

District 4 Messages from Marge

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Update on WAWA

On July 1, I met again with DSM (the new owner of the Park-n-Shop), and invited Council Member Gifford and Mayor Sierer to attend as well. We had a very good conversation regarding the shopping center and what the community would like to see, and what they are not wanting to see. DSM again stated that they wanted to put the best fit for the community in that space. They are actively working to fill the spaces, and said that we may see some businesses moving around a bit, but they want to keep everyone that they currently have. DSM is not ready with any plans yet for renovations, but promises to keep me in the loop as the project evolves.

Curtis Paper Mill Park

The park is completed with the exception of the landscaping. There is a tentative ribbon cutting in October after the September plantings. Visit one of our parks as part of your regular recreation schedule—we have so many to enjoy!

Cherry Hill Manor Road Reconstruction

The contract was submitted and approved for the reconstruction and repaving of service roads, some curbs and sidewalks at Cherry Hill Manor. These are much-needed repairs that will greatly enhance the quality of life for everyone. The issues with utility lines and flooding have been addressed. I am very excited to see the project moving forward. Thank you, Cherry Hill Manor Neighborhood Association, for your continued perseverance and patience as this project advances.

Community and Campus Partnership

I have attended three working meetings and one constituent meeting regarding reworking the focus of the old Town and Gown Committee; the new name suggested and adopted by the working group is the “Community and Campus Partnership.” There are more meetings to come and we are in the very early stages, so if you have any information for us to consider, please contact me.

The Data Center and Associated Power Plant

Due to the University of Delaware’s careful consideration of their committee report (<http://www.udel.edu/star/downloads/WGR.pdf>), the University of Delaware ended the lease with The Data Centers and the associated power plant. It is now a time to heal and bring the community together, and a time for us on Council to reflect and direct the City staff for future growth. I am looking forward to more transparency in government and the opportunities and exchanges that it will bring.

Cleveland Heights

The demolition of the Cleveland Heights development at Cleveland Avenue is complete. On October 9, at 11 a.m., there will be a ground breaking at the site now called Alder Creek, and Governor Jack Markell will be the guest of honor. An attractive feature of this new development is that future residents will directly benefit from the solar power generated at the new McKees Solar Park. This is quite an exciting project, which fills a need for low-income housing in our community.



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Rules for Rentals

I often am asked about the ordinance regarding rentals. Here’s a short summary. Currently, there are the following four types of rentals:

- Owner occupied with two students. As long as the owner is living in the house, they can take in two students WITHOUT a rental permit.
- Owner occupied with three students. As long as the owner is living in the house, they can take in three students WITH a rental permit.
- One non-student and two students. There must be one non-student who lives in the house, and there must be a rental permit.
- A student home. A student home shall be located on a lot any portion of which is no closer to any portion of another lot lawfully used for another student home than a distance determined by multiplying times ten the required lot width for a single-family detached dwelling in the district in which the building lot is located....; and a student home shall be occupied by no more than three persons. There must be a rental permit.

Contact me or the Code Enforcement Division (302-366-7075) if you have additional questions or issues.

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Since April 2014, I have represented District 4 and the City of Newark at the following events:

Dover Events

Two Delaware League of Local Government meetings

Land Use and Development workshop

Designing for Complete Communities workshop

Completing a Flood-Ready Community workshop

Newark Events

Delaware Air National Guard Training Center ribbon cutting at South Main

Sovereign Air ribbon cutting at Pomeroy Station, Main St.

Rail Car Safety community meeting at Aetna Fire Hall

Annual meeting of the Cherry Hill Manor Community Assoc.

Faculty Senate meeting (representing District 4 to witness the power plant vote)

Police Memorial Service in the lobby of the City of Newark Municipal Building

Police fundraiser at Kildaires on Main Street

Police promotions ceremony at Council Chambers

Two Traffic Committee meetings

Memorial Service for Veterans at the Delaware Veterans Cemetary

Memorial Service for Veterans at the War Memorial Plaza, Delaware Memorial Bridge

WOW employee recognition at the City of Newark Municipal Building

Newark Senior Center kitchen reopening

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First Thursday of each month beginning September 4, from 5-6 p.m. meet me at Pat's Pizzeria at 160 S. Main Street to chat. No R.S.V.P. required.

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DE Air National Guard opening reception and ribbon cutting, 2014 (NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS)



Veterans Memorial Service with Major General Francis D. Vavala, Delaware National Guard



Sovereign Air ribbon cutting at Pomeroy Station, Newark