all UD events, which forced the cancellation of its popular Community Day, set for Sunday.

Giordano’s statement said the museum had waited patiently for 18 months to fully resume indoor activities, events and classes. It even rescheduled “Afro-American Images 1971: The Vision of Percy Ricks,” a look at a seminal Wilmington art show, to be sure as many people as possible could see it.

“All of us have watched with heavy hearts as positive COVID-19 cases spike and the Delta variant rapidly spreads,” the post said. On Wednesday, Delaware saw 400 new cases, averaged over seven days.

“We are grateful for our state’s aggressive vaccine program that has enabled over 60% of eligible Delawareans to achieve full vaccination, but many in our community are still vulnerable,” the art museum statement said.

The vaccine mandate requires all those ages 18 and over who enter the Museum’s main building or studio

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“We are excited to move forward with our ambitious fall exhibition and programming schedule, and we are eager for you to join us in person,” the statement said. “But we also know our role as a community leader is to ensure the safety and health of everyone we serve. We will continue to do whatever we can to help our community rebound from the pandemic and thrive.”

See the full policy details [here](#).



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CASE BACKLOG, HOPE FOR RENT ASSISTANCE KEEP DELAWARE EVICTION FILINGS LOW

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

Two weeks after the federal eviction moratorium ended on Aug. 26, Delaware has not yet seen a significant spike in eviction filings. Some experts say that could be yet to come.

A backlog of eviction cases and the availability of hundreds of millions in federal rental assistance funds may be encouraging landlords to seek alternative remedies to eviction—or wait to see how things pan out, officials say.

Although the CDC’s moratorium prevented courts from removing tenants from their rental properties, it did not prevent landlords from filing for eviction.

In the year and a half since March 15, 2020, there have been 9,275 eviction filings, according to Eviction Lab, which tracks filings in Delaware and compares the data to pre-pandemic figures.

This compared to more than 18,000 evictions in 2019 alone, said John Whitelaw, advocacy director for the

Community Legal Aid Society of Delaware.

Almost no filings during the pandemic have resulted in actual evictions. Now that the moratorium has been lifted, existing and new eviction filings may continue to be held up by backlogs in the court system, authorities said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Aug. 3 that it would extend the eviction moratorium in areas with substantial or high transmission of COVID-19. Then the Supreme Court ruled on Aug. 26 that the CDC had exceeded its authority, effectively ending the moratorium.

Following the Supreme Court’s decision, many experts and advocates expected that Delaware would see an immediate increase in eviction filings, but filings have remained significantly below pre-pandemic levels, according to Sean O’Sullivan, chief of community relations for Delaware’s courts.

In some cases, tenants have moved out of their rental properties before further court action. Landlords and tenants have also availed themselves to mediation options instead of going through the eviction filing process.

Because courts are scheduling many hearings via Zoom, they are no longer able to do “calendar calls,” wherein numerous cases are handled in rapid succession. This means that the already overwhelmed Justice of the Peace courts could take even longer to adjudicate

individual cases, further complicating the problem, Whitelaw said.

The slow process may be a factor in landlords’ decision to seek alternative remedies to eviction.

Whitelaw said the decrease in filings during the pandemic was, in part, an indirect effect of the moratorium.

“Even though, except for the first few months, the moratorium doesn’t stop landlords from filing cases, we believe a lot of landlords simply didn’t file while the moratorium was on because they were concerned that they would not be able to evict at the end of the process, so why bother filing,” he said.

Eviction filings may also be lower than expected because some landlords are waiting to see if their tenants are able to access federal rental assistance funds.

The Delaware Housing Assistance Program, or DE-HAP, provides emergency housing assistance to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours, unpaid leave or financial hardship related to the COVID-19 health crisis.

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Government

DARIUS BROWN FOLLOWS OTHER LEGISLATORS INTO JOB PARTLY FUNDED BY STATE

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

State Sen. Darius Brown seems to be the latest in a line of Delaware legislators who take jobs with organizations that receive state funds voted on by the General Assembly.

Brown, D-Wilmington, has been hired as executive director of a group focused on reducing recidivism in Wilmington. He is expected to go to trial in three months on charges relating to a May domestic violence dispute.

His new post as head of the Wilmington HOPE Commission came after a “rigorous, extensive search,” the group said in a press release.

As of 2017—the last time data was available—the position earned an annual salary of \$98,000.

With his new job, Brown follows in the footsteps of two former Senate presidents pro tempore and two

sitting legislators.

Efforts were not successful to reach Brown Wednesday evening for comment.

In its mission statement, the HOPE Commission claims it “will target reduction of the impact of violence and promote well-being in our communities by advocating for, supporting, empowering and assisting ex-offenders to positively integrate back into our communities.”

The hiring, first revealed by *The News Journal*, surprised those who were following Brown’s legal troubles.

In May, Brown was arrested and charged with two misdemeanor counts of domestic assault after he allegedly punched a woman at Taverna Rustic Italian Restaurant in Talleyville. Police reports later said the incident occurred during an argument about a social media post. Brown turned himself into police three days later.

This isn’t Brown’s first legal hurdle.

While running for his Senate seat, Brown was revealed to owe more than \$50,000 in unpaid federal taxes and nearly \$10,000 in unpaid state taxes.

In 2019, Brown failed to indicate his debts on a required financial disclosure form, instead writing “none.” At the time, he called the omission an “oversight” and filed an amended form.

In his new role, Brown will be “responsible for board management and has direct oversight of the commission’s daily operations, talent management, fiscal operations, fund development and management of community relationships,” the group said in their press release.

In the wake of the group’s announcement, John Flaherty of the Delaware Coalition for Open Government called on the Wilmington HOPE Commission to release a list of applicants for the position.

“Unless they have a unique justification for this, to me, it’s pretty outrageous,” Flaherty said. “I think the HOPE Commission has a lot to answer to the public to justify hiring a state legislator who is in trouble himself.”

Flaherty said legislators should not be allowed to seek employment with organizations that receive state funds.

“In most cases, these politicians become lobbyists for these groups and by hiring them, that’s how you seal the deal,” he said.

The Wilmington HOPE Commission has received \$15,000 in state grants-in-aid funding between 2019 and 2021.

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HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE DISMISSES COMPLAINT AGAINST BRADY

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON



The House Ethics Committee has voted unanimously to dismiss the ethics complaint filed against Rep. Gerald Brady,

D-Wilmington. No further punitive action can be taken by that body against Brady.

Brady was discovered in July to have sent an email to an out-of-state advocate in which he referred to women of Asian descent using a racial slur while discussing human sex trafficking. It set off a furor.

On Monday after the Ethics Committee announcement, Brady said in a statement that he has spent weeks contacting colleagues, constituents, community members and members of the Asian American community to offer his apologies and open a dialogue.

Brady also said that he has completed the sensitivity training course as prescribed by House Democratic leadership.

“My goal throughout this process has been not to simply call a person once, offer my apologies and move on,” Brady said. “It’s to open a dialogue about how to sincerely and constructively address this issue I caused and to turn this horribly negative situation into a learning experience for others and to bring the concerns of the Asian American community forward.”

House Republicans declined to comment on the dismissal of the ethics complaint.

Jane Brady, chairwoman of the Delaware State Republican Party, which has already called for Rep. Brady to resign, said, “Rep. Brady is certainly entitled to say whatever he thinks, and his conduct may not rise to the level of illegal behavior, but it was certainly inappropriate and offensive and warrants his resignation.”

Efforts were unsuccessful to immediately reach Chinese American organizations for comment.

The ethics complaint, filed by Rep. Madinah Wilson-Anton, D-Newark, alleged that his actions violated Rule 16(a)(12) of the chamber’s rules of legislative conduct, which are outlined in House Resolution 3.

That rule says “A member shall not engage in conduct which the House determines (i) brings the House into disrepute or (ii) reflects adversely on the member’s fitness to hold legislative office.”

The committee “unanimously determined that no laws were violated, and that Rep. Brady’s remarks are protected under the First Amendment, which guarantees the right of free speech,” according to a press release from Majority Leader Rep. Valerie Longhurst, D-Delaware City, who chairs the Ethics Committee.

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ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE ETHICS TRAINING FOR WILMINGTON OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

An ordinance to require Wilmington elected officials, appointed officials and city employees to participate in annual ethics training will be heard by City Council Thursday.

The ordinance is sponsored by the council’s lone Republican member, James Spadola, who holds the at-large seat reserved for the minority party.

“The residents of Wilmington deserve elected officials that are trained and in tune with the latest on ethics—learning what a conflict of interest is making sure that information is ever present in their minds when conducting the business of the city,” Spadola said.

If passed, the city’s mayor, treasurer, council members and full-time city employees would be required to attend or watch a recording of an Ethics Commission-approved training presentation.

They would also have to submit a certification verifying that they did attend the session and are current on their training.

Efforts were unsuccessful Tuesday to reach council president Ernest ‘Trippi’ Congo for comment.

There would be no mechanism to penalize an official or employee who fails to complete the training, but Spadola said the voters would be able to see which of their elected officials failed to make ethics training a priority.

Under the ordinance, elected officials who do not complete the training would be noted on the Ethics Commission website.

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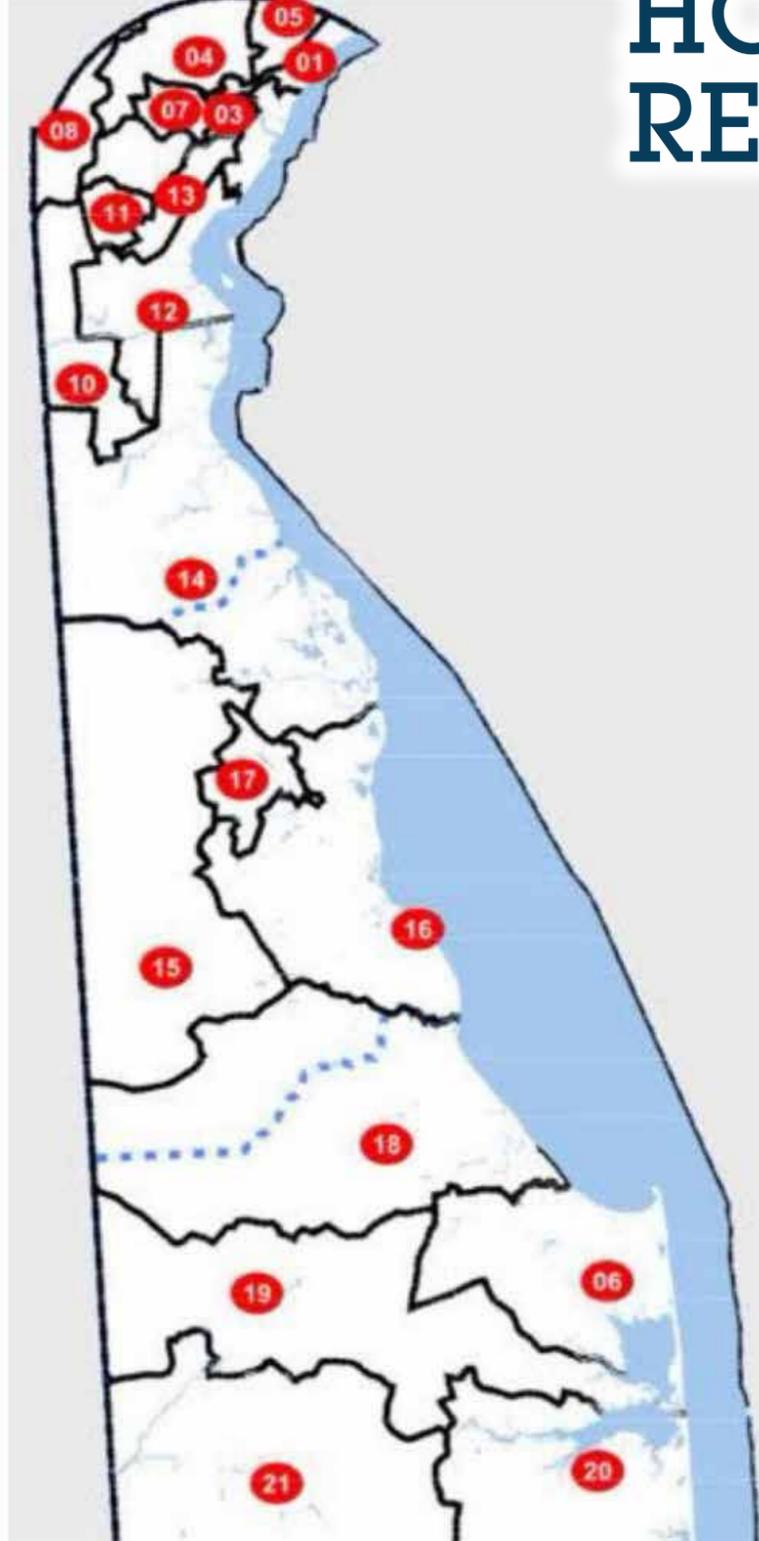
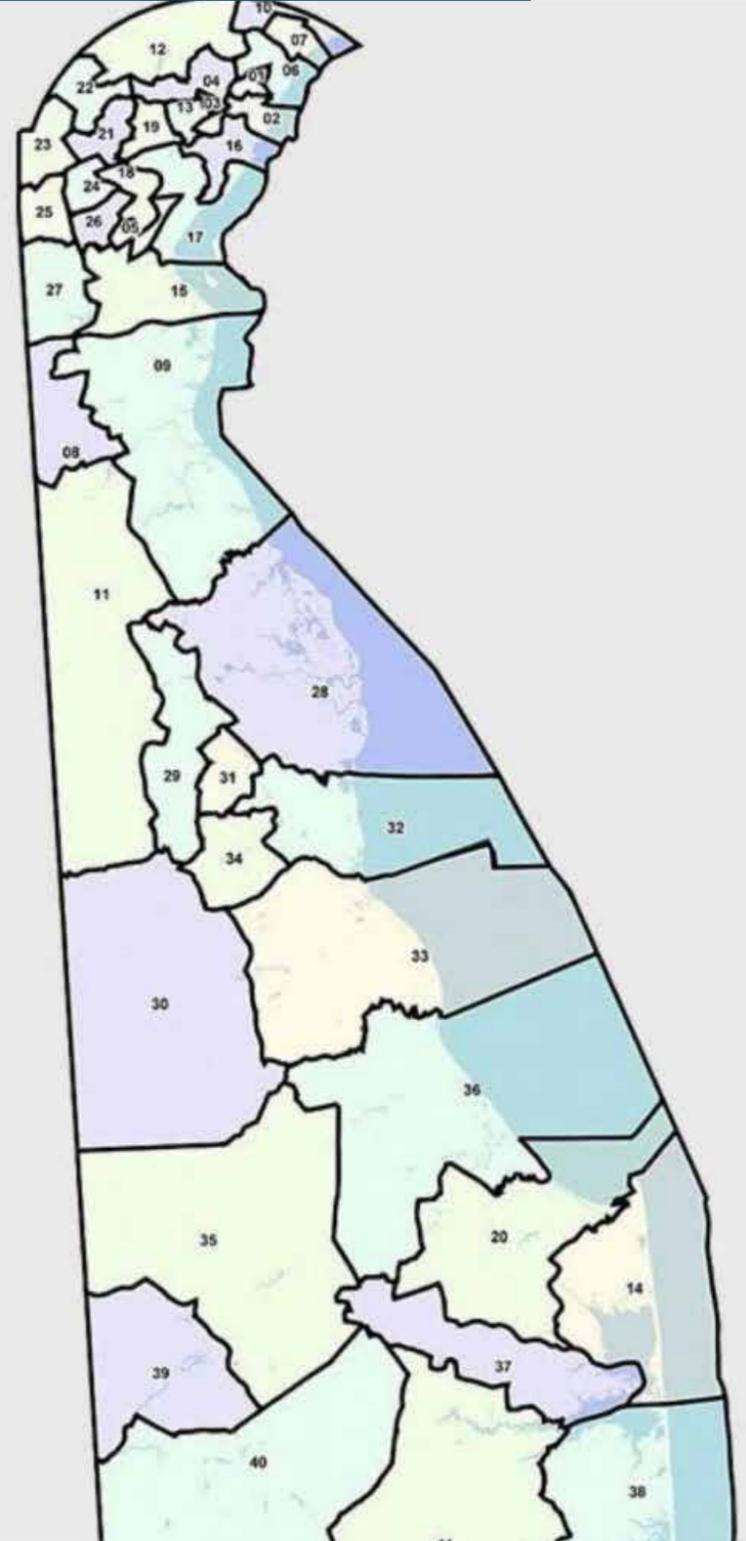
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DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATE, HOUSE LEADERS ANNOUNCE REDISTRICTING PLANS



BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

Democratic leaders on Sept. 10 announced some of their plans to complete House and Senate redistricting by the Nov. 7 deadline the General Assembly set for itself in June. They did not set a date for the special session, which will be required to approve the redrawn maps.

In a press release, House Speaker Pete Schwartzkopf, D-Rehoboth, and Senate President Pro Tempore Dave Sokola, D-Newark, said they would host a [public meeting](#) on Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

During the meeting, “lawmakers will give an overview of the redistricting process and explain how districts are drawn. They also will solicit public comment from residents regarding various districts and communities throughout the state,” the press release said.

They said the reason the process has taken so long is because data from the U.S. Census Bureau arrived five months later than in previous redistricting years.

“Redistricting is always a highly technical process, but further complicated this year by both the COVID-19 pandemic and the late arrival of crucial population data that is affecting states across the country,” Sokola said. “Both the Speaker and I feel very strongly that these challenges should not stand in the way of our efforts to engage the public so we end up with district lines that serve our communities.”

The move came over one month after The League of Women Voters, Common Cause of Delaware, ACLU of Delaware and 13 other community groups sent an open letter calling on them to ensure a fair, transparent, nondiscriminatory, and politically impartial process.

Having heard no response, Common Cause of Delaware issued a press release last week demanding that the leaders “start communicating with the public about this year’s redistricting cycle.”

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD CLOSE STORES, BODEGAS AT 10 P.M.

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

An ordinance aimed at restricting hours of operation for corner stores and bodegas in certain areas of Wilmington was introduced Sept. 9 in a City Council planning meeting.

The legislation before the Community Development & Urban Planning committee would force convenience stores and fast food establishments in certain areas of the city to close by 10 p.m., rather than midnight as city code currently allows.

Areas affected would include boundaries designated by any active urban renewal plans, including the strategically targeted area redevelopment (STAR), or the residential improvement and stabilization effort (RISE).

The areas have been marked for redevelopment due to high amounts of vacant properties and their tight community boundaries. They are oddly shaped and it was hard to tell which neighborhoods are affected and are not, a point that council members returned to several times during the discussion.

The bill's sponsor, Councilwoman Zanthia Oliver, D-District 3, said that convenience stores that stay open until midnight attract crime in her district and others.

Those stores are selling individual cigarettes, which is illegal, e-cigarettes to minors and attract loiterers who often sell drugs or commit other crimes, she said in the meeting.

"We have a problem with corner stores," Oliver said. "They don't call them loosies—you go in and say can I have a bubblegum and they're selling single cigarettes. That's just one of [the problems]."

Oliver said she doesn't have anything against convenience stores generally, but that they "milk our community" and attract crime.

"The police are getting calls about loitering—heavy crowds out there loitering," Oliver said. "Anybody standing outside of the store as opposed to just going in the store and coming out, if you just stand around the store until 12 or 1 a.m., eventually something's gonna happen."

Councilwoman Bregetta Fields, D-5th District, asked if the ordinance would only affect stores in Oliver's district or if her district would be affected as well.

She said she has stores in her district that stay open later than allowed and attract large groups of people who often engage in criminal behaviors. She also took aim at the store owners themselves.

"We have the corner stores and the bodegas. They're in our districts, they're in our neighborhoods, however they do not give back to our neighborhoods, they don't live in our neighborhoods," Fields said.

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INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL'S WOWZER OF OUTDOOR CLASSROOM LINKS KIDS, NATURE

BY BRIONNA N. STONEBRAKER

Independence School's breathtaking new outdoor learning area includes an amphitheater, interactive musical instruments, a tricycle track, a Wetlands, and a "messy activities" area.

The elegantly designed 57,000 square feet, divided into 14 areas, has been planned since the spring of 2018, with fundraising starting in 2019.

It follows a decade-plus trend of getting kids outdoors and away from tech—and arrives in time to deal with the spread-em-out philosophy of COVID-19.

Many private schools have outdoor classrooms of varying sizes, or use their grounds as outdoor classrooms. Increasingly, public schools are putting in walks through wooded areas and planting gardens so kids can grow fruits and vegetables and learn about how food is produced.

The Independence School's classroom landscape design reflects the various geographic regions of Delaware, along with the Piedmont and the Atlantic Coastal plain.

Independence teachers and students already love the new classroom.

"There are so many spaces on this outdoor classroom we can have the students utilize, engage them, have them work as a team," said Jen Haynes, director of Extended Day care and a kindergarten aide. "We are hoping to be able to have the children watch something from start to finish."

She's already got plans.

"I see the theater out there and I think how wonderful would it be to have the students create a play," she said. "Somebody steps up as leader and assigns roles. They might have to compromise right? Then they get to practice and maybe bring other groups to perform."

"So from start to finish they are creating something. They are getting to see it through to completion."

Kindergartener Lily Burns said Monday she is "super excited" to keep going outside to learn about nature.

Her class was one of the first to enjoy the new outdoor space, where they discovered a toad in the Wetlands area.

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BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware State University and the University of Delaware both rose in the annual ranking among colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*.

DSU has risen to No. 10 among all Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the annual *U.S. News and World Report* rankings and remains at No. 3 among public HBCUs, and the University of Delaware has risen to two points to No. 38 among top public universities.

This marks DSU's return to the Top 10 in HBCUs. It last was listed there in 2014.

DSU also made a major jump to No. 30 in social mobility, a newish metric that evaluates a university's ability to support and graduate students from low-resourced communities at the same or better rate than their general student population. Last year it ranked 59. It remains in the top 1% of all institutions in social mobility, a metric increasingly cited as a measure of

true success in the education world.

"Regardless of who is looking, the metric that most matter to me is when we make progress with those students who are coming from very challenging environments looking to change the life trajectory for themselves, their families, and their communities," said President Tony Allen in a statement. "When we get that right, all of our students win, and so do the communities they call home."

Among other things in the last year, the school was able to bring students back to campus with a then-innovative aggressive testing program and it's also invested nearly \$8.5 million in debt relief, direct financial support for student technology, food, and housing insecurities.

Other things noted by U.S. News was DSU's faculty salaries, small class sizes and increases in research funding, all of which ranked above average.

Dr. Lynda Murray-Jackson, associate vice president for Institutional Effectiveness said the university will continue to focus on retention and graduation rates.

"We need to continue to improve the resources delivered directly into the classroom," she noted.

The listing are included in U.S. News' 2022 Best College Report, released Sept. 13.

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STATE WILL PAY FOR 10 DAYS OF COVID-19 LEAVE FOR TEACHERS

BY BETSY PRICE

The state of Delaware will fund up to 10 days of paid leave for teachers who need to take time off their jobs to deal with COVID-19 and will pay for substitute teachers needed to cover those classes.

A Sept. 7 letter from Cerron Cade, director of the Office of Management and Budget, to school districts and charter schools, says local school boards must adopt the funding to make sure teachers and the agencies get it.

The issue of teachers forced into quarantine, having to self-isolate or having to take care of their own affected family members, has been rising in urgency as students returned to classes.

Traditionally, all kinds of communicable illnesses rise about two weeks after kids return from school during the summer and holidays and essentially swap germs.

In the South, where schools began in early August, and many without mask mandates, teachers have complained that they keep having to quarantine and have to use their own paid leave to do it.

Asked about that last week, Delaware Department of Education spokeswoman Alison May said whether teachers had to use their own sick leave in the case of quarantine would be a local decision, “though the state is working with districts/charters on a consistent policy.”

State health officials hope Delaware’s mask mandate for schools will prevent the spread of COVID-19 and also mean that entire classes don’t have to be quarantined after a positive case is discovered, if masks have been worn properly.

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DSU'S TONY ALLEN TAPPED TO HEAD WHITE HOUSE HBCU GROUP

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON



Among the issues that DSU President Tony Allen wants to help the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities tackle are historic inequities in physical infrastructure funding, more federal research support, and more as well

as easier access to financial support for students.

All of them are topics he will champion after being appointed by President Joe Biden as chair of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The president's HBCU Initiative, established by the Carter Administration, is designed to help universities that have catered to the nation's minorities for more than a century provide a high-quality education for its students.

Biden and Allen have known each other for decades in Delaware, and Biden tapped Allen to run his inauguration in January.

In an interview Sept 10, Allen said the HBCU job has been under discussion for a while and will mean occasional trips to Washington, D.C. The chairmanship is not a paid position, but the organization does have a paid staff.

"When he asked me to take on the opportunity, I was honored to do it," he said. "That's where I thought I could provide the best counsel."

Allen says he feels lucky to be serving a president who's already increased the amount of money that the federal government has given to Black colleges and universities three times more than any of his predecessors through American Rescue Plan carve-outs, the HBCU Capital Debt Relief Program and more. Vice President Kamala Harris and other Biden advisors also are HBCU grads, he noted.

DSU's president plans to succeed in the chairmanship by building an active board of advisors and by involving other sitting HBCU presidents, as well as the organizations that support them. Those include the United Negro College Fund, Thurgood Marshall College Fund and National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

In a letter Allen sent Friday to other presidents, he said they needed to "remain united in our intent, clear on our priorities, resolute in our call for equity, and unrelenting in the pursuit of excellence for our students and our communities."

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Health

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STATE SEES HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAILY COVID CASES SINCE JANUARY

BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware reported 665 new COVID-19 cases Sept. 9, the highest daily number since January.

Even so, the number of new cases, when averaged over seven days, dropped slightly to 389 as of Sept.9, down from 397 last week.

In its weekly COVID-19 update, the Delaware Division of Public Health said Sept. 10 that 252 people are hospitalized, up 19 from last week. Of those 38 are considered critical, up 10 from last week.

Of those, the state said, 87% of the new cases were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, as were 90% of hospitalizations and half of the week's deaths.

The state said 1,900 Delawareans have died from COVID-19, with 12 added in the last week and half of those from a review of vital statistics.

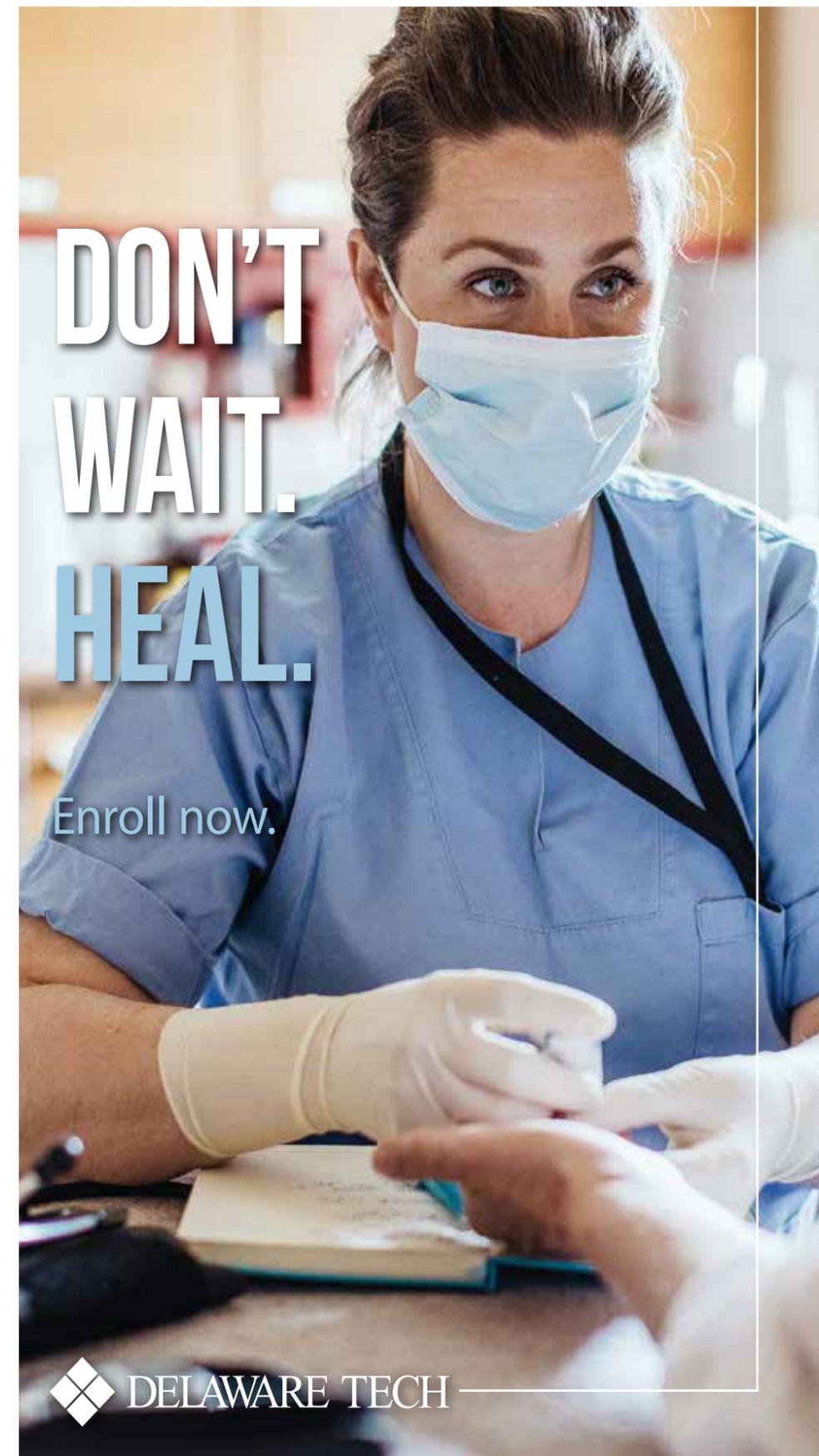
At the same time, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention said 76.8% of Delawareans ages 18+ have received at least one dose of the vaccine. The state said

that means 563,547 people have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 505,790 Delawareans are fully vaccinated.

Delaware has seen 2,307 breakthrough cases of COVID-19, which represents five-tenths of 1%. Of those, 50 cases required vaccinations and people have died.

The state lab continues checking positive cases for genotypes. It said 93% of the variant samples this week were identified as the Delta strain.

Public Health said it is tracking the Mu variant, which has been in the news all week because officials are afraid it does not respond to vaccinations. To date, Delaware has detected 18 cases of the Mu variant.



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NEWARK'S COMMUNITY DAY CANCELED IN WAKE OF UD COVID-19 RULES

BY BETSY PRICE

A popular Community Day in Newark that connected community members and University of Delaware students with nonprofits has been canceled because of UD's new COVID-19 restrictions.

The event had been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, for the UD Green, and announced with much enthusiasm after the pandemic canceled it last year. It usually draws thousands of visitors and dozens of community organizations looking for volunteers, awareness and other support.

On Sept. 9, the Newark Parks and Recreation Department and University of Delaware said that out of an abundance of caution, the event had been canceled.

The announcement said there was no way to police people entering Community Day because of the number

of ways people could enter, and that means the event could not satisfy the new restrictions.

UD now requires campus guests to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent negative test to attend an event hosted on their property.

"After careful consideration, and in consultation with UD staff, we have decided to cancel Community Day once again," said Joe Spadafino, director of Newark Parks and Recreation, in the announcement. "We are disappointed, but know the health of our community is more important and take seriously the safety of Newark families, University students, vendors, performers and staff."

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Sports

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ST. MARK'S USES POWERFUL GROUND GAME TO ESCAPE RED LION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

BY NICK HALLIDAY

St. Mark's used a powerful ground game and some timely defense to escape Red Lion Christian Academy with a 21-20 victory in a Class 2 intradivisional game on Saturday night.

The Spartans threw the ball three times unsuccessfully on their first drive, but after Red Lion lost two linemen for the evening, St. Mark's found success with the run, particularly inside. They found themselves trailing, however, after Lions quarterback Mac Krauss hooked up with Kyle Manley on a 47-yard touchdown late in the first. The two-play drive took about 30 seconds.

After that, they took to the ground to grind out a 75-yard, 10-play drive that ended with St. Mark's quarterback Chase Patalano going up the middle three yards for a score. Matt Hanich and Patalano did the work on that drive, with all of the yards gained on the run except for one screen pass to Hanich that went for seven yards.

The Spartans forced a Lions punt from their end zone, taking possession at the Red Lion 30 after a penalty. Donovan Artis and Hanich went to work, with Artis closing it out with a one-yard scoring run.

The Lions tied the score after taking the second half kickoff. The 80-yard drive included a 14-yard pass to Seth McGroerty on a third and eight, and another third down conversion on a seven-yard run by Breon Simms. Daejon Jones ended the drive with a 48-yard touchdown run around right end, going untouched into the end zone.

A penalty, however, forced Red Lion to kick off from deep in its own territory, and Logan Klein returned the ball 16 yards to the Lions' 34. Facing a third and five from the Lions' 29, Patalano completed a pass to Jack Burns at the one, and the quarterback snuck it in on the next play for the eventual winning score. But it wasn't easy.

Later in the third quarter, the Lions embarked on an 83-yard drive in an attempt to tie the score. The first play of the drive covered 43 of those yards as Krauss hit Jones with a successful screen pass. The other big play came on third down and 22 at the St. Mark's 36, with Jones catching a pass that went for 29 yards. Jones scored on a run on the next play, the first of the final quarter.

With the capacity crowd cheering them on, the Lions lined up for the extra point. The snap was high, and McGroerty, the holder, attempted to run the ball into the end zone for two points. He was stopped inches short of the goal line, and the Spartans kept the one-point lead.

Shane Caleb blocked a Saint Mark's punt on the next drive, and he picked up the loose ball and started down-

field. A Spartans player was able to catch up to him and poke the ball loose from behind, and St. Mark's kept possession. The Spartans burned six and a half minutes off the clock before turning it over on downs at the Red Lion 16 with 42 seconds remaining.

An interception by Tahj Johnson sealed the victory. The Spartans improved to 2-0 and will host Woodbridge Friday at 7. Red Lion fell to 0-1 and visits Delmar on Friday at 7:30.



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SALESIANUM SOCCER MAKES
DRAMATIC COMEBACK TO EARN
WIN IN SEASON OPENER

WSAL SPORTS

BY JOE SINGLES

The Salesianum boys soccer team played host to the Walter Johnson Wildcats of Bethesda, MD, Saturday in the regular season opener for both squads. The first scoring opportunity came early as Sallies turned the ball over in their defensive third of the field. The opportunity for Walter Johnson High resulted in a shot on goal that was saved but landed at the feet of a Wildcat, who subsequently fired the rebound past the Sallies keeper into the back of the net. Sallies would respond almost immediately. Jake Ross was given a through ball up the left sideline that quickly resulted in a shot on goal. The rebound landed right back at Ross's feet and he made good on his second attempt using his right foot to send the rebound into the back of the net past a

diving Wildcat keeper. The goal tied the score at 1-1 five minutes into the game.

After the early scoring, Walter Johnson controlled the pace for most of the first half. At the midway point of the first, Sallies subbed out Ross which allowed Wildcat defenders to relax a bit, at least temporarily. With Ross on the bench, Sallies lacked any other viable options in the offensive third of the field. Like clockwork, Ross returned with two minutes to go and had two shots on goal. His presence once again balanced the field for Sallies.

The Wildcats dominance in the middle third of the field continued into the second half which put Salesianum defenders on their heels deep into their own third. The adjustments at halftime that Walter Johnson made

appeared to nullify Ross at least initially until he found himself on the receiving end of another through ball which resulted in the first quality scoring opportunity of the second half. The rebound landed at the feet of a Sallies player who was unable to capitalize as the Wildcat keeper scrambled to cover the ball. A few minutes later, a tactical foul by Sallies in the midfield resulted in a yellow card and a free kick from about 30 yards out for the Wildcats. The free kick created a chaotic scramble in front of the net which eventually ricocheted a shot off the left goal post into the back of the net resulting in a 2-1 lead in the 20th minute of the second half. Sallies would finally find its stride with seven minutes to go in the game. They proceeded to fire off four shots on goal on four possessions challenging the Wildcat goal keeper. The fourth shot by Sallies proved to be too much as the Wildcat keeper could not secure the ball as it trickled across the goal line, resulting in a 2-2 score with five minutes to go. One minute later Sallies struck again as Ross sent a strike from 10 yards out between the legs of the Wildcat keeper to put Sallies up for good. Reese Peddrick, #10 for Sallies, also made a strong showing in the game winning 50-50 balls in the midfield and controlling the pace of the second half. Salesianum went on to win the game 3-2 with most of the action in the second half taking place in Walter Johnson's defensive third of the field. Sallies travels to North Carolina later in the week to play Thursday and Friday before returning home to take on national soccer powerhouse, St. Benedict's Prep., on Nov. 2.

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SALLIES USES AIR ATTACK TO DEFEAT CENTRAL



BY NICK HALLIDAY

Conor Campbell threw five touchdown passes as the new-look offense and a suffocating defense led Salesianum to a 42-13 victory over Sussex Central on Sept. 10 at Abessinio Stadium. With the win, the Sals improved to 2-0.

The defending state champion Golden Knights—who posted a shutout win in week 0—struggled to get their offense untracked in the face of an unrelenting Sallies defense. Central was forced to punt several times from deep in its own territory, giving the Sals offensive opportunities they would not waste.



Campbell and Micah Wing connected with three and a half minutes to go in the first on a 20-yard go route, and Wing went untouched into the end zone. He wasn't done scoring, however, as he was credited with a sack of Central quarterback Zimir Gardner in the end zone late in the first for a safety

that added two points to the Salesianum lead.

After the free kick, the Sals struck again, needing just one play. Campbell found Nate Ray in stride over the middle, and Ray ran the ball the last 30 yards for a 45-yard score. The extra point was no good, and the Sals led, 15-0 after one.

Kristopher Shields scored on a nine-yard rush on the first play of the second quarter, but the Golden Knights just couldn't make enough stops on the Sals' offense. A Central punt midway through the second gave the Sals' possession on the Knights' 39, and Campbell connected with Sam Dumas on first down for a touchdown. In the final minute of the half, Cooper Brown scored the home team's lone rushing touchdown of the night for a 28-6 Salesianum halftime lead.

The Sals' defense continued to live in the Sussex Central backfield throughout the second half, although the Golden Knights did strike once. Trazmeer Willis caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Gardner halfway through the third.

But the Sals would score twice in the second half, both on big plays. Wing caught a ball in stride and took it in from 51 yards late in the third, and Dumas caught his second touchdown pass early in the fourth for the final margin.

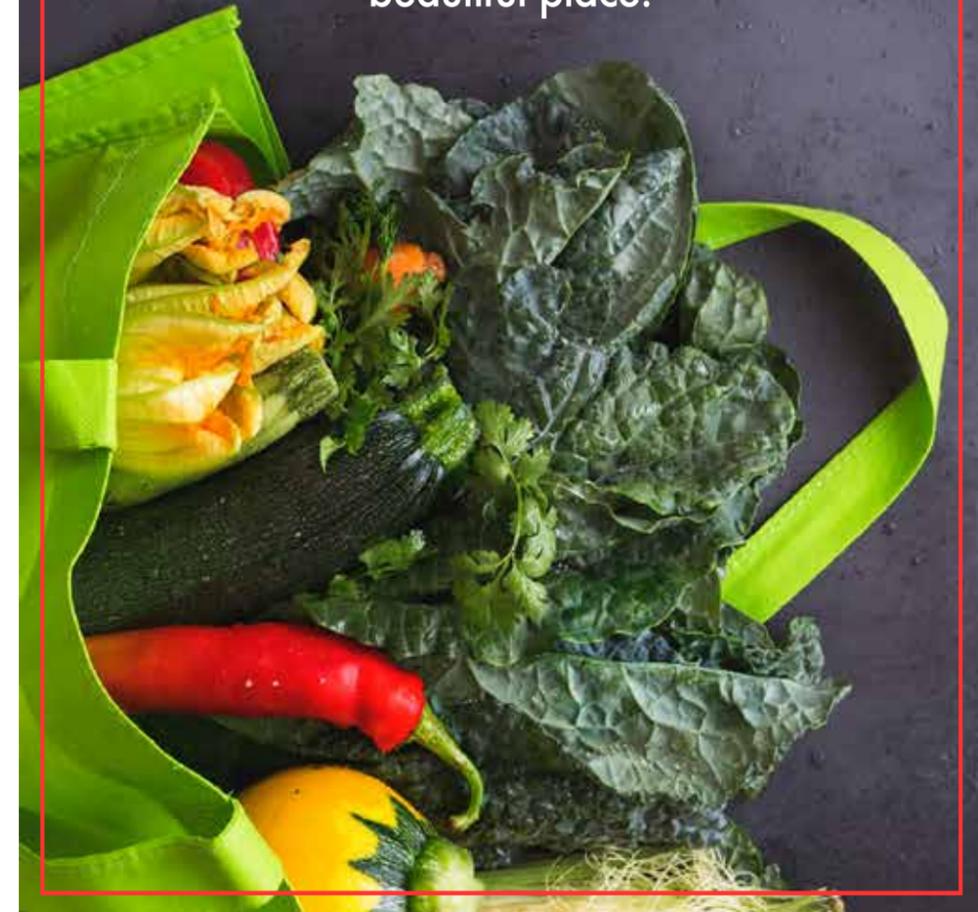
The Sals will host St. Georges Tech on Friday at 7 p.m. at Abessinio Stadium, while Sussex Central (1-1) will travel to Hodgson on Saturday for a noon kickoff.



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