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Attention civic leaders: You may want to share this electronic newsletter with your neighbors!

County Police Ink

This informational periodical provides our citizens with facts and information on the activity of our New Castle County Police Department and how they are working hard to keep us safe!

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**Citizens Anti-graffiti Brigade tackles Greenville eyesore with fresh coat of paint. Community News
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From left: Mike Ansul, County Councilman Bob Weiner, Rep. Greg Brady, Rep. Deborah Hudson, Charles Stirk and Janet Kilpatrick have all contributed to the graffiti-painting project.

The graffiti on the East Penn Railroad bridge over Route 141 has long been an eyesore. Workers paint over graffiti on the wall of an underpass.



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Speeding through southern Greenville along Route 141, it's hard not to notice the graffiti words "Nerd Humor" splayed across a rusty, green railroad bridge.

But there's nothing funny about it, according to a group of legislators, community leaders and volunteers. Starting Sunday night, they will mark the beginning of a five-day project to paint over the graffiti that has marred the railroad bridge for at least a quarter of a century.

The East Penn Railroad, which has owned that bridge since 2007, has maintained it and kept it structurally sound, but hadn't painted the graffiti for economic reasons, said Bob Parker, president and CEO.

"I understand it's an eyesore to the community, but in these challenging economic times, we couldn't justify painting it," he said.

Residents from one of County Councilman Bob Weiner's anti-graffiti brigades, which Weiner (R-Chatham) founded in 2007, began painting over the graffiti on the concrete bridge supports, but stopped short of tackling "Nerd Humor," because of safety concerns.

"We stopped as far as our tippy-toes could reach," he said.

Without funding and permission from the East Penn Railroad, that graffiti could not be touched, Weiner said.

The project took a huge step forward, however, when Townsend resident Mike Ansul contacted Weiner last August to ask how he could support the graffiti brigades.

A contractor by trade, Ansul grew up in Brandywine Hundred and said he wanted to do something to beautify the area. Through Ansul's work setting up a graffiti brigade in southern New Castle County, he learned about the group's hope for the bridge, an eyesore he'd driven under countless times.

"This isn't the Bronx. We're in New Castle County," he said. "This is a nice area with a nice group of people living here."

So Ansul took the lead, organizing a small army of professionals willing to volunteer their time and donate materials to the cause.

The railroad has given the group access to the bridge and also agreed to pay for the installation of a security fence to keep vandals from spray-painting the bridge again, said Parker. He didn't know about previous attempts by volunteers to paint the bridge when it was under different ownership, but liability issues likely played a role in those groups being turned away.

A true public-private partnership, the Delaware State and New Castle County Police, as well as DeIDOT workers, will be on hand to control traffic and oversee safety while the volunteers paint the bridge.

And the group will continue to do its due diligence after the paint dries, Ansul said. They're prepared to hit the bridge again if the graffiti returns to keep discouraging the vandals, he said.

A fresh coat of green paint could work wonders for harboring a sense of civic pride, said Ansul.

"I think everyone in the community is going to be pleasantly surprised by how good it looks," he said.

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Citizens Anti-Graffiti Brigades Fighting and Winning Against Graffiti Vandals!

Your Brigades in Action!



Councilman Weiner Donates 5% of his County Salary to Library to Purchase Books

For 2nd year in a row Councilman Bob Weiner is donating 5% of his salary to purchase books at the Brandywine Library by making a donation to New Castle County Pride.

Councilman Weiner pledged to forego 5 % of his salary, although state law prohibits him from having it cut. Instead, he will again donate it to Brandywine County Library to purchase needed books and library resources, a county program that has a significant funding need.

"I am requesting that these monies to be transmitted to New Castle County Pride to purchase books for the Brandywine Library" stated Councilman Weiner.

New Castle County Pride is a non-profit corporation organized to accept contributions to improve our County programs.



Upcoming Event: Northern Delaware Greenway Trail - End to End Event Walking or Bicycling - you choose from below

Sunday, June 6 - 9:00 a.m. to noon

· 2.5 miles - Family Friendly Walk

9:30 a.m.-park at Wilmington Friends School Upper School lot

· 5 miles - Intermediate Walk

9:00 a.m.-park at the Brandywine Zoo lot

· 5.5 miles - Family Friendly Bicycle

9:00 a.m.-park at Rockwood Park's lower parking lot

· 18 miles - Intermediate Bicycle

8:45 a.m.-park at Bellevue State Park's figure 8 lot

Delaware Greenways and White Clay Bicycle Club invite the public to hit the trail on Sunday, June 6, 9:00-12:00 in celebration of National Trail Day. Northern Delaware Greenway Trail End-to-End provides two levels of challenge in both walking and bicycling to symbolize that an active lifestyle can be within most people's reach. Using staggered start times and different routes, participants will converge in the courtyard of the Blue Ball Barn, Alapocas Run State Park at 10:30 a.m. We can relax, enjoy the refreshments and prizes for the kid's will be available. Participants may choose to enjoy the park for a picnic, or make the return trip.

Trail Notes:

Family Friendly Walk- The trail through Alapocas Run State Park follows the natural contours of the piedmont region and includes some inclines and packed gravel surfaces. It is more appropriate for jogging than traditional strollers. Families can enjoy a scavenger hunt while walking through this beautiful section of Alapocas Woods. Walk leader; Sally Humphrey 302-655-7275.

Intermediate Walk - The pace will be a little quicker and the terrain a little steeper on this more

advanced walk. Walk leader; Michele Jennings, 302-655-7275.

Family Friendly Ride - meet at Rockwood Park parking lot (4600 block of Washington St, Wilmington) at 9:00 am for a 6 mile roundtrip ride along paved trails through Rock Manor Golf Course to Blue Ball Barn. There are some hills, but the ride is leisurely paced to accommodate families. Ride Leaders: [Gail Robillard](tel:302-762-5785), 302-762-5785, [Bob Seigwarth](tel:302-507-3862), 302-507-3862 and [David Anderson](tel:610-329-5215), 610-329-5215.

Intermediate Ride - meet at Bellevue State Park near the tennis courts / recycle bins at 8:45 am for an 18 mile ride, at a relaxed 10 - 12 mph pace, along paved trails and roadways. Ride Leaders: [John and Ceci McCormick](tel:302-668-8749), 302-668-8749.

Councilman Weiner & Volunteers Helped Homeless Dogs & Cats at "Tails and Trails Day" @ Talley Day Park, sponsored by DE Greenways & DE SPCA

Councilman Bob Weiner and many other volunteers joined together with [Delaware Greenways](http://www.delawaregreenways.com) and Delaware SPCA to raise money for homeless dogs and cats at "Tails and Trails Day" on Sunday, May 16 at Talley-Day County Park. The day featured a dog walk, canine contests, search and rescue demonstrations, vendors, pet photos , face painting and more

(See More Photos Attached Above).

Visit SPCA's [web site](http://www.delspcas.org) if you would also like to help.

To review additional photos click here: <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/countycouncil/home/fileuploads/images/tails%20&%20trails.pdf>





At long last, you can get your hot dogs at the Brandywine Little League fields, Naamans & Marsh Roads

NCCo give approval for league to open concession stand

By Jesse Chadderdon

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A lot can happen in a week.

What started out as a something of a spat between the Brandywine Little League and New Castle County regulators ended with smiles and handshakes at a Tuesday meeting organized by Brandywine Hundred's two local councilmen: Councilmen Weiner and Cartier

At long last, the league had the go ahead to open up its concession stand.

The stand was closed for the first month of the season, as the league was unable to get a Certificate of Occupancy from the county because certain components of the site plan for the Naamans Road complex were incomplete.

That prompted an angry email from Vice President Dick Moore to county officials complaining not about having to meet the requirements, but about the fact that they were being communicated piecemeal to the league.

"Our frustration was that we're not a developer, we don't do this kind of thing all the time, and so it seemed like every time we did one thing, there was something else," Moore said. "And from a parents' perspective, they're looking at it like 'we spent all this money on a building and we can't even open it up and sell hot dogs or a bottle of water?'"

The league spent \$160,000 on the concession stand itself - which also includes a second floor conference room, a storage area and bathrooms. The entire project - which includes four fields and a parking lot - cost the league \$1.2 million.

The land, formerly home to an old school, was donated by the state to the county as parkland, which in turn made it available to the league for a complex.

One incident that summed up Moore's frustrations involved the planting of 41 trees at part of the site's landscape plan. The county required a specific size tree, but the league was hoping to save money by planting a smaller version.

"Everyone we talked to at the county said that made sense, but nobody could tell me who the person was to approve it until finally we just [spent \$13,000] on the regular trees," he said.

The day before the trees were to be delivered, Moore got a call from the county saying they had granted a waiver for the smaller trees. It was too late.

George Haggerty, the Land Use Department's second-in-command, told league officials at Tuesday's meeting that county code doesn't give any deference to "do-good" organizations over a regular applicant. At the same time, he conceded that the league's plan to deal with the few outstanding compliance issues was satisfactory enough to grant a Certificate of Occupancy.

"I'm not offering you a whole lot more than other folks who were this close to the finish line," he said. "This is about the best we can do according to the code."

Under the agreement, the league will be able to begin using the concession stand immediately as it addresses a few outstanding drainage and property maintenance issues on the site over the next month. The county will inspect the property in 30 days, and then any outstanding issues will be dealt with through code enforcement.

Brandywine Little League By the Numbers

Players: 680

Complex cost: \$1.2 million

Fields at complex: 4

Concession stand cost:
\$160K

Estimated revenue: \$150-
\$250/day

Moore said the decision was key for the league's financial well-being.

"The concession stand is an important source of revenue for us," he said. "We figure we'll take in \$100-\$150 per week and probably \$200-\$250 on Saturday. It's going to help us pay for a lot of this."



Five-year-old Jackson Fox takes a swing during a Little League game May 10.

Jesse Chadderdon

Brandywine Little League Vice-President Dick Moore has been trying to open the concession stand since the league started play last month, but only was able to get a certificate of occupancy this week.

Jesse Chadderdon

A little leaguer prepares to take a hack during a May 10 game.

Jesse Chadderdon

The Brandywine Little League must remove this trailer and shed or faces a code violation from New Castle County.

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