

## **DEPARTMENTAL WEEKLY REPORTS**

**February 24, 2012**

### **Police**

On Sunday, February 19th at approximately 4:45 p.m. a female suspect entered into the Sunoco Gas Station located on South College Avenue, picked up a small item for purchase and then approached the register. When the 16-year-old male clerk opened the register, the suspect jumped the counter. The clerk closed the register and retreated from the suspect, however, the suspect grabbed the clerk and forced him back to the register advising that she had a gun. The clerk opened the register and the suspect removed an undisclosed amount of currency and fled the store. Although he did not know her name, the clerk recognized the suspect as a prior customer and former resident of a local hotel. Later that evening Detectives identified the suspect as Stephanie Augustine. As Detectives were attempting to confirm her identity and locate her whereabouts, Augustine turned herself in to the Delaware State Police. She was arrested for Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Offensive Touching and released on \$25,250 unsecured bail. The 16-year-old clerk sustained several scratches during the incident but refused medical treatment. The defendant is Stephanie Augustine, WF, 38years old, DOB 4/24/73, of 731 Pulaski Highway, Bear, DE 19701.

On Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 2:26 a.m. officers responded to the Howard Johnsons Hotel located at 1119 South College Avenue for a report of a Domestic Dispute. Upon arrival officers found the male half in the lobby with his face and hands covered in blood. Officers learned that during a verbal argument, the female half took a 750 ml rum bottle and struck the male in the face causing lacerations. Officers then attempted to take the female half into custody and she resisted arrest by fighting with the officers. Arrested was Onna Owens, BF, 28 years old, DOB 11/16/1983, of 3750 Brook Hollow Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135. She was charged with Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Resisting Arrest. Owens was released on \$500 unsecured bond.

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Chief Tiernan held a meeting with Mr. Masafumi Kondo who is a Superintendent of the National Police Agency of Japan. Mr. Kondo is the head of the security division at the Consulate General of Japan in New York City. The geographical area that the Consulate General of Japan covers includes Delaware.

### **Planning & Development**

#### ***BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK***

After 35 years as Planning and Development Director and 37 years with the City, this will be my last Administrative Report. Based on my calculations, I have prepared about 1,800 of these weekly departmental summaries and this one is sent with very mixed emotions. While I look forward to retirement, I am very sad to leave so many good friends and colleagues.

To those that I did not have the opportunity to say goodbye and to thank in person, I wish to extend a special note of appreciation for all your support, assistance and collective care for our community.

And finally, I offer best wishes and hope for smooth sailing to our new Planning and Development Director, Maureen Feeney Roser, who will assume the reins on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Good Luck Maureen!!!

## **Public Works**

### Engineering/Planning and Inspection

- Proposed 2012 Ramps for the Handicapped Contract: Spent considerable time evaluating 23 proposed ramp locations and compiling quantities of curb, sidewalk, etc., necessary to install new ADA compliant ramps for the handicapped. Entered data gathered into estimate of costs spreadsheet. Reviewed several proposed locations with the Public Works Director to evaluate need for ramp at location.
- Attended a University of Delaware NPDES Coordination meeting.
- Started working on an NPDES educational display sign for community events.
- Printed two versions of a GIS map for the Engineering Assistant showing soils, parcel lines, aerials, and contours for the Iron Glen Park area.
- Performed quarterly wet visual monitoring as per our NPDES Industrial Permit for the Maintenance Yard, and filed the associated paperwork.
- Continued working on gathering information and putting together the 2011 NPDES Annual Report for DNREC.
- Road Survey Management System: Begin street survey for the southwest section of the city.
- Annual Stormwater Maintenance Inspections: Inspected 21 stormwater management basins.
- University of Delaware: Met with Jen Pyle with the University of Delaware to go over the stormwater management facility at the soccer field and also looked over areas at the Bob Carpenter Center.

### Survey Crew

- Updated Street Department sidewalk replacement list from 2006 to current.
- Updated storm data and cleaning routes based on comments from 2011 cleaning routes.

### Field Operations/Streets

- Street crew began working on traffic sign inventory citywide.
- Backhoe and catch basin crews began excavation of slot drain in the loading dock area of City Hall for future repairs.
- Street crew performed test holes for future street repairs at various locations.

- Loader crew pushed up brush and yard waste at Iron Glen Park for the Refuse Division.

## **Parks & Recreation**

### Administration/Planning

Tuesday evening I attended the Conservation Advisory Commission meeting.

Wednesday evening Joe and I attended the Skate Spot committee meeting.

On Wednesday Tom, Rich and I met with Planning/Parking personnel and U of D representatives to discuss long term maintenance and care for Parking Lot #6.

I conducted park inspections and prepared inspection forms that were forwarded to Tom.

We continue to make good progress with the Pomeroy Trail. Merit is working in the area between Olan Thomas Park and Creek Road. Last week they finished grading and stabilizing the slopes on the north end of the project near Bubble Gum Rock.

Tom and Rich worked on the following:

- Conducted park inspections.
- Assisted with gathering information on certain Elkton Road traffic medians for the possible installation of an irrigation system.

### Parks/Horticulture

- Began cutting back the Rain Gardens, mulching of thin areas in Karpinski Park and along Main Street and cutting back plant growth on the Apple Road hillside at City Hall.
- Parks staff completed or started working on maintenance tasks on the Hall Trail, at Handloff/Phillips/Dickey/Kells/Lewis/Rittenhouse Parks and did trash removal in all park areas.
- We completed or started working on building maintenance tasks at City Hall/Police Station/City Yard and the monthly PM inspection was completed for the Wilson Center.
- Rebuilt the athletic field paint machine for upcoming season.
- Assisted Public Works with trash pick-up.

Networks (volunteer group)

- Started reconditioning the horticulture trailer for upcoming season (#1419).

## Recreation Services

Paula updated the final standings and sent out playoff information to the Thursday Night Adult Volleyball League and Youth Basketball Junior League coaches. Playoffs begin next week for both programs.

The Ladybug Quilters Guild of Newark held their monthly workshop at the Wilson Center for the first time on Monday, February 13. This group will rent approximately once a month during daytime hours on Mondays.

I met with Pennoni Associates to enhance our design of the Pomeroy Trail kiosks. The kiosk boards are being reviewed now with some minor corrections pending approval.

## Electric

The line crews have started replacing poles along South College Avenue for system reinforcement. So far 5 out of 22 poles have been changed. Because of other underground utilities, all poles have to be hand dug, greatly increasing installation times. A shutdown for six hours to replace the pole and primary metering servicing Townsend Hall is scheduled for early Saturday morning. Worriow Hall will need the same interruption in the future.

The meter technician has installed three phase metering at the Honda dealership on Cleveland Avenue and for the future Chinese Restaurant at the Park N' Shop. The line crews have aerial work to do for both services to be energized.

The electricians are working at the Water Department and garage facilities on various issues and collecting the yearly oil samples from the substation equipment.

Engineering procured easements on two properties on Nottingham Road. A future project will install underground cable in the easements to improve reliability for homes on Baylor Drive. Engineering also met with engineers designing a new service for Newark Chrysler on Cleveland Avenue.

## Water & Wastewater

Well 14 is being developed and looks to be performing well. The pump test is scheduled for next week. The pump test will allow us to determine the sustainable yield. The Cement Bond Log and Down Hole Video have been provided to the state as required by the permit. We are waiting to hear from the state if the information is acceptable.

We are working on the sanitary sewer root foaming list and the hydrant flushing program for this year.

I will be meeting with the sanitary sewer customers that use the private sewer line along the White Clay Creek that eventually feeds into a City owned line. I believe this meeting may be the beginning of a project for which we can apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding. This project involves three private businesses and the City. If successful it will remove several miles of sewer line from the White Clay Creek valley.

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