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way,” City Manager Mark Whitfield said. “Someone that has expertise in industrial developments as well as commercial properties. We reached out to a number of folks to discuss this, both other professionals and other cities and the one firm we kept coming back to was Emory Hill.”

Deborah Tomasi, executive managing director of Tsionas, provided background on her company. She explained that Tsionas Management was founded in 1970 by Gus Tsionas with the mission of operating retail businesses.

“Under the leadership of his daughter, Angela, the firm has evolved into a well-established real estate investment and management company,” Tomasi said. “We currently own and operate over 700,000 square feet of commercial space in the state of Delaware, including Milford Plaza and we’ve acquired and developed an expansive portfolio that includes the University of Delaware. We are now actively developing a state of the art 200-student housing center that will be a campus within a campus.”

Tomasi stated that the goals for the Fry Farm were aligned with the investment objectives of Tsionas Management. They selected Emory Hill as a partner as they had been very successful developing industrial areas. Clay Hall, property management director, and

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**BY TERRY ROGERS**

On Feb. 14, Milford City Council agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tsionas Management and Emory Hill to provide professional services for a new industrial park planned for the Fry Farm. The city purchased the farm, which is located on the corner of Milford Harrington Highway and Canterbury Road, in December.

“One of the things that has been talked about is the need to have a developer that can guide you along the

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Neil Killian, director of brokerage, also spoke to council about Emory Hill's qualifications.

"Clay Emory, one of our founding partners, was born and raised in Milford," Hall said. "He graduated from Milford High School. He comes from a family of Milford dentists. Some of you may know Bob Emory, perhaps sat in his dentist chair. Carmen Facciolo is another of our founders. He and his family built the Milford Post Office in the 1960s. We are Delaware developers and operators through and through. About 85 percent of our business and operations are in Delaware."

Hall stated that Emory Hill had constructed a wide range of businesses, including Wawa's, Goodwill's, banks, research facilities, shopping centers and more. He stated that the company anticipated a high-end and attractive industrial park that will bring good companies and employers to Milford.

"One example of an industrial park, one most would consider the preeminent industrial park in Delaware, is Pencader Industrial Park in Newark," Hall said. "It's a 350-acre business park that we developed in the mid-80s. It has 43 parcels that we subdivided. We've been involved since the inception which makes it very parallel to what we're speaking about tonight. We still own and manage 10 of those buildings. The types of buildings constructed there range from heavy industrial to flex to offices and labs. It's a very dynamic park, very well-run, high-class park. We envision the same for Milford."

Killian provided a list of buildings that Emory Hill had been involved in over the years, including J.C.

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Penney, Wilmington Trust and ChemLawn, Discover Card, Federal Express, TD Bank and more. Killian explained that the vision for the Fry Farm included high bay, modern warehouse space as well as single-story offices and labs. Councilman Jason James thanked Hall, Killian and Tomasi for their presentation.

“You’ve shared some of the Delaware connections, even Milford connections,” Councilman James said. “That’s important because we know that they know the characteristics of the nature of desire of the town and what we are trying to accomplish. It is a very meaningful thing that’s very important. Milford may not have a lot of money, but the people of Milford spend money. It will present an excellent environment for our citizens and those that are coming. I did hear you say something about your approach to your investment in or your building of facilities, and I know we are not going to get very specific because we are at a very early stage, but what is your general plan for developing these sites?”

Killian stated that Emory Hill’s initial goal was to provide expertise in planning the industrial park because, in their experience, that was the critical part.

“Clay mentioned our Pencader Park and our involvement there,” Killian said. “The history of that park was we were hired, actually selected, by Shriner’s Hospital for Crippled Children when the land itself was raw. So, we were involved with the planning of that park from day one. And that is why we feel so passionate about it. We really believe that the success that has occurred there, and we think it is critical in this case, that the same type of thought go into planning of the overall park.”

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Councilman Todd Culotta mentioned that the industrial park project has taken time, but proper planning was critical.

“I think this decision on a business park, first time we decided where to put it, finding a location, acquiring the land and getting to this point,” Councilman Culotta said. “My personal opinion, this is probably the biggest decision to see. I look forward to working with partners that help us get there. They are vital. I really want to commend Mark and his staff for getting us to this point.”

Councilman Dan Marabello stated that he felt unification and consistency were very important in creating a cohesive industrial park.

“This is why we feel strongly about being involved in these early stages,” Killian said. “What we believe has led to the overall success of Pencader is some of the restrictions and design elements that were put in place and have withstood the test of time. We use the park as an example because we really think it’s the most responsibly designed in our industry. There are design elements and architectural features that are required. Just to give you some examples, there’s limitation on outside storage, trailer parking, different types of uses, as well as landscaping and façade requirements so we don’t have buildings that age and weather over time. It just maintains an element and an aesthetic that encourages investment.”

Councilwoman Katrina Wilson also thanked the presenters for providing council with their Milford and Delaware connection.

“I remember Dr. Emory,” Councilwoman Wilson said. “My mom loved him as a person, so near and dear to my family. I’m sitting here thinking I have been here for a very long time. And the first thing that came to my mind is that we had to crawl before we could walk. And by saying that, we started with our first business park and there were a lot of hiccups along the way. Hearing your presentation, that’s how you know we’ve grown as a city and in this body that is here today. It will allow us to make the more wiser decision based on our past experiences. Now, saying all of that, we’re proud of what we’ve done for the last 30 years and how we have managed that growth. I do think it is awesome we have the expertise of all you guys, a different level of expertise so we can make a sound decision as we go forward.”

Mayor Archie Campbell stated that he felt neighbors surrounding the Fry Farm were concerned with heavy manufacturing versus distribution centers. Councilman Wilson felt that it would be a mistake to limit the city in any way.

“It’s an opportunity that we can take to that will benefit our city for years to come with an influx of businesses,” Councilwoman Wilson said. “I definitely want us to stay as you guys are, exercising different styles and in types of businesses that might come in, so I’m just afraid whether it be the manufacturer or what it might be, because I don’t want to limit us. People are saying we have become a medical town and now this is an opportunity for us to be an industrial manufacturing town. We want it all as long as it is managed properly.”

Hall explained that the idea from the beginning was to be flexible with the design at this stage. He stated that Pencader has changed industrially over the past few years and no one foresaw the recent surge.

“Not only do we need to be flexible, we need to be open to Delaware businesses who may want to expand or relocate here, but also to East or West Coast national companies who may want to expand or relocate,” Hall said. “There was a time when we were the largest landlord for DuPont and more recently, ChristianaCare before they moved into a consolidated campus. So when it comes to who wants to be in Milford, there’s not a type of organization or industry or size we haven’t worked with between Tsionas and Emory Hill, so we are comfortable working with everybody when they come here and presenting them to you as opportunities to consider.”

Council approved the MOU unanimously.



# CULTURE



Photo BY TERRY ROGERS

# MILFORD'S POLITICAL STAR: JOHN M. CLAYTON

BY TERRY ROGERS



A statue of John M. Clayton stands at the United States Capital, donated to the National Statuary Hall Collection in 1934, stands today, yet very few are aware that his political career began in Delaware and that he was a resident of Milford for

most of his life. Clayton had a long, rich political career that reached the national level, serving as Secretary of State under President Zachary Taylor.

The oldest son of James and Sarah Middleton Clayton, John Middleton Clayton, known as Jack, was born July 24, 1796, in Dagsboro. He was the nephew of Dr. Joshua Clayton who served as Chief Executive of Delaware under the Constitution of 1776. Of Quaker ancestry, it is believed the Clayton family came to America with William Penn and eventually found their way to Delaware. Clayton came from a long line of politicians with ancestors who served as continental senators, chief justice and a governor under the King of England.

From a young age, Clayton was an avid reader, and he developed a reputation as a fine speaker. He was sent to boarding school in Berlin, Maryland, when he was old enough, but this school did not appeal to him as he

claimed they did not serve enough food. He and James Davis, who was the son of Judge Isaac Davis, ran away from the school and walked to Milford where Clayton's parents had just moved. His parents then sent him to school in Lewes before moving him the Old Academy in Milford.

The Clayton family resided in Parson Thorne Mansion which Clayton's father purchased from Parson Sydenham Thorne's nephew, Peter Caverly. While living in the mansion, Clayton would walk to visit his brother-in-law, Walter Douglass, who lived in Mordington on McColley's Pond every Saturday, a distance of 16 miles.

Early on, Clayton impressed his teachers with his knowledge of politics. He was known to make political speeches from a stump in his father's tanyard, giving him the reputation of being precocious. At the age of 15, he entered Yale and graduated four years later at the head of his class. He returned to Milford where he studied law with his cousin, Thomas Clayton before attending law school two years later in Litchfield, Connecticut.

After completing law school, Clayton returned to Delaware and opened a law office in Dover, building a very lucrative practice. However, politics continued to draw him and, in 1816, he was elected clerk of the House of Representatives while still attending law school. He served in that position in 1817 and again in 1819. He was

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clerk of the Senate in 1820 and served in that capacity until 1822. While serving as the clerk of the Senate, Clayton was appointed Auditor of Accounts in 1821. From 1824 to 1828, he served as Delaware's Secretary of State and, in 1826, he was elected to the State House of Representatives.

In 1822, Clayton married Sally Ann Fisher and they had two children. Sally passed away in 1825, one year before Clayton was elected to the Delaware Senate. John Comegys wrote that after his wife died, Clayton seemed to have no "attractions, but for the necessity of taking care of those who had been committed to him before and the children his wife had given him, he would have sunk, utterly, under the load of his affliction." Clayton often said that work in his profession saved him after the death of his wife.

Clayton was elected to the United States Senate in 1828, the youngest in that session and was re-elected in 1834 but resigned in 1836 to return to Delaware in order to focus on his law practice and his children. His love of walking continued as he was known to walk the six miles from his home to the Dover Courthouse each day, acknowledging and speaking to those he met on the way. In 1837, Clayton was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, serving for two years before retiring again. He received an honorary doctorate from Yale in 1836.

After his retirement, Clayton moved from Dover to New Castle in 1842, living in the Read Mansion until he built Buena Vista. National politics called to him again in 1842 and he was elected to the Senate. As a Delaware

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legislator, Clayton was instrumental in building the first railroad in the state.

Due to his popularity in the Mexican War, General Zachary Taylor was elected president in 1848, Although President Taylor never declared for any party, it was believed he was a Whig, the precursor to the Republican party. There are reports that President Taylor had never voted and when the notice was sent to him that he had been nominated, he refused to accept it because it did not have enough postage. After his election, President Taylor held his military command until January 1849 and kept his cabinet choices quiet. When he did choose his cabinet, he did not choose prominent Whigs, but instead chose people he felt he could trust.

His first choice for Secretary of State was Gov. John Crittenden of Kentucky, but Crittenden did not want to resign as governor. President Taylor then chose Clayton. The two men met less than two weeks before his inauguration. Both men had little diplomatic experience, but they had similar nationalism sentiments. President Taylor allowed Clayton to handle foreign policy matters with little interference from him. Clayton, as well as President Taylor, were opponents of the European political order and supported German and Hungarian revolutionaries.

Throughout 1849 and 1850, a Venezuelan radical, Narciso Lopez, led repeated expeditions to Cuba in an attempt to conquer the island. Clayton saw the enterprise as illegal despite Lopez's attempts to gain American support. President Taylor and Clayton issued a blockade and authorized the arrest of Lopez and his

followers. At the same time, the Taylor administration, led by Clayton, confronted Spain about Americans who had been arrested for piracy. Spain released them to keep good relations with America.

The construction of a canal through Central America was a cause of tension between Britain and Nicaragua. Britain had been seizing points on the eastern coast of Central America. Negotiations were held, resulting in the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty in which both nations agreed not to claim control of any canal built in Nicaragua and guaranteed neutrality in lines of travel across Central America's Panama isthmus. The treaty laid the groundwork for the building of the Panama Canal.

President Taylor died on July 9, 1850, of cholera, just over a year after taking office. Clayton resigned his position in the cabinet intending to return to his law practice. In 1853, he was once again elected to the United States Senate. During his campaign, Minnesota Sen. Lewis Cass claimed that the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty was not in the best interest of the country. Because he had not been elected, Clayton refused to respond, stating that he was a private citizen. However, in his opening address as a senator, Clayton responded the Minnesota senator, putting his reputation on the line and many say he gained the respect of the Senate for being honest and forthright.

As a senator, Clayton served with such greats as Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun. It was during his term in office that the Missouri Compromise was passed and Clay stated that it would "not have been possible without his efforts."

Clayton died on November 9, 1856, during a recess of Congress. Sen. Crittenden said at his death "I will not attempt any deration of the character of Mr. Clayton, or an enumeration of his public services. These belong to history. But we who were his associates, who saw and knew, and heard him, can bear witness that he was a great man and a great statesman, of unsullied and unquestioned patriotism and integrity and that in the Senate and in the Cabinet, he rendered great service to his country. If history be just to him, she will gather up all these materials, and out of them she will mould for him such a crown as she awards to great and virtuous statesmen who serve their country and well."

In recognition of his service to the country, the statue of Clayton was placed in the rotunda of the nation's Capitol on June 26, 1934, joining Caesar Rodney, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Clayton and his wife are buried in a private cemetery on the grounds of the Parson Thorne Mansion.



# BUSINESS

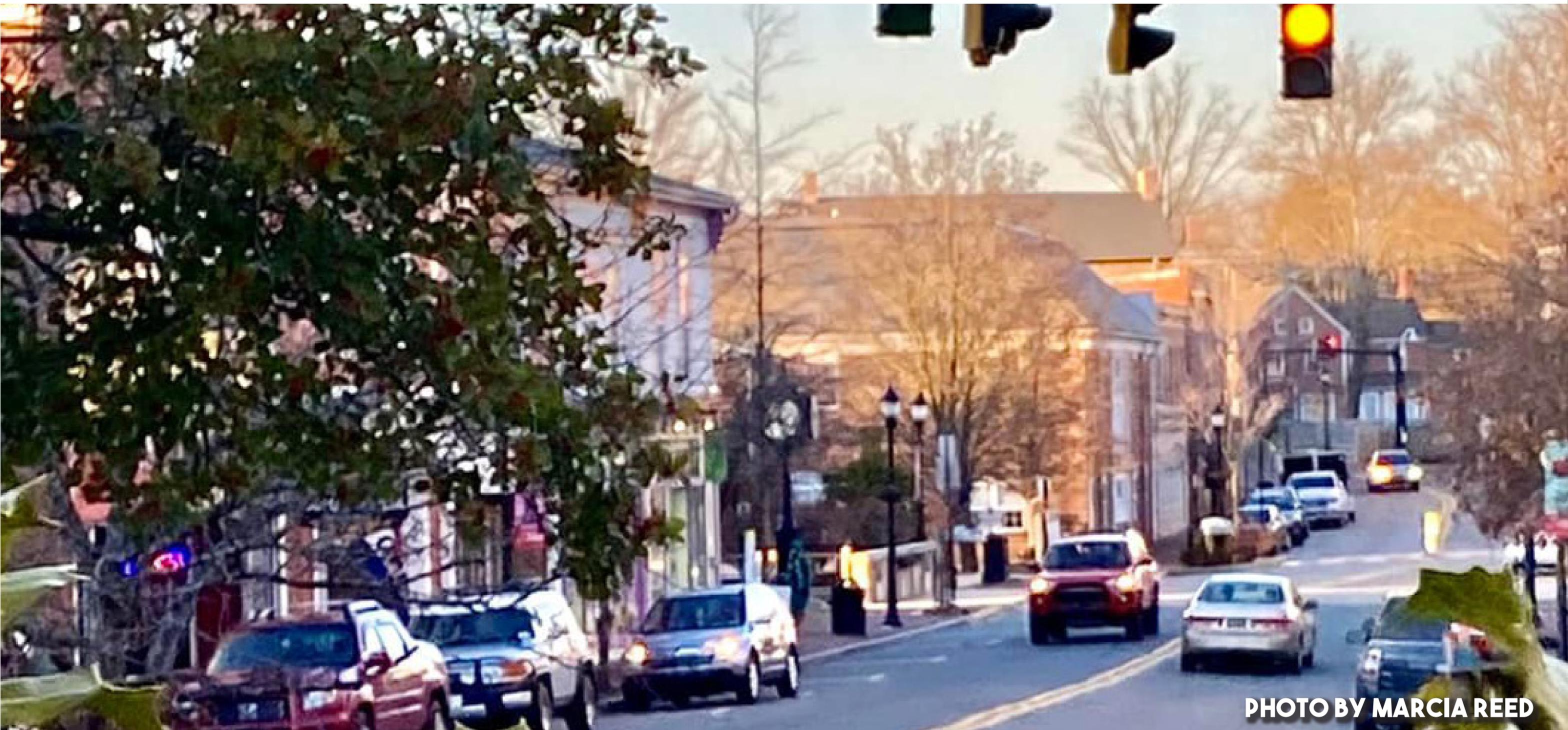


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# PEACHY KEEN SALON OPEN FOR BUSINESS

BY TERRY ROGERS

Open since 2019, Peachy Keen Salon, located at 606 Milford Harrington Highway beside Grant & Sons Roofing, offers a judgement-free environment designed to make every customer feel “peachy keen.” Owned by Sophie Martinez, the shop has eight stylists with the same goal of making everyone who walks in the door feel special.

“At Peachy Keen, we specialize in trending color techniques, extensions and all things beauty,” Martinez said. “Our talented and educated team is focused on providing quality services and building relationships. Services we offer include hair color, haircuts, hair extension, hair smoothing treatments, eyelash exten-

sions, lash lift and tints, brow tinting and henna, hair and makeup for special events.”

Martinez was born and raised in Delaware, beginning her journey in the beauty industry in May of 2017. Of Hispanic/Latino descent, her small business began as a side hustle while she was attending nursing school. It did not take long for the “side hustle” to become a full-time endeavor and she became a makeup and lash artist in 2018.

“Needless to say, I did not finish nursing school,” Martinez said. “I realized my passion was fully poured into my business and the beauty industry. During Cosmetology school, I came to the realization I wanted

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to create a safe space for clients and other stylists. Thus, Peachy Keen was born.”

Not native to Milford, Martinez searched for the perfect space before finding their current location. Martinez stated that she fell in love with the town.

“There is so much to offer with dining, entertainment and shopping,” Martinez said. “It has been the most perfect place for our business to flourish in under three years. Our location is just minutes away from historic downtown Milford, the Riverwalk and local fun. There is no shortage of amazing coffee shops, boutiques and dining options nearby.”

Hair stylists at the shop include Jenna Warrington, Marissa Hall and Ellie Barragan. Gabriella Gordon is a brow and hair stylist while Amaryssa Anderson and Martinez are lash and hair stylists. Nicole Salkowski is a lash artist while Milly Morales is a lash and brow artist. Appointments are required at the salon.

“We do not pressure our stylists to double book services,” Martinez said. “This service structure has been very beneficial for both our stylists and clients. The biggest benefit to this service structure is each client receives specialized and unrushed service which results in a more peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.”

According to Martinez, the best thing about what she does is not just making sure the day-to-day operations flow smoothly, but also being behind the chair and working with clients. She admits it can be challenging juggling both, but she finds it very rewarding as clients often become friends and feel like family. Martinez pointed out that she is not only doing their hair or

lashes, but also being a friend to them, helping them with their confidence and growing with them. Wearing all the hats, however, can be a challenge.

“I own 100 percent of my company and I do most of the admin work,” Martinez said. “Like bookkeeping, payroll, inventory ordering, social media work and content creating, sales, marketing, working with clients, graphic and web design. It’s a lot to take on and it can be challenging at times. It just takes learning how to balance all of your hats.”

One of the biggest challenges entrepreneurs face is taking time to unplug and rest, Martinez stated, because the work doesn’t stop when you go home or leave the business. Failing to stop and relax can lead to burnout which is not healthy. Her advice to anyone who wants to open a salon or start any type of small business is to take a little bit of time each day to exercise, do yoga, mediate, journal, eat a well-balanced diet and take time to regroup or decompress.

Peachy Keen Salon is open seven days a week. Monday and Tuesday, they are open 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday they are open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday they are open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 302-259-4191 or through their [Facebook page](#).



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# DOWNTOWN MILFORD, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY TERRY ROGERS

Downtown Milford is excited to announce Janne Collins as their new executive director. Collins comes to DMI with years of experience in the non-profit sector. Most recently, she has worked with the Music School of Delaware in Milford as the Front Desk Supervisor, Student Relations Officer, and Kent/Sussex County Outreach Coordinator.

Collins' primary responsibilities will be to advocate for and build awareness of DMI's goals and activities, and to work closely with all of DMI's many partners and stakeholders to promote the civic, commercial, and cultural development of Milford's downtown. Collins will take on the role starting Feb. 1, 2022.

"I am most excited to contribute to the good work that the board and volunteers of Downtown Milford, Inc., are doing to cultivate and grow this beautiful and creative community," Collins said. "I look forward to collaborating with our business owners and continuing the wonderful tradition of creating opportunities for economic growth through DMI's downtown programs and events!"

"DMI is excited to have her on board! Her skillset in non-profit management, marketing, volunteerism, and her knowledge of the downtown Milford area will be an asset to Milford and the downtown businesses," states James Rabe, DMI President.

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# PASSWATERS OPENS PERMANENT MAKEUP STUDIO

BY TERRY ROGERS

Beauty has always been a passion for Ericka Passwaters and she spent 11 years in the retail side of the industry. Raised in Milford and a graduate of Milford High School, Passwaters became certified in permanent makeup while working full time with Bare Minerals and Alta.

“Just after I got certified to do permanent makeup, I got a huge promotion at work,” Passwaters said. “So, I just kind of put this on the back burner for a little bit and focused on the retail aspects of my job while doing this on the side, learning more and taking courses in order to perfect my trade. And then, in April 2021, we unfortunately had to close our doors permanently

because of COVID. I was scared to branch out on my own and start a whole new business, but it was either that or look for another full-time job that could ultimately close again, so I went ahead and took the leap.”

That leap became Ericka Passwaters PMU, located on the second floor at 6 Park Avenue in Milford. Passwaters explained that she decided to become certified in permanent makeup because the industry seemed to be growing and seemed to lend itself toward more natural beauty. She realized there were not many artists doing this kind of work in Delaware and especially in Milford, so she felt it would be well-received.

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“I do permanent brows, permanent eyeliner and permanent lips,” Passwaters said. “The eyeliner is technically called a lash enhancement and the lips are called lip blushing. Brows, there are multiple techniques such as microblading, microshading, ombre powder and combinations. So, there’s a bunch that goes with it. One thing I am very excited about is I’m taking a course soon on 3D areola reconstruction for those who have undergone a mastectomy or just, you know, have issues with their areoles lightening. It’s amazing. I don’t think there is anyone in Delaware that offers it at all.”

Passwaters explained that the best part of her business is giving women confidence, seeing them smile and giving them confidence. This is one of the reasons she is excited about the areola course she is taking soon, even though it will be some time before she is able to offer the service. She stated that for some it may seem to just be an eyebrow, but for some her service can be life changing.

“My biggest challenge is saying no,” Passwaters said. “I’m always ready for either a challenge or just to try to accommodate people. I’m in the process of just simply trying to give myself a day off. I’m very fortunate now that I am booked out a couple months already and that people want to get in sooner than that. So, it’s again fitting my days off. Right now, I handle everything, scheduling, social media which is the hardest to find the time to take pictures and post them.”

COVID, which cost Passwaters her full-time job, still has an impact on her business. She gets occasional cancellations if someone is exposed or tests positive which

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can cause some juggling if she's fully booked. This has required her to be understanding when someone cancels at the last minute. Normally, she has a cancellation fee if someone cancels within 24 hours, but she is currently waiving that as she understands an exposure or positive test is not the fault of her client.

"Aside from that I am fully trained in Barbicide COVID protocols," Passwaters said. "I take that very seriously. I have to deep clean the station and the entire studio between each client so that takes time, but I just try to make everybody feel as comfortable as possible. It is a situation where we're in close contact and I do need to see their full face. But as long as they are comfortable with me wearing a mask and taking the right protocols, then it's good to go."

One piece of advice Passwaters would give anyone else who is thinking about opening a business is to ask for help. She suggested that others in the industry may be willing to act as a mentor, pointing out that she met someone through a microblading group on Facebook who is in the Poconos who was a great source of information for her.

"When I first started, I was on the phone with her all day, every day just asking random questions," Passwaters said. "She was just a huge lifesaver for me."

Passwaters is excited to be downtown in the same town where she grew up. She said there is a side entrance to her studio, but her sessions are by appointment only as the door is always locked. Her hours are currently Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Appointments can be booked through her [website](#).



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# CITY OF MILFORD LAUNCHES MYMILFORD APP

The city of Milford has partnered with SeeClickFix to announce a new platform called MyMilford that will allow citizens to report quality-of-life issues and city service requests or complaints.

With the free MyMilford mobile app and web tools, Milford citizens will now be able to provide city staff with pictures, specific descriptions and more—valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the MyMilford platform provides city officials with a centralized service request management system to manage issues from creation to resolution—engaging citizens throughout the process.

This partnership not only allows citizens to report problems, but also to view, comment on, and vote to fix problems submitted by their neighbors. Citizens can even create their own “watch areas” to receive notifications about all the issues reported in their neighborhood, enabling them to follow the progress of all service requests—not just the ones they report.

“The city of Milford’s partnership with SeeClickFix to develop this useful tool for our citizens has been in the making for six months,” City Manager Mark Whitfield said. “Employees were eager to find a tool to make the service request process more efficient for both our citizens and for the employees working on the requests. MyMilford has been built to meet the needs of our citizens to ensure their requests or complaints will be addressed in a transparent and timely manner.”

The MyMilford mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone. In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can submit reports [online](#). Detailed reporting instructions, FAQs and a list of the available reporting categories are also available on that webpage. MyMilford is for non-emergency issues only.

Questions regarding MyMilford can be directed to [sbluhm@milford-de.gov](mailto:sbluhm@milford-de.gov).

SeeClickFix was founded in 2008 to empower citizens with tools to publicly document quality of life concerns in their neighborhoods. By radically improving the quantity and quality of this data, SeeClickFix was quickly adopted by local governments, who needed a better way to receive information from citizens. This exchange helped to build one of the largest neighborhood networks in the world—upon which public agencies and public citizens engage to improve communities. Today, SeeClickFix has official partnerships with hundreds of cities, engaging hundreds of thousands of citizens in the resolution of millions of issues. SeeClickFix has worked with government partners to develop municipal management tools on top of this citizen network. As SeeClickFix is adopted into the everyday lives of government users, the benefit of the engaged citizen base continues to grow.

The city of Milford, incorporated in 1807 and located in Kent and Sussex Counties along the Mispillion River, is home to 10,000+ year-round residents, 500+ retail



businesses and non-profits, local restaurants, parks, trails, small town events, major healthcare providers, an historic shipyard, and its own school district. Known throughout the state as River Town, Art Town, Home Town, the city celebrates the beauty of its natural resources, the ingenuity of its people and its commitment to quality of life.



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# COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS TABLED DUE TO FOIA QUESTIONS

BY TERRY ROGERS

At a recent meeting, Milford City Council tabled a vote on a proposed change to council assignments. In the past, council members were assigned to various committees throughout the city. In an effort to reduce the number of meetings each council person would have to attend, Mayor Archie Campbell suggested changing to a liaison process that would allow council members to meet with staff and then bring items to the full council for discussion.

“What constitutes a quorum is really the issue,” City Solicitor David Rutt said. “If you look at 29 Delaware Code, there’s a section on that that says a quorum requires you to follow all advertising requirements and minutes and so forth. Under our charter, a quorum is five people which means three would form a quorum. So, ostensibly, if you had a meeting, three people that meet together, they make a decision, then they would be considered a quorum or majority of the quorum requirements under the charter. Two people can’t transact business, but three could. It’s a fine line and chances are nobody would object since it is informational, but just in case there was one of these group meetings, you had a quorum of three people, you offer or reach some decision, you would be transacting pub-

lic business. That’s the standard, if you are transacting public business with a sufficient number to constitute a quorum, you have to meet the notice requirements and you have to have meeting minutes.”

Rutt continued pointing out that council members were given homework assignments at a recent retreat. Since he was not present at the retreat, he cannot say that the assignments could violate FOIA, but that council needed to be very careful. Councilman Jason James requested that council be provided specific instructions to which Rutt stated that he doesn’t know what the members were told to meet about in their homework assignments.

“It would have been different assignments,” Councilman Andy Fulton said. “Myself, Councilman Baer and Councilman Boyle were given an assignment related to open space. One did one part, one did another part and so on. That way, we could all build up a single packet at the very end. It was at the point it was going to reach me and we were all going to get together so I could start putting the information together. At the very end, FOIA training came out and that’s where the three percent rule came in and I was like, hold up, stop.”

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Rutt then explained that the assignments from the retreat were basically ad hoc committees, an informal committee designed to investigate a particular city matter. Because they were official committees, there needed to be advertising, minutes and the meetings were required to be open to the public. Rutt explained that these types of committees were different than standing committees, like the Finance or Police Committee, as they would be used for a specific purpose, using land use as an example. Councilman Fulton stated that the open space assignment included three council members, while the rest of the assignments were divided between two council members and a staff person.

“Councilman James and I were assigned the survey we just sent out to a variety of residents,” Councilman Todd Culotta said. “Our group was myself, Councilman James and Terri Hudson. The official business was just between two council members and one employee.”

Rutt stated that that was still a committee. City Manager Mark Whitfield explained that the assignments were issued so that council could investigate details and come back to council with information, not necessarily to meet and make a decision, but to offer recommendations. Councilman Jason James asked if having two council members and a staff member was as much a violation as having three council members.

“An ad hoc committee of council and it could be the Bicycle Advisory Committee or it might be the Bikeway Advisory Committee,” Rutt said. “I don’t know if there are any council members on that, but Rob is in charge of it and there are members of the community. That’s a

committee of the council. And they advertise, they take minutes and they report back to council. You can put stripes on a mule, it’s still a mule, you can’t call it a zebra. It’s still a committee and it needs to follow FOIA.”

According to Rutt, if just one council member is in attendance, FOIA requirements are not applied as one council person cannot make a decision. However, if a committee has more than one council person, it could be construed as doing public business and, if a decision could be made, the city must comply with FOIA. Councilman James asked if these were simply information gathering committees and only information was brought back to council, would FOIA apply.

“You’re splitting hairs here,” Rutt said. “I suggest erring on the side of complying with FOIA. If you’re going to have a meeting and you’re going to gather information, you’re going to be making some decisions. What information do we gather? What do we present to council? What is the implication of A versus B versus C that we present to council.”

Councilman James suggested tabling the liaison assignments until Rutt could review Attorney General opinions that would clarify the rulings. Councilman Culotta pointed out that the whole point of serving as a council was so decisions were not made by a few people. Rutt pointed out that just because a decision was made in a meeting that may violate FOIA, it did not void the decision.

“There is a way to correct it,” Rutt said. “Bring it to council with a notice that there was an error, put it on the agenda and take care of it there. There have been

rulings by the Attorney General which says this was a violation, however, it has been cured, no harm, no foul.”

City Clerk Terri Hudson pointed out that Dewey Beach had several FOIA complaints against them and the Attorney General’s investigation found one violation after another. The town had to go back over a year and a half in order to redo all decisions at meetings. Rutt stated that Dewey Beach was the “poster child of what not to do.”

Rutt agreed to bring the Attorney General opinions back at a future meeting.



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# COUNCIL DISCUSSES CHANGES TO MEETING PROCEDURES

going to a liaison system and eliminating committees, this would no longer apply.

“A lot of municipalities turn public hearings over to the solicitor to run rather than the mayor,” Whitfield said. “That might be something else that you may want to consider because it is a judicial procedure and having the solicitor run those might be advantageous to make sure that we keep within the responsibilities. I know a number of council people have made reference to public comments and when we take public comment and should we have a public comment period. I know previous councils have discussed this at length, but we have a new council now and it may be something you want to consider adding either a public comment period or public comment to other agenda items.”

Councilman Jason James suggested that decisions related to the liaisons and committees be paused until Solicitor David Rutt could return with Attorney General opinions regarding whether the liaison system would violate FOIA.

“I agree with Councilman James,” Councilman Mike Boyle said. “I think we may want to wait until the next meeting to adopt this new policy. There are changes on it I didn’t find out about until four o’clock this afternoon and that could have been my fault, but in talking to Mark about other things in here, procedural guidance on public comments, some other things, I think we need

to take a hard look at the whole thing instead of just changing reporting dates to council on different department-head based reports.”

Councilman Andy Fulton felt that there was no reason to table changes to reporting dates, but agreed that executive session, public comment and the liaison matter should be delayed until more information could be provided. During the regular meeting, Whitfield presented the change to move the city finance report to the second meeting of the month.

“This request is being made so we can give you more up-to-date-information,” Whitfield said. “Moving the report to the second meeting of the month, we’re able to give you the immediately preceding month spending, otherwise you have to wait another half month to get that.”

Council approved the request to move the finance report to the second meeting of the month but tabled any decisions related to executive session, public comment and liaisons until Rutt could provide additional details on FOIA requirements.

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## BY TERRY ROGERS

Milford City Council recently discussed making changes to their meeting procedures. This included changes to what week some staff reports would be provided to council, executive session procedures and public comment.

“There is a proposal for an amendment of the rules of procedure to change the finance report to the second meeting of the month, but it also gave us pause to take a look at some other items that we may want to change,” City Manager Mark Whitfield said. “One of those was the Executive Session. There is a word there that says council deliberation and the word deliberations is probably something that should be stricken from workshops and executive sessions.”

Another area where the policies and procedures may need to be adjusted is regarding committee chairs. Currently, committee chairs can add items to a council agenda. However, because council is contemplating

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# 9 DELAWARE LIBRARIES TO SHARE \$40 MILLION IN RESCUE PLAN MONEY

BY BETSY PRICE

Thanks to American Rescue Plan Act bucks, the Selbyville Public Library will be able to build a new library and move out of the stately home in which it's now housed.

Selbyville is one of nine Delaware libraries up and down the state that will share \$40 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, according to a press release from Gov. John Carney's office. All of it will be used for new construction and improvements to existing structures.

The projects include:

- \$7 million to the Selbyville Library for a new building
- \$5.6 million to the Harrington Library for a new building
- \$750,000 to the Lewes Public Library for a new outdoor pavilion
- \$900,000 to the Milford Public Library for updates to HVAC, filtration, and ventilation
- \$250,000 to the Georgetown Public Library for updates to HVAC, filtration, and ventilation
- \$7.8 million to the Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library to build an expanded library
- \$11 million to the North Wilmington Library for a new building
- \$4 million to the Newark Public Library for a new building



- \$3 million to the Rehoboth Beach Public Library for upgrades

“Governor Carney’s strategic investment in libraries supports equity for communities throughout the state,” said Dr. Annie Norman, state librarian. “Delaware Libraries are shovel-ready to strengthen the social services infrastructure for digital equity, workforce development, and more statewide.”

Carney’s recommended Bond Bill for fiscal year 2023, which begins July 1, includes an additional \$26.8 million in state funding to match the federal funding for the five new libraries.

The American Rescue Plan Act Capital Relief Fund, was signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11.

Capital Relief projects paid for under the Rescue Plan can only be used for projects that enable work, education and health monitoring. They also must respond to issues created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delaware received \$925 million in Rescue Plan money.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has approved Delaware’s plans to invest in libraries statewide, the press release said.

“Delaware’s libraries serve our communities with resources, collaboration and creativity,” Carney said. “Many of these investments are in our communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the central role libraries serve in our communities as hubs for job training, employment searches, education, COVID-19 test kit distributions and vaccination sites. I want to thank the Congressional delegation for their advocacy and look forward to seeing significant results from these investments.”

Additional capital awards funded by ARPA will be announced soon, the press release said. To see what’s already been funded, go [here](#).

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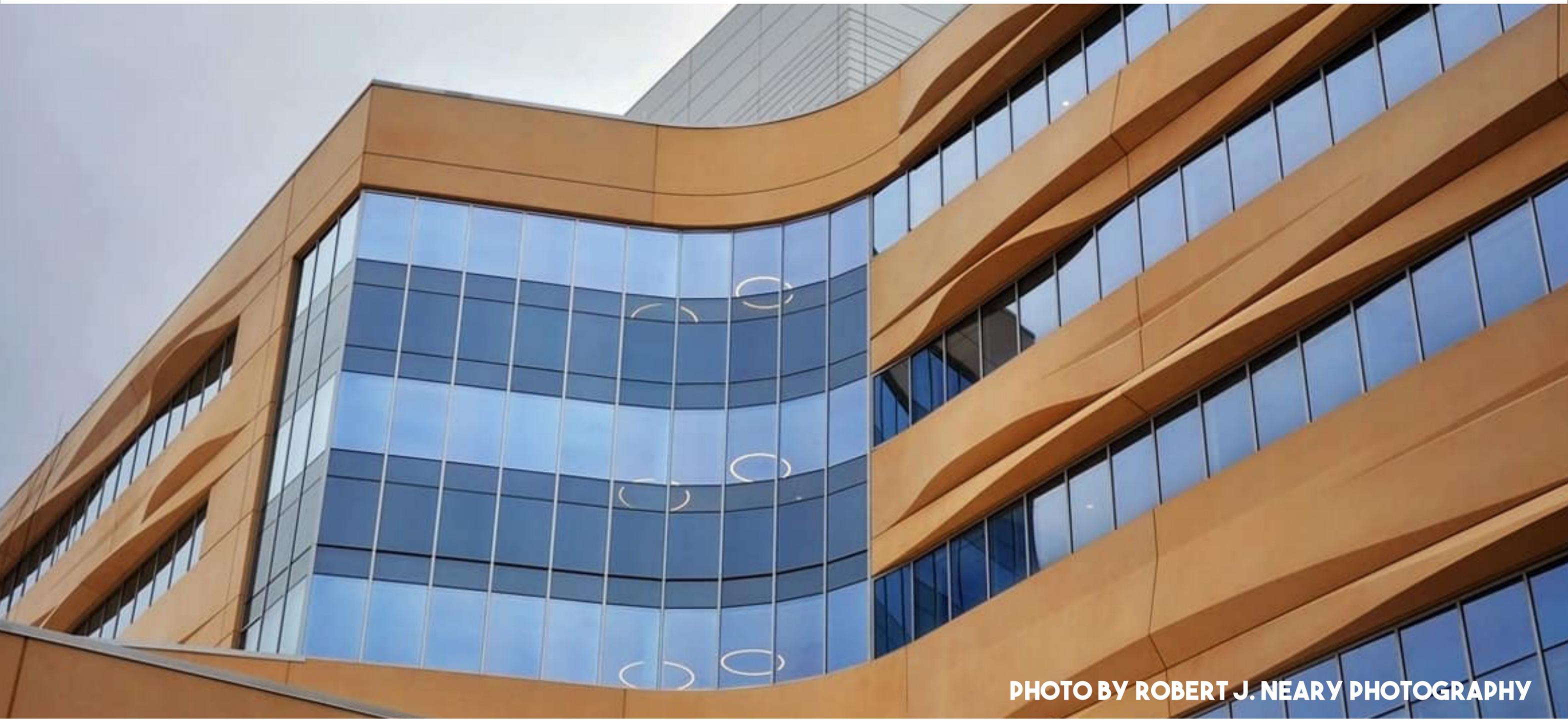


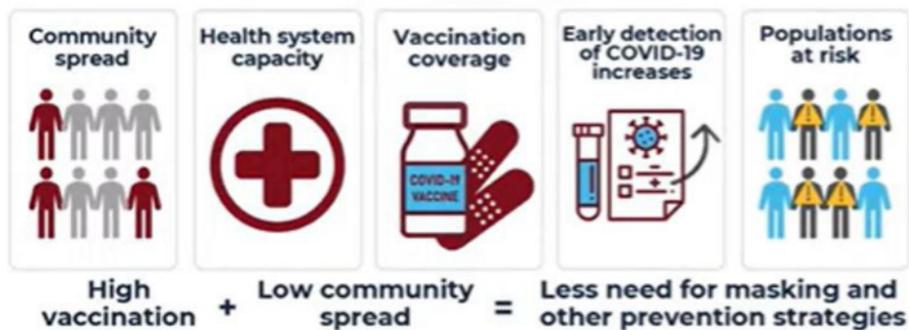
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STATE OF DELAWARE  
MANAGING COVID-19 MOVING FORWARD

BY BETSY PRICE

As the number of new Omicron cases continues to drop in Delaware, Gov. John Carney said Feb. 15 he will once again suspend his weekly COVID-19 press briefings.

The state will, however, continue to push for residents to take vaccines and booster shots, which help reduce the severity of COVID cases and prevent hospitalization.

“Our numbers are dropping, dropping like a rock in terms of the number of positive cases and percent of tests that are positive,” Carney said at the end of Tuesday afternoon’s briefing. “We’re not where we want to be. We’ve still got a little ways to go there. We’ve also got some work to do with our school superintendents and school staff and school boards over this month and next month until the end of March.”

The statistics Carney presented at the meeting showed Delaware is down to 305.6 new cases a day, on a seven-day average. That’s well below the 3,000 new cases a day a month ago, and one year ago it was 343. The percentage of posting tests has dropped to 8.8%, down from 30%

# CARNEY ENDS WEEKLY COVID BRIEFINGS, BUT NOT VACCINE, BOOSTER PUSH

and higher. Hospital rates have dropped from a high in the 700s to 190, with 11 people in critical conditions.

Carney dropped his universal indoor mask mandate for the public Feb. 18, and school mask mandates are set to end March 31.

Molly Magarik, secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the Division of Public Health, said that one reason masks will stay on in schools is to allow districts time to vaccinate more students before the masks come on.

She said that parents who were on the fence about vaccines may have chosen to rely on the protection of masking while watching how the pediatric vaccine rollout went.

Now, with millions of children vaccinated across the country, “the safety data is clear and with the mass mandate pending, this is really the perfect time, and we do urge everyone whose children have not yet been vaccinated, to please do so.”

That doesn’t mean all schools will drop their own local mask mandates, said Dr. Mark Holodick, the new secretary of the Delaware Department of Education.

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He said he would need more than all his fingers and toes to count the meetings he had been in during just the last two weeks with school district superintendents and charter school officials about masks in schools.

“What I heard from those various leaders in particular ...was we need a little bit of time to prepare for this time, so that our students, our families can make decisions around getting their children, our students vaccinated,” Holodick said.

Just because Carney has made a decision to lift the mask mandate, “doesn’t necessarily mean that every school district will lift or make the decision to lift a mandate in their own schools,” Holodick pointed out. Districts will be considering things such as the vaccination rates in their own communities, Holodick said.

Magarik and Carney already had pointed to areas where the vaccination rates for children were a fraction of what they were elsewhere. Many of those were in western Kent and Sussex counties. That could play a role in a district’s decision to keep or do away with masking rules to try to decrease the chances of the virus spreading in school, he said.

The vaccination rate also is lower for those from age five to 12 because they were just allowed in October to be vaccinated. It’s higher in ages 12 to 17 because they could get shots starting last summer. Health officials had expected federal approval to have children under age five be vaccinated this winter, but that has been delayed.

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# WRESTLING QUALIFIES SIX FOR STATES



BY KEVIN EICKMAN

Last year it was simple to qualify for the state of Delaware individual wrestling tournament. With COVID peaking and a portion of the wrestling season wiped out, it was simply a matter of common sense to make the tournament open to all when conference qualifying tournaments were not held. In order to qualify for the Individual tournament this year, you must either finish in the top four of your conference or be selected as one of four at large bids. Needless to say, the competition was riveting.

Following a first-round exit from the Division I Dual Meet State Championships, the Milford wrestling team turned its eyes to the just concluded Henlopen Conference Championships. The meet, held at Sussex Central last

week proved to be a solid one for the Buccaneers, in what is arguably considered the top wrestling conference in Delaware. At the forefront for the Buccaneers was senior Jack Thode, who won all his matches by pin and was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler at 132 pounds. When talking to Milford coach Don Parsley, he was very impressed with how Thode wrestled. "His time was short, he won four matches with four pins, so that is something to be recognized. He has also won four Henlopen titles over the years, so that may have played into the recognition as well."

Fellow senior Aaron Briscoe at 138 pounds was the other Henlopen Champion for Milford as he made it easily to the finals before a hard-fought match with Camron Cataldi of Caesar Rodney. In a back-and-forth match, Briscoe would come out with a narrow 7-5 victory. "Aaron is really starting to light it up at the right time, he just needs to keep on working hard and if he does, he should have a good showing at states," Parsley said.

The Buccaneers would end up placing five wrestlers in championship matches, but only had Thode and Briscoe to win titles. That will mean little this week as the Bucs' other wrestlers who qualified for states are quite capable of improving. A prime example could be Milford freshman Trevor Copes, who made it to the finals but forfeited due to injury. He has been improving as the season has gone on and could be a significant factor at 120 pounds. "We are really hoping that Trevor will be ready to go this weekend. We just have to see how quickly he can heal up," Parsley said.

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Junior Vincent Jenkins is another Milford wrestler who has been consistent this season and made it to the finals at 113 pounds. While he fell by pin very late in the second period to Sussex Central sophomore Chase Murray, hopefully the experience gained in the pressure-packed tournament setting will serve him well at states.

Milford's other second place finisher was senior Tim O'Hara at 160 pounds who lost a close 6-4 decision to Charles Fritchman of Cape Henlopen. This showed a great deal of improvement for O'Hara, considering that he lost 7-1 earlier this season. "It was good to see Tim close the gap, hopefully he is hitting his stride at the right time. No matter what, you know that Tim is always going to leave everything out there on the mat," Parsley said.

The only other Milford wrestler to qualify for states was junior Averi Copes at 152, who wrestled-back and won his third-place match. "Averi is another guy who always brings his best, he wasn't 100%, but he is not the type to make excuses. Hopefully, he will be at the top of his game this weekend," Parsley said.

The DIAA Individual State Championships take place Friday and Saturday at Cape Henlopen High School with preliminary round matches beginning at 4 p.m.



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