



New Castle County Councilman
Jea P. Street
District 10
2015 Annual Report
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As your Councilman for New Castle County Councilmanic District 10 for the past eleven years, I am pleased to present this report of my activities in 2015.

Working together with County Executive Thomas P. Gordon, State Representative James “J.J.” Johnson, State Senator Margret Rose Henry, New Castle County Councilmen Bill Bell and George Smiley, Civic Association Presidents, other elected officials and the residents of the Route 9 and 13 Corridors, we shut down Peninsula Compost, better known to me as the “the smell from hell.” I am especially grateful to Mr. Lee Jarmon, President of the Garfield Park / Overview Gardens Civic Association for his insistence in asking DNREC for a public hearing regarding renewal of Peninsula Compost’s license.



In conjunction with Co-Chair of Finance Councilman George Smiley, I sponsored legislation to take \$50,000 out of County Council’s contingency fund to create additional summer youth jobs.



As your Councilman, I worked with the Department of Community Services and the City of Wilmington to expand the summer lunch program. Additional sites were added in Rosegate, Simonds Gardens and Garfield Park. A total of 8,000 meals were served in the Route 9 Corridor this summer.



Recognizing the need for updated play structures, I requested and obtained new playground equipment in Rosehill, Rosegate and Simonds Gardens. I was pleased to support the request brought forward by the residents of Rosehill to name the playground after the late Tim Wilson, who played professional football for the Houston Oilers and was a standout athlete at the former DeLaWarr High School.



Understanding the economic impact, I advocated for and sponsored /co-sponsored resolutions supporting **the expansion of the Port of Wilmington** and providing funding for an environmental study needed as a pre-requisite for the expansion.

Mayor Dennis P. Williams, former NAACP President and current New Castle County Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Sam Guy, current State NAACP President Richard “Mouse” Smith and I worked to name the **New Castle County Court House after the late Judge Leonard L. Williams.**

I advocated for, and supported, the Federal Complaint filed by the ACLU against the State of Delaware and the Red Clay Consolidated School District. The Complaint with the US Department of Education alleges segregation created by the Charter School Act and requests relief.

Following the fatal police shooting of Jeremy McDole by the Wilmington Police Department, I requested the US Attorney for the District of Delaware to complete an independent investigation.

I requested that the Congressional Delegation and the US Attorney for the District of Delaware add additional resources and to do more to help reduce the violence in the City of Wilmington. This request has generated ongoing discussions with the Delegation, their staff, the Governor’s Office, the NAACP and other elected officials regarding crime in and around the City Of Wilmington.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In conjunction with Councilman Bill Bell, I sponsored legislation to obtain \$2,779,000 in Federal and State money for Public Safety.
- I sponsored a resolution to provide \$10,000 in reward money leading to the arrest of the person who committed the murder of Jamar Kilgoe at the Rose Hill Community Center. The total of the reward was increased to \$20,000 with the assistance of County Executive Thomas P. Gordon.
- I requested and obtained \$250,000 to establish the “Intervention Specialist” program. This program provides six interventionists to serve as liaison between the police and the community. The primary objectives are to improve police community relations and to help address problems in an effort to prevent and reduce crime.
- I was appointed by Mayor Dennis Williams to serve on the Wilmington Police Advisory Council. My service in 2015 was my twenty- sixth year of service as a member of the Council.

I worked with the Wilmington Education Strategy Think Tank (WESTT) to develop and submit recommendations regarding education to the State Board of Education and the Delaware General Assembly. Those recommendations include a **weighted funding formula for high poverty schools** and a reduction in the number of school districts within the City of Wilmington.

In partnership with the New Castle County Departments of Community Services and Special Services, I have continued to work on the construction of the Route 9 Library. In 2015, additional property for the library was obtained, a ground breaking ceremony was held and construction began. Some of the outstanding features of the library will include a scriptorium, bookatarium, sensory room, Lego® room, and café.



(Rendering of Route 9 Library That is Coming Soon)



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This year, I sponsored 13 congratulatory/honorary resolutions and co-sponsored 20 resolutions.

To date, I have completed 11 years of perfect attendance at Council Meetings.

I have completed 41 years of public service and student advocacy.

In 2015, I provided grant funding for Rosehill Community Center, the August Quarterly, Noble (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), Browntown, Mount Zion Cemetery Clean-up , the Dunleith Community, Breaking Barriers Rowing Program and Westside Coalition.



2016 GOALS

- To work with the County Executive and the Department of Community Services to complete the construction and have a grand opening of the Route 9 library.
- Continue to work with WESTT to obtain a weighted funding formula for high poverty schools and reduce the number of school districts within the City of Wilmington.
- Increase the number of jobs for the New Castle County Summer Youth Program.
- To advocate for a senior high rise to serve the Route 9 & 13 Corridors.
- Work with the County Executive Thomas P. Gordon, Mayor Dennis Williams and other elected officials to expand the Port of Wilmington and create jobs.

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