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NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESENTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2009

New Castle County Council recently conducted their 2nd Annual Volunteer Service Award ceremony.

The purpose of the New Castle County Volunteer Service Award is to recognize, thank and reward a volunteer for community service which has benefited all the citizens of our community.

Each Council Member selected an award recipient from their respective district. The Council President was able to select his award recipient from throughout the County.

Councilman Joseph Reda honored Joseph Leonetti for his volunteerism with the Elsmere Fire Company, including a nine-year stint as chief. Also, he was the chief organizer of the town's Christmas Parade for 20 years, all while operating his family's bakery. Currently, Leonetti works as safety and security manager at St. Francis Hospital and serves as coordinator for the county's HAZMAT cleanup team.

Councilman Robert Weiner honored the captains of the New Castle County Anti-Graffiti Brigade for their efforts in eradicating unwanted graffiti from the county's fences and bridges. Captains include: Robert Cameron, Phil Lavelle, R.J. Miles, Isaac Walker, Tom Barbas, Michael Fleming, Charles Stirk, William Wheatley and Mike Ansul.

Councilman William Tansey honored Brian Moore. He's the former president of the Pike Creek Valley Civic League and Limestone Hills Maintenance Corporation, a Police Athletic League director, Piedmont Little League coach and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also sits on the county's Stormwater Stakeholder Focus Group, the Task Force for Metropolitan Government Reform and the state's Emergency Management Planning Committee. Moore is an instructor at the Delaware Fire School, is a volunteer firefighter and has served with the National Guard.

Councilman Penrose Hollins honored Ivey Ahmed Ibrahim who has implemented neighborhood beautification projects and strategic plans that have resulted in housing development and homeownership. His fingerprints are on the maintenance of the Riverview Cemetery and the North Market Street streetscape. He's also the founding board president of the Police Athletic League.

Councilwoman Lisa Diller honored the Friends of the Newark Free Library whose members have been advocates for their beloved library, offering thousands of volunteer hours and promoting library programs throughout the community. In 2009, the Friends raised more than \$10,000 for the facility and, as active participants in the "Delaware Does More" campaign, collected more than 1,600



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pounds of non-perishable food for the Food Bank of Delaware.

Councilman Bill Powers honored Elizabeth Doty who served as executive director of Common Cause of Delaware for six years. She was ordained a Presbyterian pastor in 1992 but remained a community advocate on a volunteer basis, building partnerships throughout the 6th District. In 2002, she was key to organizing the community group that later became Pencader Hundred Community Center in the Bear-Glasgow area. She directed that organization as a volunteer and then as executive director until her retirement in 2008

Councilman George Smiley honored Louis Garcia who has been active in his community of Centennial Village, but it wasn't until 2006 that the neighborhood formally re-established its maintenance corporation after years of inactivity. Garcia volunteered to serve as president and face the challenges that came with the job, from ensuring the neighborhood's storm ponds were properly maintained to cleaning up large patches of open space that had gone neglected.

Councilman John Cartier honored the Friends of the Rockwood Museum and Mansion in Brandywine Hundred. Established in 1977 to preserve the estate's collection while the county maintained the mansion, the Friends currently are working to raise more than \$500,000 to repair the mansion's conservatory, which was built in 1852.

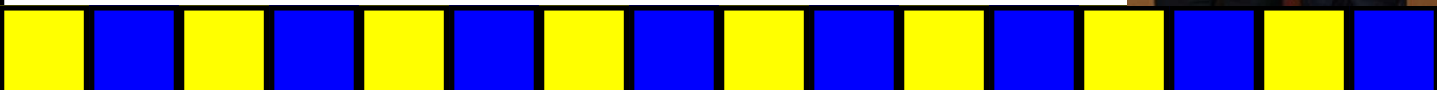
Councilman Timothy Sheldon honored Charles Stirk and William Wheatley. Under their leadership as officers of the Brookland Terrace Civic Club, participation increased, attendance at civic meetings rose, and a block-watch program was launched. They were also active in cleaning up graffiti in their neighborhood and involving juveniles sentenced to community service for vandalism and other property crimes.

Councilman Jea Street honored Sandra Smithers who has provided leadership as president of the Dunleith Civic Association for the last six years. A science teacher in the Appoquinimink School District, she also helped coordinate a free summer enrichment program for elementary school children in the community.

Councilman David Tackett honored Ruth Kelly who, after moving here in 1977, began working with students in the Christina School District. First a parent support specialist and later a communications specialist, she has devoted countless hours to public education. Also an active volunteer, Kelly can be found mentoring and facilitating support groups for new mothers, advocating for children and helping at her church.

Councilman Bill Bell honored Michelle Smith. A dedicated fire fighter with the Delaware City Fire Company, Smith tragically lost her life in the line of duty. During her time in Delaware City, Smith worked tirelessly as a fire fighter, volunteering with the Ladies Auxiliary, tending to injured patients in ambulances and educating young children about fire safety.

Council President Paul Clark honored West End Neighborhood House which serves more than 10,000 people each year in the areas of employment training, GED preparation, tutoring, crisis management, home ownership and a host of other real-world disciplines. West End also offers truancy prevention programs and offers relocation loans and grants and transitional housing to those in need.



PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

The Community Services Unit of the New Castle County Police provides programs and presentations free of charge to any Civic, Church or other group in New Castle County. Most of the presentations are 30 minutes to 1 hour in length. To schedule a program, call the Community Services Unit of the New Castle County Police at (302) 395-8050.

Examples of the programs they offer are the Community Watch Program that provides training to organize mobile patrols. These "patrols" are strictly designed to act as the "eyes and ears" for the County Police. The Senior Roll Call Lifeline Program is a reliable, daily telephone phone system. Service is available to individuals over 55, disabled individuals, married couples over 55, and individuals with unique medical needs.

CONTRIBUTE TO COUNTY PRIDE

For more information, go www.nccpd.com and click on community programs.

Are you interested in improving your County parks or library?

You can by making a tax-deductible donation to New Castle County Pride.

County Pride is a non-profit organization organized to accept donations to improve our County programs.

- Make a donation to improve Glasgow Park...or any park.
- Help buy books for the Bear Library...or any other library.
- Support County special events...or any other community program.
- Underwrite a guest speaker in the library.

You can provide direct support to important programs that serve our community.

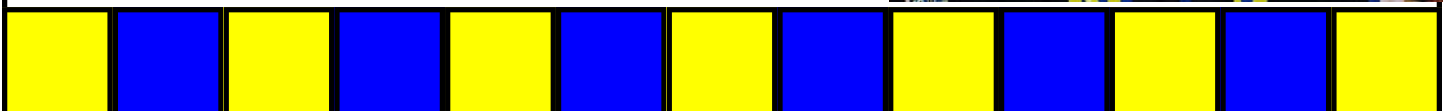
For more information, please contact the Dept. of Community Services at (302) 395-5613.

COUNCILMAN PENROSE HOLLINS HONORED BY THE NAACP

Councilman Penrose Hollins was honored by the Wilmington Branch of the NAACP at their 45th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet on November 1, 2009.

Councilman Hollins received an award for dedicating his career as an elected official and public servant to advancing the lives of the citizens of Wilmington, New Castle County and the State of Delaware.

In the view of the membership of the NAACP, few legislators in any jurisdiction in the State's history has had as much impact on fair housing legislation as Councilman Hollins.



NCC COUNCIL IMPROVES TRANSPARENCY THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE

New Castle County Council announced recently an enhancement to their website that will better improve transparency and public access associated with pending legislation.

Currently, legislation that has been introduced and tabled, or referred to a Board and not yet adopted, is now available for viewing on the Council's website. A web page has been created that will post all legislation in this category. This webpage can be viewed by going to the Council's home page and clicking on a link entitled Pending Legislation.

Presently, Council posts on their website the complete text of each piece of legislation listed only on the current agenda.

The address for their homepage is <http://www.nccde.org/CountyCouncil/Home/webpage1.asp>

Council President Clark stated, "It has been always a goal of County Council to utilize new technology to enhance transparency of the process for the citizens of New Castle County and to better control costs". Previous improvements to the Council website have been the posting of the complete text of legislative ordinances and resolutions; an archival system to view previously adopted legislation; and the posting of upcoming community meetings and special events. This is just one more step in accomplishing this goal.

COUNCILMAN DAVE TACKETT RECEIVES 2009 CPAW AWARD

New Castle County Councilman David L. Tackett was recently awarded the 2009 C.P.A.W. Award (Crime Prevention Area Watch) in appreciation for his support in crime prevention and public safety.

The CPAW Award is presented annually to an individual, business or group that has the intent and purpose of the welfare, safety and security of not only our communities in NCC but also all residents of New Castle County. This year there were 28 nominations sent in and Councilman Tackett was selected by his peers.

CPAW is a group of citizens that perform as community "patrols" strictly designed to act as the "eyes and ears" for the New Castle County Police. Their motto is "Welfare, Safety and Security for the Citizens of New Castle County"

Councilman Tackett, "I am honored to receive this award and looking forward to continuing my great relationship with the men and women of CPAW so that children can play and one can just sit on their front porch in a safe community."



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL WANTS YOU TO TAKE IN THE CULTURAL ARTS

New Castle County Council is committed to identifying, supporting, promoting and celebrating the cultural arts in our community. The visual arts, literature, music, theater, film and dance stimulates social awareness and honors diverse cultural values.

Throughout New Castle County there are theaters, art museums and music festivals for the whole family to enjoy. Places including the Candlelight Dinner Theater, the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, the Delaware Children's Theater, the Delaware Theater Company and the N Theater will both entertain and educate you.

Wilmington's Grand Opera House is a center for artistic activity. The Grand presents shows each season, ranging from symphony orchestras and ballets to the latest rock and comedy stars, with jazz, folk, and family artists as well. The Delaware Symphony, Opera Delaware, and First State Ballet Theatre are all in residence at The Grand.

The DuPont Theatre, formerly The Playhouse Theatre, presents national touring productions of Broadway shows and is the oldest continuously operating legitimate theatre in the country. Since 1913, the brightest stars of stage and screen have performed for the citizens of New Castle County.

The newly renovated Everett Theater in Middletown is bringing back cultural arts to "below the canal". The Everett hosts special art programs, concerts, recitals, movies and Broadway productions and is home to the Everett Chorale and the annual Children's Workshop.

For visual arts, the Delaware Art Museum is best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators, and urban landscapes by John Sloan and his circle. Just last year, the museum had an exhibition of the work of photographer Gordon Parks.

Bring the family out during the summer to listen to the rhythm of the saxophone and the beat of the drums at events such as the DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival and the Riverfront Blues Festival.

New Castle County Council invites all residents to come out and join us in taking in the cultural arts that make our community a place that we are proud to call home.

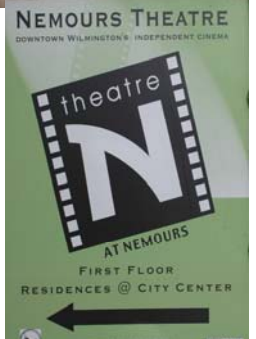


Photo Gallery



Councilman Penrose Hollins presented a Council resolution to Eric Crowell for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.



Councilman Tim Sheldon joined members of the Graffiti Brigade in cleaning up graffiti in the area of Brookland Terrace.



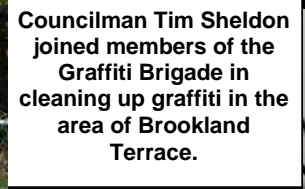
Councilwoman Lisa Diller participated in an event at Iron Hill Park promoting giving to United Way to help people in need.



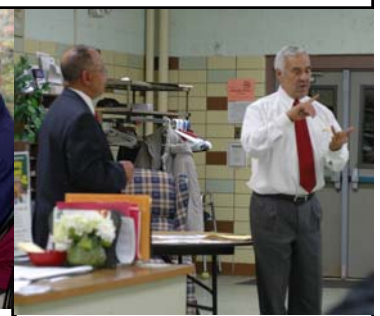
Councilman Bill Tansey took the opportunity to discuss the issues with U.S. Senator Ted Kauffman at Hockessin's 4th of July Parade.



Councilman John Cartier meeting with representatives of the Department of Special Services to discuss drainage issues.



Council President Paul Clark presented a Volunteer Service Award to former Governor Russell Peterson for his many lifetime achievements.



Councilman Jea Street joined State Representative J.J. Johnson at a Town Meeting to discuss issues with the residents of the Route 9 corridor.



Councilman Bob Weiner helped the Brandywine High School Prom Committee to produce the event.



Councilman Bill Powers (left) participated in the opening of the Westside Health Services in Bear.



Councilman Bill Bell presented a Council resolution to Major Stuart Snyder for his years of service with the New Castle County Police.



Councilman George Smiley joined in the fun at the 2009 Platinum Picnic.



Councilman Dave Tackett participated in the kick-off of a new AFL-CIO program.



Councilman Joe Reda awarded Kyle Orth with a resolution for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

