As your Councilman for New Castle County’s 11th Councilmanic District for the past eleven years, I am pleased to present this report of my activities in 2015.

**LEGISLATION**

- Sponsored ordinances that were adopted to appropriate a total of $550,000 to the Property Maintenance Revolving Fund. The purpose of the fund is to cover property maintenance expenses incurred by New Castle County in order to bring properties into compliance with the Property Maintenance Code when property owners do not correct property maintenance violations expeditiously.

- Sponsored an ordinance that was adopted to establish an Open Lands (O) Zoning District. The purpose of this legislation is to protect and preserve federal, state, and county parkland, all open space designated on record plans and all other lands that have been used for low intensity recreational purposes for at least 25 years.

- Sponsored an ordinance that was adopted to streamline and improve the deed restriction change process.

- Sponsored an ordinance that was adopted that provided an amnesty period from penalty for homeowners who pay delinquent obligations by a certain date on an improved residential property.

- Introduced an ordinance that would provide new guiding principles for development. The adoption of this legislation would implement the design policies of the 2012 Comprehensive plan including: (1) walking communities with the sense of place; (2) development design that respects the neighborhood context; and, (3) guiding design principles that are appropriate for each context area and that will deliver the outcomes and goals provided in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

- Introduced an ordinance that would create a Neighborhood Preservation Overlay District to encourage economic development, placemaking and health communities in a way that protects the character of existing residential neighborhoods. The legislation creates new standards for establishing neighborhood regulations focusing on broad characteristics that provide neighborhood character including, but not limited to, building height, setbacks, massing, open space, and streetscape elements.
• Co-Sponsored with the Public Safety Committee Chairman an ordinance to help fund the Public Safety Awards Program created to provide rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of suspects involved in violent crime in New Castle County.

• Sponsored an ordinance that clarifies a Disorderly Premise and is now utilized by the police to address our Quality of Life issues in our communities.

• I sponsored 2 congratulatory/honorary resolutions and co-sponsored 7 resolutions.

PARKS & RECREATION
Glasgow Park is a 300 acre premiere County park located at the intersection of Route 896 and Route 40 in Newark, Delaware.

Glasgow Park is full of amenities for all to enjoy. The huge playground area features a wide variety of activities for ages 2 to 12 and are ADA accessible. The state-of-the-art Skate Park includes rails, steps, and half-pipes for fun and fitness. The Bark Park includes separate areas for small and large dogs. Other amenities include a 2.75 mile paved walking path, basketball and tennis courts, and 4 pavilions.

Since the park’s grand opening, Glasgow Park has been the home of my special events and activities. Citizens of New Castle County have been entertained at events such as National Night Out, Sleeping Under the Stars, and Dancing in the Park. It has also brought to the people amenities such as the Bark Park and the Farmers Market.

The following highlights the events and activities.
GRANTS
In 2015, I provided grant funding for Pencader Heritage Area Association, New Castle County Police, Heart in the Game, Veterans Outreach Ministries, Loving Touch Animal, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (Glasgow High School), and various neighborhood maintenance corporations.
2016 GOALS

• To work with the County Executive, the Department of Community Services and the Department of Special Services to continue efforts to revitalize the Hermitage at Glasgow Park.

• To development new paths for economic development to create much needed jobs for the residents of New Castle County.

• To draft, sponsor and adopt land use legislation to improve our environment and the character of our community.

• To continue to be transparent in performing my duties as an elected officials and advocate this with my fellow Council members.