

WEEKLY REPORT

As we anticipated, March 19th, (Saturday after Saint Patrick's Day), was a very busy day for the city. Staff from Code Enforcement were working in addition to officers from Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, and 23 additional Newark police officers to supplement the officers working regular duty.

Officers responded to 175 calls for service during the peak hours of activity and proactively made 58 criminal arrests related to party activity and alcohol consumption. Sixteen large parties were dispersed. The party dispersals require many officers and is time consuming in order to clear the house and the area. No serious crimes took place during this time. There was one tragic accidental death from a young man falling from the roof of a house.

Corporal Marty LaRue has been working with a gas station on South College Avenue to prevent homeless from loitering on the property. At the suggestion of the officer, the gas station posted signs prohibiting loitering. Several homeless have been issued trespass warnings. One person was arrested after violating the trespass warning.

Bicycle Enforcement on Main Street and the surrounding area continues. Corporal Greg Micolucci continues to be our most productive officer in regard to issuing summonses to bicyclists who ride on the sidewalk and in the wrong direction.

We continue to receive many nice letters and emails about our police personnel. Below is an email complimenting one of our dispatchers and police officers. This is another great example of the work that is done each day by our police team that usually goes unrecognized:

"Just wanted to send a quick note of appreciation to the Newark Police Department this evening. I am a college student visiting friends/family from out of state, and was in the Newark area when a man began suspiciously following myself and a dear friend in our vehicle. He continued to do so until we felt so unsafe that I called the Newark Police Department. Though I did not catch the name of woman who answered the phone at your Newark site, she was incredibly helpful in collecting information about the individual that had been following us. She could tell that I was shaken up, and was having a hard time speaking clearly, but she was very patient in working with me. She then dispatched an officer to come meet with us and talk with us until we felt safe enough to drive home. Unfortunately, it has been a long night, and I do not remember the name of this young officer, but he was so very kind in driving with me to my vehicle to make sure I felt safe."

"I just wanted to send a letter of thanks to you and your police department for all of the good work that you do. I wish that I had noted the names of these two individuals who had helped me, but my mind was elsewhere. Regardless, thank you to you and your department. I hope you have a wonderful evening and wonderful spring season."

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
March 15, 2016
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: D/C Kevin Feeney, Andrew Haines, Sgt. Curtis Davis, Tim Filasky, Dave Gula, Tom Parkins

Absent: Tom Coleman
Marvin Howard
Lt. Fred Nelson

1. Request for a handicap parking space in front of 24 Tyre Avenue.

DC Feeney said this was received by Carol Houck. Andrew Haines said this item was discussed at a council meeting at the same time the special residential parking district was implemented. Andrew Haines said this request was initiated due to paratransit picking up and dropping off at this address. One option discussed was to implement a handicap parking space at the residence, however one drawback would be that anyone with a handicap placard could park in the space. City council recommended this go back to the Traffic Committee for further review and consideration.

DC Feeney said the resident states in his letter that paratransit picks up from his home 3 days a week. He said the paratransit driver parks in the middle of the road when picking up and dropping off and blocks traffic. The resident is looking for a reasonable solution for an accommodation.

Sgt. Davis suggested a loading zone, however the one drawback is that it may not be desirable in a residential area. Sgt. Davis said another option would be to make it no parking. Andrew Haines said by designating Tyre Avenue as a Special Residential Parking District has probably helped the parking situation.

Dave Gula said the committee hasn't received many requests for handicap spaces near this residence and more likely this would be the best solution.

DC Feeney said based on the location he feels the challenge is it could become an overflow for people patronizing area establishments. DC Feeney said he feels the best solution would be to keep it as no parking and allow paratransit to pick up and drop off, however realizes enforcement could be an issue.

Andrew Haines suggested communicating to the paratransit bus not to park in the middle of the road. Dave Gula said generally bus drivers don't like to get off the road if they don't have to. Dave Gula feels the easiest solution would be to make it a handicap parking space and for the driver to have in his notes for bus to get out of the travel lane. Dave Gula said he feels it would be best to communicate to the driver to move out of the travel lane. Dave Gula said at this location there is a space in the middle of two driveways where the paratransit bus could pull over and temporarily park for pickup and drop off.

Tim Filasky said this summer the Public Works Department will be painting yellow curb on Main Street. Tim Filasky said they could paint the curb in front of the resident's house. Andrew Haines recommended painting from the end of sidewalk to end to the driveway.

Motion by Andrew Haines, seconded Dave Gula, by to paint the curb on the west side of 24 Tyre Avenue from the north side of his sidewalk to the south side of his driveway.

Motion Passed. Vote: 6 to 0.

DC Feeney said he will follow up with the resident. Andrew Haines suggested communicating this to the Parking Division for notification to the parking ambassadors of the added yellow curb.

2. Request for a pedestrian walkway at 525 Bellevue Road just east of the railroad tracks.

DC Feeney said this item was discussed at a previous Traffic Committee meeting that was received by Tom Coleman through DOW.

Tim Filasky said DOW is requesting a pedestrian walkway across the street on the other side, however it is unknown whether DOW or DelDOT own the property across the street. Sgt. Davis asked if DOW owns the second building. Tim Filasky said he doesn't believe they own the second building. Sgt. Davis questioned if this walkway is even necessary at this location.

Andrew Haines asked if Tom Coleman said the city could perform the survey work for DOW and they would be responsible for the sidewalk improvement installation. Andrew Haines said if an improvement is made to make a designated sidewalk more than likely the parking restriction could be lifted.

DC Feeney suggested tabling the request until more research or information is obtained.

Motion by Andrew Haines, seconded by Dave Gula, to table the request for a pedestrian walkway at 525 Bellevue Road just east of the railroad tracks.

Motion Passed. Vote: 6 to 0.

Old Business:

McKees Lane – Parking Restriction


DC Feeney asked if notification was to be sent to Cleveland Avenue regarding the No Parking on McKees Lane. Alicia Cash said the motion was to restrict parking on McKees Lane to a point 15' north of Terrace Drive to Cleveland Avenue for accessibility and safety.

Cleveland Avenue Sub-Committee

DC Feeney said a meeting was held with Cleveland Avenue businesses mainly car dealerships and it went well. DC Feeney said the first public meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Newark Senior Center. Dave Gula said he was asked if Cleveland Avenue public meetings could be held somewhere along the Cleveland Avenue corridor. Andrew Haines said Alder Creek has a meeting room. DC Feeney said he would relay this information to Lt. Fred Nelson.

New Business:

Andrew Haines asked if there is any further information regarding the bicycle law. DC Feeney said the law specifically states you can't ride on the sidewalk on Main Street. DC Feeney said the improper signage has been removed and replaced. DC Feeney said Delaware law states that you can't ride on the sidewalk if a bicycle path has been provided. DC Feeney said Special Operations Unit is working on conducting enforcement surrounding the bicycle law. DC Feeney said the sign board will be installed tomorrow. DC Feeney said Officer Shannon Craig will be working with SWITCH skateboard shop on the educational aspect.


Kevin Feeney, Chairman

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 03/13/16-03/19/16

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2015 TO DATE	2016 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2016	2015 TO DATE	2016 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2016
<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	2	2	0	1	1	0
Rape	1	0	0	0	3	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	0	3	1	0	0	0
Robbery	9	8	0	11	5	0
- Commercial Robberies	6	3	0	3	0	0
- Robberies with Known Suspect	1	1	0	0	0	0
- Attempted Robberies	1	1	0	5	0	0
- Other Robberies	1	3	0	3	5	0
Assault/Aggravated	1	2	1	5	2	1
Burglary	16	20	1	4	10	0
- Commercial Burglaries	2	6	0	1	0	0
- Residential Burglaries	13	11	1	3	8	0
- Other Burglaries	1	3	0	0	2	0
Theft	88	140	17	57	35	2
Theft/Auto	8	6	1	5	5	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	8	23	3	17	15	0
TOTAL PART I	133	204	24	100	76	3
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	56	81	9	36	29	4
Rec. Stolen Property	2	0	0	10	9	1
Criminal Michief	47	38	11	18	21	0
Weapons	4	3	0	30	7	1
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	57	73	27	75	106	48
Drugs	17	32	1	71	38	5
Noise/Disorderly Premise	71	166	41	41	68	19
Disorderly Conduct	30	38	6	19	31	7
Trespass	35	35	11	19	9	2
All Other	92	128	12	70	64	6
TOTAL PART II	411	594	118	389	382	93
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	216	217	13	0	0	0
Animal Control	81	81	14	0	0	0
Recovered Property	42	67	11	0	0	0
Service	5671	7428	718	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	101	137	13	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	6111	7930	769	0	0	0

	THIS WEEK <u>2015</u>	2015 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2016</u>	2016 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	951	8,057	948	10,042



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TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	THIS WEEK 2015	THIS WEEK 2016
Moving/Non-Moving	1,833	2,136	125	165
DUI	44	41	3	3
TOTAL	1,877	2,177	128	168

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS				
Fatal	0	0	0	0
Personal Injury	37	41	4	4
Property Damage (Reportable)	73	158	6	14
Property Damage (Non-Reportable)	85	25	15	2
Hit and Run	58	60	9	6
TOTAL	253	284	34	26