

District 4 Messages from Marge

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Newark Comprehensive Development Plan V Under Review by City Council

Council Members are making their way through the current comprehensive plan draft, and hopefully we will complete our review soon. We have had a great deal of public involvement, which is of great assistance to not just our interpretations, vision and input, but also assists the Planning Department. If you have not seen it yet and would like to review the draft for yourself, it is available at <http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/index.aspx?nid=854>. If you have comments or suggestions, please email me at haddenmargrit@gmail.com or contact Mike Fortner (Planning Department) at 366-7030 or mfortner@newark.de.us.

Effective Government Promotes the Welfare of the Community



Sharing the success with other government leaders, Councilwoman Hadden addresses the crowd at the ribbon cutting for Curtis Mill Park. --Photo by Ricky Nietubicz

Majority Vote Approves 2015 Budget

This year's budget was about 310 pages long—reflecting the coming year's revenue and expenses and also the many proposed capital improvement projects for not just this year but years to come. It was a long process with hours of Council Member and public meeting conversations and difficult decisions were made. However, with majority vote by Council, the budget was approved with revisions. The budget is online and can be accessed at <http://cityofnewarkde.us/index.aspx?NID=920>.

Goals and Accomplishments

When I ran in 2013, I felt that the goals that I wanted to meet were attainable. I have reviewed my work recently and feel that over the past two years I have touched all of my stated goals and have summarized below:

Keep Newark Safe, Clean, and Green

Worked with the police department, to offer two crime and safety workshops in response to community concerns; presented a Rail Car Safety workshop at Aetna fire station, which provided an opportunity for the public to voice concerns about the increase of oil tankers that pass through Newark; supported the McKees Solar Park project; supported the LED streetlight project; worked with City staff to remediate a sanitary sewer and stormwater system issue affecting Kells Avenue; addressed a variety of constituent concerns.

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To all residents,

It is near the end of my two-year term, and I thank everyone for giving me such a great opportunity to serve the people of our district, and the residents of the City of Newark in general. I have responded to people and concerns, to not only help solve issues actively in our neighborhoods but also to represent our community and city at many events and meetings, and by discovering and sharing similar concerns with other municipalities in the State and with local government leaders.

Because of the complexities and difficulties of major issues, I have learned a lot in the past two years. There are things I'd like to see come to conclusions that I've initiated or been part of-- such as the noise ordinance proposal, the Community and Campus Partnership, and continuing to work on the Delaware League of Local Governments Legislative Advocacy Committee. I have particularly enjoyed being responsive to neighborhood issues and want to continue to work toward solutions as they present themselves.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you.

Sincerest regards,

Marge Hadden

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GOALS and ACTIVITIES *(continued from page one)*

Maintain Neighborhood Integrity

Conducted nighttime sound readings of all districts in the City of Newark in support of a sound ordinance review; recognized the urgency for a rental needs assessment study; worked on quality of life issues in several neighborhoods; collaborated with City staff to resolve rental issues; built a relationship with the management company of the Park-n-Shop Center regarding future development.

Build Relationships Between UD and the City of Newark

Established a cooperative relationship with the UD Alumni Office and UD's governmental liaison and his staff; attended UD Town Hall meetings to foster relationships and build trust; and joined a campus coalition to research and discuss student drug and alcohol issues.

Work with the Mayor and Other Members of the Council to Promote Effective Government for the Welfare of the Community

Revised the reporting and duty language for the lobbyist proposal in response to citizens' concerns; worked with another Council Member, the Mayor, and UD representatives to discuss revitalizing Town and Gown; attended monthly meetings of the Delaware League of Local Governments; promoted the City of Newark to government leaders, municipalities and agencies by attending meetings, conferences and events.

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meet me at Pat's Pizzeria at 160 S. Main Street to chat.
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Marge was in attendance when Governor Markell addressed the crowd at the grand opening of the Newark Bike Project.--Photo by Ricky Nietubicz



Celebrating the opening of the McKees Solar Park.-- Photo by Ricky Nietubicz

Marge Hadden Appointed to Delaware League of Local Governments Legislative Advocacy Committee

In October, the Delaware League of Local Governments solicited members to create an advocacy committee. The primary purpose of the committee is to evaluate and prepare a legislative agenda for the League, and work together to implement the League's legislative priorities. I was quite excited to volunteer and to be appointed! Legislative advocacy at the State level to improve local government is a function of the League, and being on such a committee benefits me by increasing my knowledge, helps in building relationships with other municipal leaders, and benefits all citizens of Newark.