

## DEPARTMENTAL WEEKLY REPORTS

February 11, 2011

### Police

On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:52 a.m., Master Corporal Maiura and Officer Fountain responded to the 300 block of East Main Street on a welfare check. Upon arriving at the scene, a female pointed to a man sitting on the ground. The woman stated that the man did not appear to be alive. The officers checked on the man who appeared to be very intoxicated and unresponsive. The officers made several attempts to wake the subject. They were able to get the subject to stand on his feet. The man began to curse at the officers and swung his arm striking Master Corporal Maiura. The officers placed the subject in handcuffs while he continued to yell obscenities at the officers. A computer check revealed that the man was wanted on three active arrest warrants. At police headquarters the man continued to be verbally abusive and uncooperative. A hypodermic needle and syringe were found in his possession. The suspect was charged with resisting arrest, offensive touching of a law enforcement officer and possession of the hypodermic needle and syringe.

On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:29 p.m., officers responded to the George Wilson Center on several calls of a large fight in progress and teenagers running in the middle of New London Road. Upon arriving at the scene, officers observed approximately 250-300 subjects in the area. The employee of the George Wilson Center stated that the building was rented out for a sweet sixteen party and that he heard a fight had started outside. While dispersing the crowd, Sergeant Rieger and Officer Smith observed two males arguing. One of the subjects then pushed Officer Smith. The officer immediately placed the subject under arrest. A group of approximately 15-20 subjects began to approach both officers and the arrested subject. A second individual was placed under arrest while resisting by Sergeant Rieger. A short time later a subject told police that he was robbed at gunpoint outside of the center. Later in the week, a subject was arrested for this robbery. A confession was obtained from him.

On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:40 p.m., a third Newark Police Officer was assaulted. Officer Fountain responded to the area of East Park Place on a report of a loud party. Upon arriving at the residence, the officer observed several small groups of people leaving. Loud music could be heard from across the street. A "No Parking" sign was lying on the ground outside of the residence. One of the residents approached the officer and requested assistance in clearing approximately 100 people from the house. After the house was cleared, the officer asked for identification from the two females who resided in the house. The second female resident, stated, "No. You are going to have to arrest me. Arrest her." The female was pointing to her roommate as she said this. The female then turned and ran into another room. Officer Fountain caught the subject and placed her under arrest. The subject was belligerent and was yelling obscenities. As the officer escorted the subject to the police vehicle, the suspect began to physically attempt to pull away and resist. The suspect then threw up her left elbow and turned her body striking the officer in the jaw with her elbow.

The subject was transported to the police station. Considering the subject was heavily intoxicated, she was held until her blood alcohol level decreased to a BAC of .165%. The suspect was charged with disorderly premise, underage consumption of alcohol, resisting arrest, and offensive touching of a law enforcement officer.

On Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12:19 a.m., officers arrested two individuals for breaking vehicle side view mirrors in the area of North Chapel Street and New Street.

We continue to receive reports of items being stolen from vehicles that are left unlocked overnight. The Newark Police Department continues to remind residents not to leave valuables in their vehicles and to lock them at night.

## **Planning & Development**

### **Planning**

Based on a request from Council, we are getting material regarding commercial vacancy rates. This may take us somewhat longer than we anticipated.

### **Economic Development**

Assistant Planning Director Maureen Feeney Roser is now putting the final touches on the DNP's semi-finalist application to the National Trust for the Great American Main Street Award.

Work also continued this week on updating the DNP website as well as the upcoming Wine & Dine downtown event.

### **Community Development**

Planner Mike Fortner completed a site visit as part of a work write-up for a Home Improvement Program project this week.

### **Parking**

We continue to work on issues regarding trash compacting in Lot #4.

The Division also continues to gather material for the developers who are proposing land assembly and seeking Federal and other outside financing sources for a proposed parking garage in Lot #1.

Assistant Planning and Development Director Maureen Feeney Roser and Parking Administrator Marvin Howard hosted a meeting of the DNP's Parking Committee on Wednesday morning.

### **Code Enforcement**

Footings and foundation work has begun at the townhouse portion of Rittenhouse Station.

Similar work has started on the townhouses at the Village of Twin Lakes off Elkton Road.

The property at 28 Annabelle Street that had been a concern for property maintenance has been cleaned out and now meets Code requirements.

## **Public Works**

### Engineering/Planning and Inspection

- Laura's Glenn – Lot 7: Met with developer's representative to review incomplete items that must be escrowed for C.O. approval. Also calculated escrow amount needed and sent to developer.
- S.W.M. Maintenance Notification: Spent time producing S.W.M. Maintenance Letters and sent to appropriate parties for notification of needed maintenance of their S.W.M. facilities. Also entered data on the 2011 S.W.M. Maintenance Status Spreadsheet.
- Snow Removal Notices: Handed out notices to residents on Blue Hen Ridge Drive (7) and W. Chestnut Hill Road (13).
- Christina Creek Inspection – Wedgewood Road to Nottingham Road: Performed creek inspection to identify any blockages. No blockages were discovered, but a partial blockage was noticed and the Parks Superintendent was notified by memo.
- 2 Old Casho Mill Road: Performed C.O. inspection.
- Completed specifications and mailed Request for Quotation for the Purchase of Stone & Concrete Products for 2011.
- Reviewed and reworked specifications for Main Street tree pit rehab for the Parks Department.
- University of Delaware ECUP Science Building: Met with Adam Yacanack from Whiting Turner. Discussed sweeping of Haines Street and installing new construction entrance off Haines Street. Discussed the traffic pattern of loaded trucks and construction vehicles coming into site. Whiting Turner will draw up traffic pattern to distribute to contractors.

### Survey Crew

- Continued working on the Main Street tree grate drawing for the Parks Department.
- Delivered 107 notifications for snow removal to residents and business throughout the City and responded to numerous complaints.

### Field Operations/Streets

- Sign crew repaired and replaced signs and poles as needed.
- Street crews worked on snow removal/salting after recent snow event.

## Parks & Recreation

### Administration – Charlie Emerson

Last Tuesday I attended WILMAPCO's Non-Motorized Transportation Working Group meeting to give an update on the Pomeroy and Newark Rail Trail project.

On Wednesday I met with Mrs. Slap (Matt Slap Subaru) regarding the Pomeroy Trail and a Temporary Construction Easement we've requested and she has agreed to permit.

I committed considerable time writing a grant for the Redd Park Trail project. In 2010 we completed Phases I and II. This grant proposal is for funding assistance to complete the final two phases of the project. Our partners for the project are the Delaware Trail Spinners (Mountain Bike Club) and the Delaware State Parks Trail Crew. We hope to complete the project by summer.

### Recreation – Joe Spadafino

Paula continued to reschedule numerous fitness programs, youth basketball and adult volleyball games due to school closures from inclement weather. Players, coaches and participants have been informed and updates on the City website were completed.

Paula delivered equipment to schools for on-going programs, sent updated rosters or new rosters to instructors for upcoming classes, updated the schedules and standings on the City website and continued to work on finalizing summer camp information.

Sharon is working on the 2011 Sponsorship Package.

Sharon prepared, mailed and emailed applications and information about the 2011 Memorial Day Parade to over 200 groups and past participants. She also emailed applications to past Halloween Parade participants in order to solicit some interest from organizations that may not have participated in the parade in the past.

Tyler worked on planning for summer programs.

The February Newark@Play monthly newsletter was emailed and PSA's were mailed to the local media.

### Parks & Horticulture – Tom Zaleski

The vast majority of our time last week was spent working on snow/ice removal and control.

We received three (3) quotations to replace mower unit #1423. Funding is allocated in the 2011 CIP.

## **Electric**

The line crews have finished installing 75 LED streetlights on Main Street. The light is whiter and more uniform than the high pressure sodium fixtures that they replaced. The lights are also more energy efficient with a five times longer life cycle.

The backyard tree trimming crew hired yearly to improve system reliability has started cutting in Yorkshire. With almost no foliage this time of year, the trimming is faster with less brush to remove.

Engineering has continued evaluating outage management and system modeling software. A two hour demonstration was given by a leading software company.

Engineering met with electrical contractors about the services to the University Creamery and the combined commercial and apartment projects at the former Dodge dealership next to City Hall and on Delaware Avenue next to the TD Bank. Engineering also met with a manufacturer's representative about residential LED lighting fixtures and the failure rate of certain lightning arrestors.

## **Water & Wastewater**

The first section of sewer pipe on Elkton Road was replaced this week using trenchless replacement techniques. The new pipe was fused to the appropriate length and pulled behind a splitting head which cracked and displaced the old pipe into the surrounding soil. Eventually the manholes will be replaced and service connections will be permanently restored. This technique will be used in the majority of the sewer line and much of the water line from Apple Road to Delaware Avenue.

Several modifications to the motor control center were completed this week at the Newark Water Treatment Plant. These projects corrected problems we have been having with aging equipment.

I am gathering bids to repair the expansion joints on the concrete spillway at the reservoir. This is a maintenance issue that has allowed water to flow across the walkway causing icing problems which have been dramatic given the cold weather we have been having lately.

We have been using the reservoir lately in lieu of the creek due to the elevated sodium content that we experience when salt is used to control ice on the roads.

Grant funding for the Northwest Booster station was finally received. We have been awarded a \$225,000 grant for which we are required to provide a 25% or \$75,000 match with local funds.

The Sanitary Sewer Crossing of the Christina Creek, the replacement of the Bellevue Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, and Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Services will be awarded at the next Council meeting. Work on these projects will be getting under way as the paperwork is completed following Council approval.

An inspection of the concrete tank on Paper Mill Road will be conducted next week to determine the appropriate restoration techniques to address some delamination that we are experiencing on the roof and other associated maintenance issues.

Antenna equipment is being installed on the New London Road tank. Lease payments begin when the building permit is issued. I have been coordinating with finance to make certain that these payments are received in a timely and manner.

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