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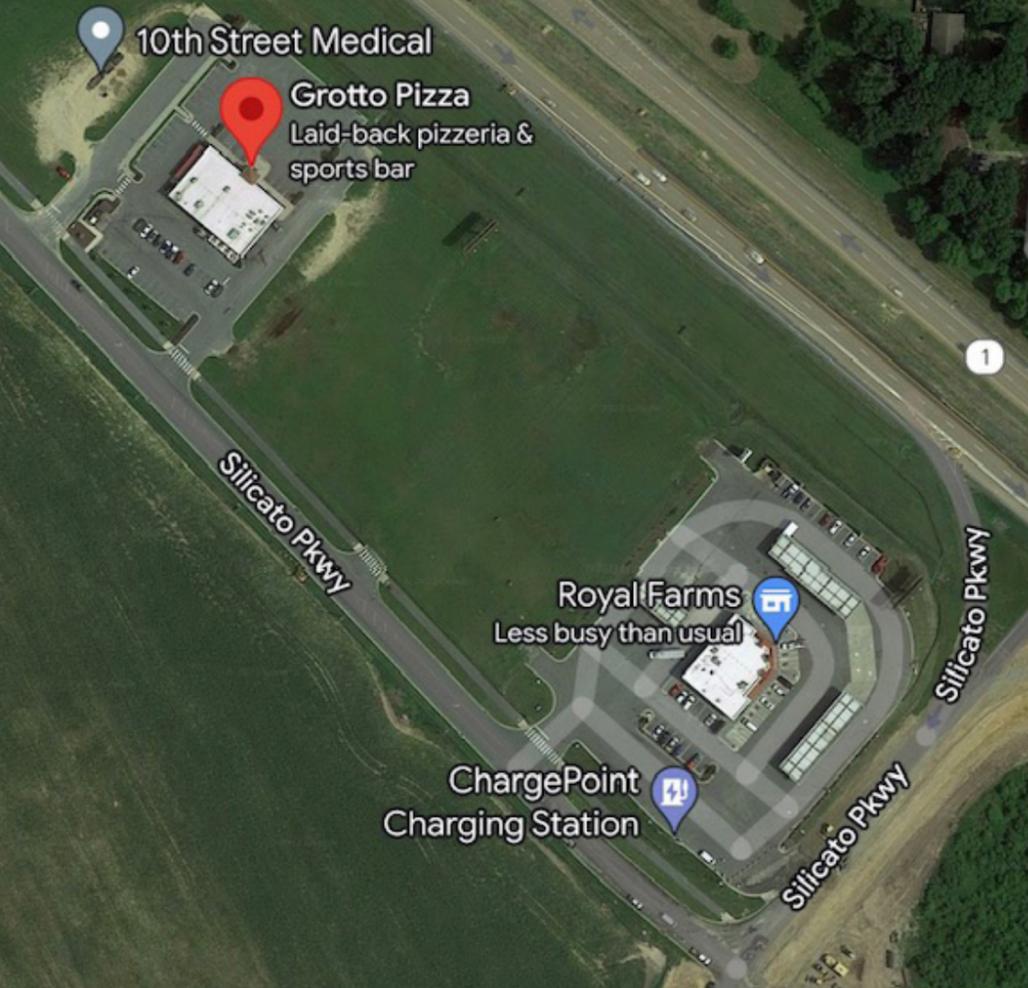
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## HEADLINES



**BY TERRY ROGERS**

After City Council approved a request from William Allen Property Management LLC at a recent meeting, Buffalo Wild Wings will be coming to Milford. The company applied for and received a conditional use for land along the east side of Silicato Parkway.

“This is one of the remaining lots, one vacant remaining lot on Silicato Parkway, which will be addressed as 104 Silicato Parkway, situated between the existing Grottos and the Microtel, out along Route 1,” City Planner Rob Pierce said. “The applicant is proposing to construct a

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5,023 square foot restaurant and a 4,000 square foot retail building on the parcel. The application was reviewed by the Planning Commission at its Feb. 15 meeting at which they recommended approval with a vote of five to zero for the application.”

Cliff Mumford, an engineer with Davis Bowen & Friedel as well as Mr. Steve Wheat, owner and developer of the proposed construction, provided additional details to council. A conditional use was necessary to allow Wheat to construct both retail and a restaurant on one parcel. Because the parcel was too small to subdivide, the conditional use was necessary.

“This application is similar to recently approved conditional uses, including one on the old Wendy’s site, and the M&T Bank building. The proposed uses include a high turnover restaurant, and the second use, potentially as a liquor store,” Mumford said. “The proposed uses are compatible with the adjacent uses and will not negatively affect the surrounding parcels. We believe that application makes efficient use of the land while allowing two buildings on one parcel.”

Councilman Mike Boyle asked the names of the firms that were planning to locate on the parcel and Wheat confirmed that the restaurant would be a Buffalo Wild Wings. He did not have a name for the tenants of the

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retail building although his intent was to place a liquor store there. The Buffalo Wild Wings would have a 4,500 square foot restaurant space and a patio space. Councilman Dan Marabello asked if the two buildings were detached and Wheat stated that they were as that would provide better access to those who would be visiting the two locations. Councilman Boyle asked when they anticipated the start of construction.

“That’s all pending materials and getting the contractor lined up, you know all of the plans get developed after this meeting,” Mumford said. “So, we need some time to do that. But in ideal world we would like late spring or early summer to start the site work.”

There was no one who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting. Council voted eight to zero to approve the conditional use. Both Councilman Marabello and Councilman Boyle felt the construction would be consistent with the area.

“It’s consistent with the area and I look forward to another dining option,” Councilman Todd Culotta said. Councilwoman Nirmal Samaroo agreed, stating that she felt this would provide the community with other options to choose from when dining.



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# CULTURE



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The Milford Museum recently expanded its Black History exhibit, a permanent display that highlights the many contributions of African Americans to the city. Although not complete, the exhibit will include sections on the history of black churches, education of blacks in the town as well as highlight people of color who helped form the town.

“Traditionally, black history has been passed down orally from generation to generation,” Claudia Leister, executive director of the Milford Museum said. “In cooperation with St. Paul United Methodist Church, we are trying to collect more of the underrepresented history of our black community. This history needs to be preserved and it is time to recognize our shared history would be lost if we did not work to preserve the

# MILFORD MUSEUM EXPANDS BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT

past and present everyday lives of residents of color from Milford.”

The new display includes photos of the Negro Baseball League, Charles Hammond, Sr., the first known black pilot in Milford as well as employees gathered at the Moonlight Grill. There are also photos of the Milford Eleven, the first group of African Americans who attempted to integrate schools in Milford but were unsuccessful as well as the Milford Seven, who successfully integrated Milford School District. Display items include wood carvings by Doug Gibson, musical instruments and more.

Museum commissioners Yanelle Powell and Charles Hammond worked with Dr. Brittany Hazzard, supervisor of Equity and Support Services to update the exhibit. Previously, black history in the museum was limited to a small case and poster with information about the contributions of people of color made to the history of the town. Commissioner Steve Curtis renovated one of the gallery areas of the museum to expand the exhibit. As a result, the museum is now in need of items to display.

“Ask your grandparents what life was like in Milford when they were growing up and consider sharing those stories with us at the museum,” Leister said. “Maybe you have an early program from a church service or a

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story about entertainment. Sporting trophies and awards, military information, flyers are all great sources of history. If you have details on a minority-owned business, know of someone of color who worked at the shipyards or poultry plants in town, we want to hear about it.”

Leister stated that although the museum would love donations of items that can be kept in their archives, they can also scan and photocopy documents so that anyone who wants to keep the originals in their files can do so. Anyone who has an item to donate or who would like to become involved in the exhibit expansion can call the museum at 302-424-1080, visit them at 121 South Walnut Street or email [Claudia@milfordDEmuseum.org](mailto:Claudia@milfordDEmuseum.org).



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# IRISH MUSIC AND DANCE CONCERT PLANNED FOR MILFORD

BY TERRY ROGERS

Eugenia Sparks enjoys bringing her heritage to Milford and opened the only Irish shop in Delaware, Irish Rose, in 2013. She and her late husband, Tom, participated at Irish festivals as vendors along the East Coast. After his death, she moved to Milford and opened the shop. In 2020, Sparks suggested that DMI partner with her to hold a Irish Music and Dance Concert which was extremely successful. This has led Sparks and DMI to hold the 2022 Irish Music and Dance Concert on Sunday, March 20, starting at 1 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center.

“My husband and I enjoyed the Irish festivals and specifically the joy the Irish have in celebrating their heritage,” Sparks said. “Two bagpipers are booked for the concert along with a real-life leprechaun. We have limited tickets to 200 and there will be snacks available, including scones, Irish potatoes, cheese and crackers. A cash bar is also available.”

Along with Joel Watson, the leprechaun and the bagpipers, Kevin O’Brien from Maryland along with George Smith of Delaware, both participants in bagpipe competitions, the concert will include the band Seven Rings. Although many may think the name of the band comes from J.R.R. Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings, which includes a poem where seven rings are for the “Dwarf-lords in their halls of stone,” the name actually has a more interesting meaning.

“Actually, it comes from a relatively little known method of identifying the ethnic background of a person drinking a pint of Guinness at a bar,” Sparks said. “Every time you sip a Guinness, it leaves a ring of foam around the glass. By counting the number of rings around the glass when someone has finished their pint, you can tell what nationality they are. Five to seven rings mean the person is Irish, eight to 10 rings mean the person is English and 15 to 20 rings mean the person is American.”

Sparks explained that Seven Rings is from Wilmington and play at various venues around the state. Pete Casey, a personal friend, was delighted when she asked the

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BY TERRY ROGERS

Milford City Council recently approved a request from the Milford First Baptist Church, located at 6062 Old Shawnee Road, to expand their parking lot. The expansion would provide the church with 87 additional spaces.

“The sidewalk will require the construction of a stormwater management pond due to the increased amount of impervious surface on the property,” City Planner Rob Pierce said. “And they’ve obtained their approval from the Conservation District for that design work. The final site plans have been reviewed for compliance with our zoning ordinance and subdivision code. Construction plans have been reviewed by the city engineer for compliance with construction standards. The planning commission reviewed the conditional use application at the Feb. 15 meeting and recommended approval upon a vote of five to zero as stated in the ordinance without any additional conditions.”

Eric Heishman, a deacon at the church, and Pastor David Perdue were available to council to answer any questions.

# MILFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT EXPANSION APPROVED

“Simply said, following our change in service schedules migrating from two morning worship services to one, we need to provide additional parking following this consolidation of services,” Heishman said. “We’ve considered that is necessary buffering from adjacent neighbors, thus having a minimum six-foot vinyl fence installed, protecting them from both headlights and any increased noise from vehicles or pedestrians making their way to the church. We’ve also considered the lighting impact of our neighbors and our engineers subsequently designed the parking area light not to impede on our neighboring properties so that it only lights the necessary area within the parking structure.”

Councilman Dan Marabello asked if the church planned to add any additional landscaping and Heishman stated that they did not as they did not believe it was necessary. During the public hearing portion of the meeting, Linda Bretzer asked when the church planned to start expanding the parking lot.

“Since we’ve been three years at this project so far, as soon as possible,” Heishman said. “We’re talking to the

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site engineer at this point in time. So, I would say early spring is what we're looking for."

Council approved the request with a vote of eight to zero. Councilman Mike Boyle stated his yes vote was due to the Planning Commission's five to zero vote and because there did not appear to be any opposition from the neighbors.

"With the decrease in number of services, their parking area with the increased parking is necessary to satisfy the needs of the community," Councilman Andy Fulton said.

Councilman Jason James felt there was no negative effect on the adjoining neighbors while Councilman Brian Baer agreed, stating that the changes fit in with the neighborhood.

"This will benefit the people in that community attending services," Councilwoman Nirmala Samaroo said."



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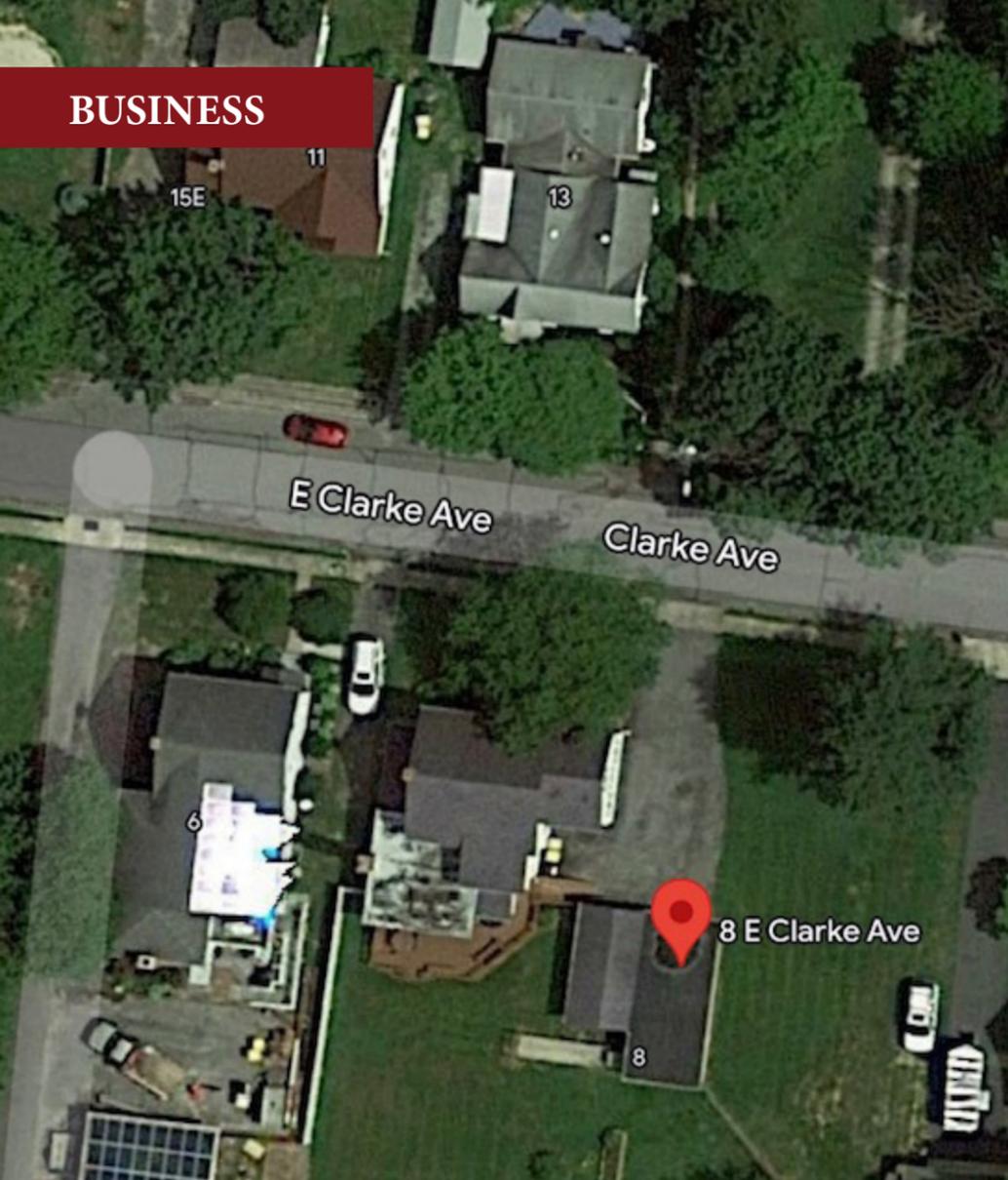
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At a recent City Council meeting, Shelly Maloney was denied a request to use a portion of her home as a bail bond office. The request met resistance from several residents who lived in the area despite Maloney’s assurances that her clients would not visit her home.

“The applicant is proposing to use a portion of an existing single family detached dwelling located at 8 East Clarke Avenue as a professional home occupation for a bail bonds company. The owner of the property is

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the only employee of the bail bond company, which operates 24 hours a day and seven days a week according to the narrative that was supplied by the applicant. Additionally, the proposed use according to the applicant would not generate any additional traffic and clients would not be coming to the property for any services,” City Planner Rob Pierce said. “Title 18 of the Delaware code requires a physical location to register the bail bonds agent with the state of Delaware and the applicant states the site would only be used to store files. A Delaware code also requires the placement of a sign in front of the yard identifying the business which would be required to comply with any city sign regulations if approved by city council.”

There is no specific code in Milford related to where bail bond offices can be located. After discussing the matter with City Solicitor David Rutt, Pierce stated that his office determined it would fall under a professional office. Because bail bonds are governed by the portion of the code that governs insurance offices, Pierce treated the application similar to an insurance office. Before there was any discussion, Rutt stated that Councilmen Andy Fulton and Todd Culotta should recuse themselves as family members had testified at the planning commission meeting. The planning commission voted to recommend denial of the request by a vote of five to zero.

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“You have excluded all Ward 2 council members from this voting process when this is in their ward,” Councilman Fulton stated when told he could not participate as a member of the public as she was a sitting council member.

According to Rutt, he was not attempting to exclude the council members.

“I didn’t exclude them, your family members excluded you by testifying at the public meeting before, so it just comes with the territory,” Rutt said. “And let me let me give a point of order on this particular matter and we’ll get into it, I know when your peers discuss it. This is a situation where the planning commission recommended not approving the application and under Chapter 3058D in the case of an unfavorable report or recommendation of denial by the planning commission. Any amendment or change of zone or conditional use would not be effective, in other words, it couldn’t be reversed except by a favorable vote of three quarters of the City Council. That means that since City Council is comprised of eight, six members would have to vote to reverse the recommendation. So, yes, you may be excluded. The applicant has a high hill to climb, but it’s just, that’s the procedure. That’s the law, you have a conflict of interest due to family members having testified before. Their testimony is part of the record.” Both Councilman Fulton and Culotta agreed to recuse themselves and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Maloney was provided an opportunity to explain her business, stating that she had a business license in Delaware and in the city of Milford. She felt Milford

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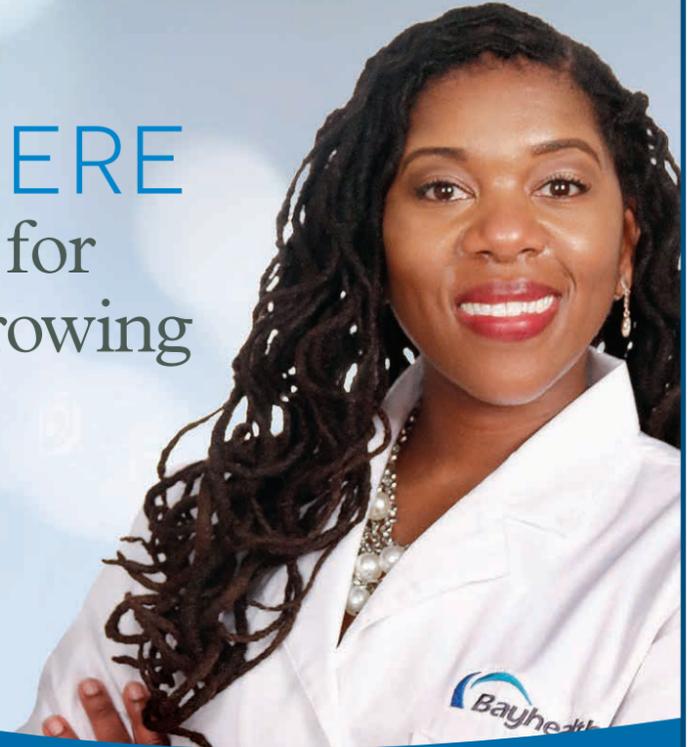
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was a good location for her business as it was central to both Dover and Georgetown where the courts are located.

“I don’t want to bring people to my home, I don’t want people at my home. I just have to have a secure facility to keep my files. I deal with a lot of people’s personal information such as Social Security numbers, that type of stuff,” Maloney said. “I mostly meet people at the courthouse, or out in another public location. I don’t bring anybody home. It’s just I have to be in compliance. The sign would sit in front of that portion of the house so it’s not visible from the road and it would not cause any extra or undue traffic via cars, or people or anything like that. It’s just for appearance purposes.”

During the public hearing, several neighbors spoke out against the request.

“I was reviewing the current requirements for the state of Delaware for a bail bond which states that every bail bondsman must maintain a principle business accessible to the public, identified clearly by a sign visible to the public. And then under item B, it says that a licensed bail bond agent has to post their fees charged for services rendered. That’s got to be posted conspicuously, displayed in the principal place of business in an area customarily open to the public,” Niocy Roberts said. “So, my concern is that it just doesn’t seem that the request from the applicant is compliant with the state of Delaware requirements. So, I think the intention of the state is to require a place of business that is accessible to the public. That kind of contradicts the statement that the storefront she’s maintaining is superficial. So, there’s

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no way to guarantee that there will be no pedestrian or vehicular traffic.”

Roberts also pointed out that in the documentation provided to council, Maloney stated she handled a lot of money at times, expressing concern that this could make her a robbery target. Roberts stressed that the neighbors had no issue with Maloney living on the street, but they were not comfortable with this type of business in their neighborhood. She was also concerned that a sign announcing the bail bond business would be detrimental to neighboring property values.

“I have some concerns about the potential bail bonds business that’s going to be located two doors down,” Kerry Fry said. “If you were to research already, it’s already showing that this bail bonds is up and running at this location. My concern is we have already started a pattern of going ahead and doing our own thing before we go through an approval. So, my issue would be also like Niecy mentioned, the signage issue with having a sign out there and then not being able to control who will be coming and going from that business. And she might not meet a lot of people at that business at that location. But there’s always the potential for people to be there because that is the address that is stated and it is stated it’s open 24 hours and there will be cash in the property that’s kept that goes along with the bail bonds business.”

Fry was also concerned about locating this type of business on a dead end street where children were often playing outdoors. Ashley Venett also felt that the business could be located in a different area, expressing that

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a residential area was not the right location for a bail bonds company. Rick Sherwood felt that the risks of this business far outweighed the benefits to allow it to be located in a residential area.

“The office door and sign are less than 20 feet from our front door,” Sandy Culotta said. “And I guess my biggest concern is a guarantee that people wanting to have her business don’t mix up our front door with her office. I know there is a fence between the two lots. But I just need to guarantee. We can’t have this, the people she serves and, I’m glad she serves those people because they need some support, just not in our neighborhood with the children and grandchildren on a dead end street. A lot of times they’re out in the road playing or walking. And that is my biggest concern. And I agree with the rest of my neighbors that if the state says it needs to be open to the public, how can you guarantee that that people won’t be coming here to our neighborhood?”

Councilwoman Katrina Wilson asked Pierce if he was aware of the state codes regarding bail bond offices. Pierce stated that he based his evaluation on information provided by the applicant. Councilman Dan Marabello asked where bail bond offices were commonly located.

“There are some at their homes, there are some that have separate offices. There’s like 13 or 14 companies, I think in the entire state of Delaware,” Maloney said. “I had an office a couple of years ago and my landlord who was elderly had passed away. So, her heirs sold all her properties. So, I’ve basically been doing everything out of my home and meeting people out in public, at their homes and at the court. Same thing for doing paper-

work. When I get paid for my services, I go directly to the bank. I don’t put money at my house.”

Maloney stated that she was a registered gun owner, but had never had any problem before with anybody breaking into her properties.

“Even in Dover, downtown Dover where it is really bad. I was located between Queen Street and Capital Green, you know, with gang wars and stuff going on out there. Never had an incident,” Maloney said. “I’m very conscientious of how I do my business. I would never put anybody in any kind of harm’s way. I’m very observant and the people that I deal with are not so much the criminals themselves or the defendants, it’s mostly their family members. In our business, we call that the circle of love. The only time I actually deal with the defendant is in court.”

Councilwoman Nirmala Samaroo asked why an online search showed her business located at 104 Kings Highway. Maloney explained that it was a previous address where she had lived for 10 years before her father passed away in November 2020 and she moved into the East Clarke Avenue house. Councilwoman Katrina Wilson stated that she would think if someone needed the services of a bail bond person, they would simply call them.

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## BILL WOULD ELIMINATE DOUBLE-REGISTRATION FOR TOWN, CITY ELECTIONS

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

When Maryann Pielmeier went to vote in favor of a referendum to build a new police station in Milford, she was turned away at the polling place and told that she wasn't registered to vote. Pielmeier was confused. She was registered to vote in the state of Delaware, but poll workers told her that Milford had its own voter database, and she wasn't on it.

A **bill** filed in the General Assembly addresses exactly that problem by requiring Delaware's cities and towns to use the state's voter registration system rather than their own.

Pielmeier had lived in Milford for nearly four years, and Jan. 26, 2021—the day of the referendum—was the first time anybody ever told her that she had to register with both the town and the state.

She then filled out all of the paperwork to register, but

was told that it wouldn't be processed in time for her to vote in that election.

Pielmeier isn't alone. Only 12 out of Delaware's 57 municipalities currently use the state Department of Elections database to determine voter eligibility.

The rest run their own registration systems, meaning voters like Pielmeier are undoubtedly turned away in at least some of the 45 municipalities that require voters to register separately.

That's a big problem during election season, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. S. Elizabeth 'Tizzy' Lockman, a Democrat from Wilmington.

"In some of our municipalities there is this divide between registration for elections on the state level and elections on a municipal level," Lockman said in an interview with Delaware LIVE News. "That has had the

impact of disenfranchising voters who are not aware of what is a surprising and somewhat illogical system."

The result, she explained, is that voters who are less informed—not necessarily by any fault of their own—can find themselves in the position of not being able to participate in their local elections.

"It's about voter access," Lockman said. "I think that's something that's a strong value for many of us, and it certainly is for me."

But some legislators say the bill goes too far and infringes on municipalities' autonomy over their elections.

"There are many towns that are opposed to switching to the state's system," said Senate Minority Whip Sen. Brian Pettyjohn, R-Georgetown. "I've always been of the opinion that if a town wants to expand it to state voter rolls, let them do it, but to turn around and have the state force that upon the municipalities, I think, takes away from that local control."

Pettyjohn, a former town councilman and mayor of Georgetown, said that during his two municipal elections he never heard any complaints from residents that wanted to vote but couldn't. "I'm not sure what the scope of the problem is," he said.

Georgetown has since switched to using the state's voter registration system.

Lockman said that in some municipalities, specifically rural communities in Sussex County and majority-minority communities in New Castle County, the current system—whether intentionally or not—can have the effect of voter disenfranchisement and even suppression.

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That's a keen focus of the Delaware Legislative Black Caucus, a committee on which Lockman sits.

"We take our responsibility very seriously to look out for Black Delawareans across the state," she said. "This is something that we perceive as an issue that reaches into that space of voters of color, perhaps in particular ...being disenfranchised from the vote."

Lockman doesn't think the current voter registration system was intentionally designed to keep people from voting, but she said that as a legislator she has to focus on the impact of the law just as much as the intention.

The towns that already use the state's voter registration system include Camden, Delaware City, Dover, Elsmere, Georgetown, Harrington, New Castle, Newark, Smyrna, Townsend, Wilmington, and Wyoming.

The rest operate their own registries and would have to transfer to the state's system if Senate Bill 233 passes.

Switching over, Lockman said, wouldn't be burdensome on the municipalities or even cost them any money—and the Department of Elections would be there every step of the way to ensure that the transition is a "positive integration."

Pielmeier isn't convinced that the people running municipalities want folks like her voting in elections.

"I probably would look at it a little differently if they shared that information with me," she said. "I was shocked when I showed up to vote and they wouldn't let me."

She said she's not super involved in politics, but that as a resident and citizen she doesn't think she should have to be in order to have a say in an election.

"I'm just very proud of our police department here and have a lot of respect for the police," she said. "So it was important for me to go down and vote."

Pielmeier said she's hoping Senate Bill 233 passes so that other people aren't turned away at the ballot box like she was.

Milford has since begun the process of transitioning to the state's voter registration system.

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# EDUCATION



# DELTECH DROPS VACCINATION, TESTING, INDOOR MASKING RULES

BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware Technical Community College announced March 1 that it was lifting vaccination, testing and mask requirements for employees, student and visitors, effective immediately. It reserved the right to require masking should a county meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's standards for masking.

"After consultation with the Delaware Division of Public Health, I am revising the College's interim COVID-19 policies as set forth below," Dr. Mark T. Brainerd, president of DelTech, said in a press release. "These revisions are in accordance with recent guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Delaware." The rule change is subject to change, he said.

Delaware officials, including Gov. John Carney, have been lifting indoor mask requirements since the CDC said Feb. 25 that any county that is has a low or medium spread of the COVID-19 virus could drop mask mandates. Areas with high spread of the virus should continue masking, it said. New Castle County is considered a low-spread area, while Kent and Sussex counties are considered medium spread.

Brainerd pointed out that some exceptions exist. While DelTech isn't requiring student vaccination, being vaccinated may be required by an external site where a student is doing an internship or clinical rotation. Many healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, physical therapy offices or diagnostic centers, continue to ask clients and staff to wear masks.

The press release said staff, students and visitors should wear a face covering if they would like to; when they are immunocompromised or at risk of severe illness; or when they live or have social contact with someone who is immunocompromised or at risk of severe illness.

The release also said that directives regarding self-screening, reporting positive cases/contact tracing, and isolation and quarantine remain in effect until further notice.



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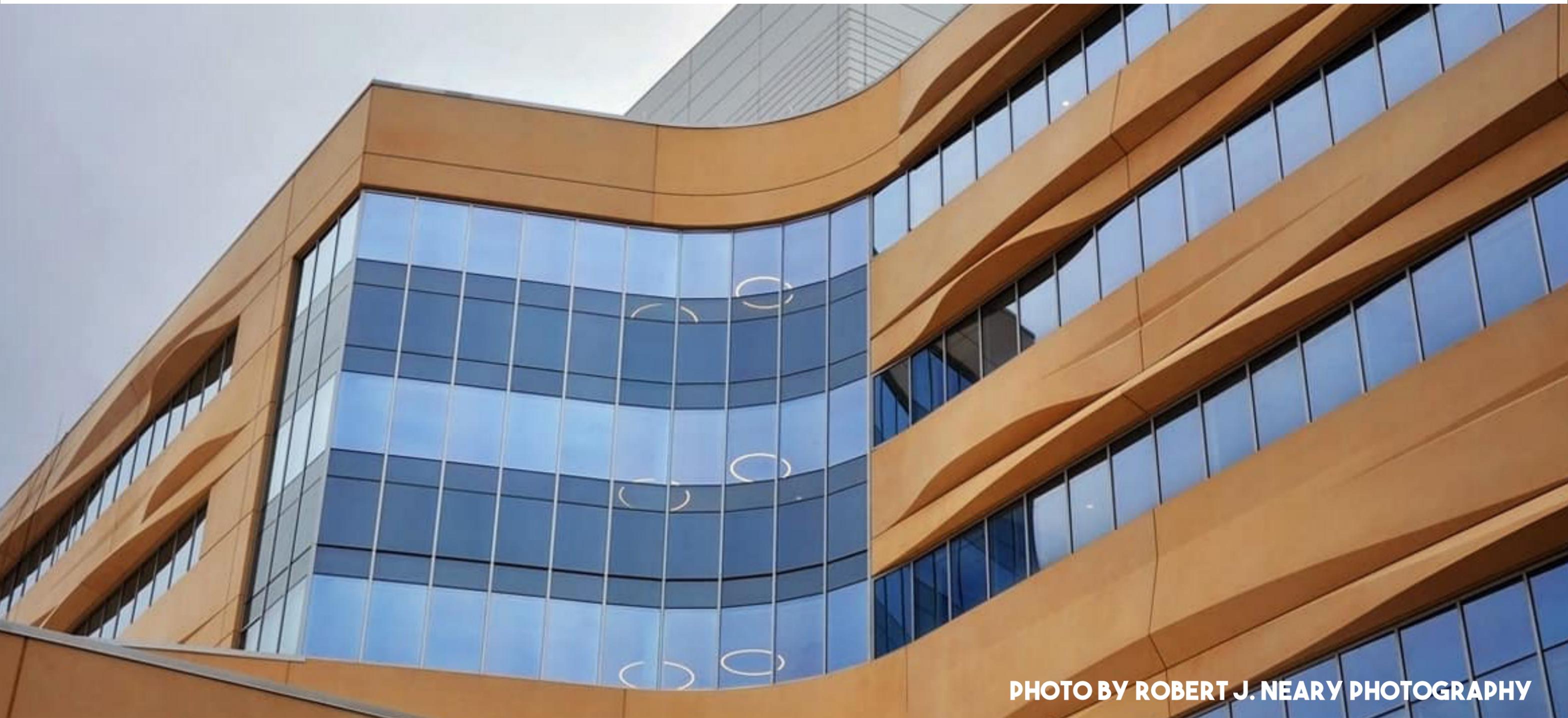


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**BY TERRY ROGERS**

Whether you'd like to know more about sports medicine, the growth of telehealth or how anesthesiology works, you'll find a topic of interest in an online Mini Medical School that includes healthcare topics and trends.

"What's exciting about the program and the offerings is the whole wide swath that can give people a taste of the medical profession," Dr. Bradley Sandella.

The classes are sponsored by ChristianaCare and the Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association. The programs are free and designed to help people learn more about healthcare and maybe even determine if a medical career is right for them.

The March 3 class was on breast reconstruction and the plastic surgery involved. After that, each Thursday in March will feature another topic at the same time: sports medicine, the growth of telehealth, anesthesiology and childhood development.

## 2022 MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL ENCOURAGES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH

Sandella pointed out that healthcare providers encourage patients to be active participants in their own care, and the Mini Medical School provides them with knowledge and confidence to ask questions of both the presenters and their own healthcare providers.

"It is a really unique opportunity for the general public to interface with clinical expertise, and in a totally non-individual way so they can learn and have a conversation," said Tim Gibbs, executive director of the Academy/DPHA. "They are not there to get a shot or hear good news, or even bad news. This is a happy and reaffirming experience."

The ages in the classes range from middle school students to octogenarians with some of the younger attendees actually choosing to enter a career in the medical field, Gibbs said.

When Gibbs' organization was simply known as the Delaware Academy of Medicine in the 1970s, these types of schools were popping up everywhere with a goal to expose students of all ages to the practice of medicine and give them a taste of what medical school was like.

"Then it evolved into an idea of really focusing on and giving them the perspective of what a career in the health sciences, broadly speaking, medicine and dentistry, in particular, might look like for them," Gibbs said.

That helps people decide what they might—and might not—want to do.

"There's a learning opportunity there for learners of

all ages to say, 'Yeah, this is for me,' or 'Oh, no, I stuck my toe in the water but this is not what I wanted.'"

Gibbs explained that the Mini Medical Schools went dormant in Delaware until 2009 when one was offered in New Castle and then at the University of Delaware Virden Center. The COVID-19 pandemic sent the 2022 program 100% online.

The Zoom classes open at 6:55 p.m. with a lecture starting at 7 p.m. Questions begin at 8:45 p.m., and the class is adjourned at 9 p.m.

Sandella said the Mini Medical School can be beneficial for those facing medical treatments. They can come away better understanding what the treatments entail, whether it is surgery with anesthesia or physical therapies.

"In my conversations on sports medicine, I try to educate individuals that we are all athletes," Sandella said. "You don't have to necessarily play football or soccer. You may just be trying to keep up with your grandchildren. This is a form of educating people on how to stay physically active as well as encouraged to take control of their own health."

Although the spring program ends this month, Gibbs said there is talk of expanding the program in the future.

The state of Delaware doesn't have a medical school.

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