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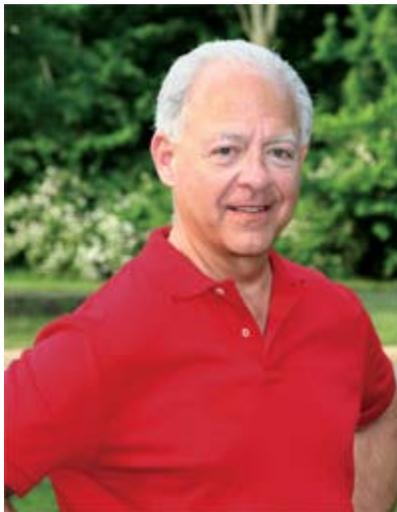
**Compliments of Bob Weiner, your County Councilman
"Making County Government Work for Us"
Council District 2, New Castle County, DE**

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[Attention civic leaders: You may want to share this electronic newsletter with your neighbors!](#)



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all my friends and dedicated volunteers who helped during the campaign. And thank you to the residents of the 2nd district for your vote of confidence. I will continue to work ceaselessly for you. Please call or email me any time.

My duty as your County Councilman is to make county government work for all of us. Since 1996, I have dedicated myself to respond promptly to every constituent request. I have developed experience and skills to seek creative solutions. I have passionately fought against irresponsible development while also fighting to protect our precious open space.

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!

What's Inside "County Police Ink"

- Project Lifesaver
- Sniper Arrested
- National Drug Take-back Day
- 35th Recruit Class

Click here to see: "County Police Ink" Newsletter:

<http://www.nccde.org/countycouncil/home/fileuploads/images/september%20newsletter2010.pdf>

Citizens Anti-Graffiti Brigade Report

How you can personally combat graffiti!

"There is only so much the public sector can do given significant budgetary constraints. The cost of combating these problems is growing every day and putting a strain on the services that our state can provide for our citizens." - Bob Weiner.

If you are not available to join the Citizens Anti-graffiti Brigade when we are "on duty", you can still combat graffiti on your own by using a graffiti remover to remove graffiti. Graffiti remover for painted surfaces is a soy based, highly effective, low VOC, non-flammable, bio-based product that replaces many common high VOC, terpene D'Limonene or petrochemical based products. It is specially formulated to be environmentally sound, user friendly and contains natural, biodegradable ingredients that quickly and easily remove paint, ink, crayon, magic marker and adhesive residue from painted surfaces.

The Green Building Solutions & Supplies' Soy based graffiti remover is the cleaner of choice for our brigades. Here is contact information to obtain your graffiti cleaner:

Green Building Solutions & Supplies
256 Eagleview Blvd
Suite 524
Exton, PA 19341
<http://www.greenbuildingss.com/products.html>
Info@GreenBuildingSS.com
610-458-7993 Office
610-458-1276 Fax

Our New Castle County Library Advisory Board Needs Members!



If any citizen would be interested in serving on the Library Advisory Review Board, there are currently open positions available!!!

Here is a short description of the Library Advisory Review Board:

Function of the Board

The Board “shall advise the New Castle County Library Department and recommend programs concerning local library needs and the implementation of an effective county library system”. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County Council, shall appoint (12) twelve members who shall serve for terms of three years, provided that the terms of the original members shall be established in a manner that four shall expire each year. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County Council, shall appoint one additional member who shall be Chairperson and who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The Board shall consist of 13 members who shall serve without compensation.

If you are interested in serving, you can contact and submit a resume to Kristin Dwyer, County Executive office at 302-395-5107 or by email at KDwyer@nccde.org

Libraries Are the Center of Our Community



...where people come together to discuss, learn, grow, and share.

December 14 Resolution to County Council for adoption vote of proposed Library Master Plan 2010-2030

Reprinted from [Community News](#):

New Castle County’s Department of Community Services has put together its 20-year comprehensive master plan for the library system from 2010 to 2030.

Anne Farley, General Manager of the Department of Community Services, presented an updated version of the master plan during County Council’s Nov. 23 Community Services Committee meeting.

Here's the Reader's Digest version of what the next 20 years of county libraries could look like.

Five new brick-and-mortar libraries

The plan calls for the construction of five new libraries in the county, with construction on the first set to begin in 2014 and the last planned to start in 2017. The largest of the planned libraries is a 25,000-square-foot facility (which will eventually be expanded to 40,000 square feet) located just below the canal. That library is expected to cost between \$13 million and \$14 million to build and is projected to set the county back \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million annually through operating expenses.

The other planned libraries include a \$4 million Middletown community library, to replace the Appoquinimink library, currently housed in a leased facility; a \$6.5 million Townsend community library; a \$6.5 million community library located on the Route 9/Route 13 corridor near New Castle; and a \$6.5 million community library near the intersection of Route 896 and Route 40 in the Bear/Glasgow area.

A paperless library

The master plan calls for the development of a virtual library, housed physically and organizationally in the technical services department, that would provide remote services like online references, downloadable audio and e-books, public outreach through social networking and even delivery of materials to home-bound patrons.

Fixed library hours

The master plan sets specific operating hours for each type of library based on size. Regional libraries (Brandywine Hundred, Newark and Wilmington) would be open 55 hours each week; area libraries (Bear, Hockessin, Kirkwood, Woodlawn and New Castle), would be open 51 hours each week; community libraries (Appoquinimink, Claymont, Elsmere, Corbit Calloway, Delaware City and North Wilmington) would be open 40 hours each week and neighborhood libraries (Garfield Park) will be open less than 40 hours each week.

The bottom line

The entire plan calls for \$36 million to \$38 million in new construction, as well as \$43.7 million to \$47.6 million in expansions and refurbishments to five libraries (Brandywine Hundred, Newark, Woodlawn, Hockessin and Kirkwood).

What they're saying:

"It just doesn't appear on the surface that anyone is going to have the additional funding to provide for the additional need," said Councilman Jea Street (D-Wilmington South).

"There has to be a reality check," said Councilman Penrose Hollins (D-Wilmington North) "If you look across the country, when economic times are hard, libraries are the first to go."

What's next?

The Department of Community Services has posted the entire plan on the libraries website, [nccde.org/libraries](http://www.nccde.org/libraries), and is accepting comments from the public via e-mail until Dec. 3. The department will then present a resolution to adopt the master plan to council on Dec. 14.

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<http://www2.nccde.org/libraries/default.aspx>

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TIMELINE FOR ADOPTION

October 26 - Presentation to Council

October 26 - December 3: Comment Period for County Council, County Executive, Library Advisory and Review Board and Library Friends groups

December 14 - Resolution to Council for adoption of Library Master Plan 2010-2030



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PROTECT YOUR HOLIDAY PURCHASES

Commissioner Stewart Urges Delawareans to Be aware of Existing Insurance Coverage and Store-Offered Extended Warranties Before Holiday Shopping

Dover, DE (November 12, 2010) — As Thanksgiving approaches, many consumers are making their holiday gift lists and keeping an eye out for Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals, especially for items like flat-screen televisions, exercise equipment, gaming consoles and computers.

Delaware Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart cautions that although you may be excited about bagging a bargain, but before you're asked if you want extra protection at the check-out, find out if you're already covered for damage or loss.

Stewart further stated, "Now is a great time to find discounts on popular items, especially electronics, and it is equally important to insure the investment. We should know what the existing insurance covers before purchasing additional protection, like an extended warranty."

Commissioner Stewart suggests the following tips when deciding if additional protection is needed.

Find out what your insurance policy already covers.

The first thing to check is your homeowners or renter's policy. Find out what household items are covered under your existing insurance and if there are exemptions. Your insurance usually protects against theft or damage, though there may be caveats about what is covered.

Commissioner Stewart added, "Many homeowners and renter's insurance policies cover electronics and other expensive goods up to a certain limit. It is important to do your research ahead of time so you make financially responsible choices at the register and avoid spending more than you need to."

The amount of coverage and the nature of coverage vary with each homeowners and renter's insurance policy. If your policy has actual cash-value coverage, you will be reimbursed for the current cost of the property at the time of the claim, minus the deductible. If you have replacement cost coverage, you will be reimbursed for the full value of the replacement item.

Know the stipulations of your policy or talk to your insurance agent before making your purchase to avoid doubling up on coverage.

Ask your agent about coverage amount limits to make sure your new purchases don't exceed your policy threshold. Certain valuables might be better covered with an insurance rider or additional policy, depending on the circumstances. Your agent can help you assess the benefits and costs when considering this option.

If you are a renter and don't have renter's insurance, you might consider this kind of protection. Although your landlord should have insurance for structural damage to the building, this coverage does not extend to your personal property. The average renter's insurance policy costs between \$15 and \$30 per month. Replacing all of your possessions will cost much more.

Understand the Difference Between Insurance and Warranties.

Part of the holiday shopping tradition is the extended warranty sales pitch at check-out. However, a warranty is not insurance and does not cover damage in the way a homeowners or renter's policy might.

A manufacturer's warranty offers a certain kind of guarantee to the quality or performance of an item for a specified time period. Some are lifetime warranties; others are one- or two-year warranties that cover malfunctions or repair needs. Warranties vary by product, model and manufacturer.

In addition, some retailers offer extended warranties that typically extend the original manufacturer's warranty or provide additional perks and services, such as in-store repair. Unlike a homeowners or renter's policy, these warranties do not cover the cost of replacing the item if it is stolen, but some will cover certain kinds of damage to the product or product malfunctions.

Update your home inventory.

Keep a list of electronics and other valuable household items with model numbers and receipts. As you buy, give away or sell belongings over time, your coverage needs can change. Checking your inventory regularly can help you save money or avoid being under-insured. A home inventory can also help when filing a claim after a loss.

For More Information

Commissioner Stewart concluded, "Your existing insurance policies might not cover all possible damages, but it's important to be informed when weighing the costs and benefits of additional warranties. These situations can be complicated – and often stressful when you're pressed for time at check-out – but you can always call your insurance agent ahead of time to find what options you have for protecting bigger or more expensive items."

If you have questions or are confused about your insurance coverage, contact the Delaware Department of Insurance by visiting <http://delawareinsurance.gov> or call our Consumer Hotline at (800) 282-8611.

Get smart about your insurance needs. For more information about auto, home, life and health insurance options – as well as tips for choosing the coverage that is right for you and your family – visit www.InsureUonline.org.



Upcoming Event

Greenways Walks to... Lombardy Hall
Sunday, December 5, 2010 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Meet at Delaware Greenways' Office - 1910 Rockland Road

Greenways Walk to...Lombardy Hall combines an easy 20 minute walk along an offshoot of the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail with a guided holiday tour of Lombardy Hall, home to Gunning Bedford Jr, Delaware statesman, signer of the U S Constitution, and first Grand Master of the Masons in Delaware. With its simple Quaker-like dignity, Lombardy Hall is an example of Georgian architecture and is tucked between Deerhurst and Lombardy Cemetery. Participants will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Delaware Greenways' offices at 1910 Rockland Road, and return at 3:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public with pre-registration.

Register for Family Trail Days by contacting Delaware Greenways at 302-655-7275 or online at http://www.delawaregreenways.org/family_trail_days.html .

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Volunteers Make the Difference

Volunteers are vital to the operations of our shelters. If you love animals and have time to give, we want you. To learn more about the various volunteer opportunities at each location, attend an orientation session held the first Thursday of every month. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Those 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit our [calendar of events](#) for upcoming orientations or visit our web site for [more information](#).

Spay/Neuter Clinic Quality Service at an Affordable Price

Just because you aren't paying a lot, doesn't mean you sacrifice quality. The Delaware SPCA's clinic offers top-notch spay and neuter procedures at an affordable price. Our brand new clinic features state-of-the-art equipment and our veterinarians are spay/neuter specialists.

Our goal is to eliminate homelessness at the source. Call us today!

Prices:

Male Dogs \$100
Female Dogs \$125-150
Male Cats \$50
Female Cats \$70

Free services available for pit bulls in the City of Wilmington

Financial assistance available

[For information](#) or to make an appointment, please call: (302) 998-2281 Stanton or (302) 856-6361 Georgetown

Vaccination and Microchip Clinics

The Delaware SPCA is offering low-cost vaccination and microchipping clinics each month in New Castle and Sussex Counties. We offer Rabies, Distemper and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines, as well as microchipping and dog licenses (New Castle County only). Upcoming dates:

New Castle County:
November 6, 10 am - noon
December 4, 10 am - noon

Sussex County:
November 17, 11 am - 1 pm
December 15, 11 am - 1 pm



Wish List

[Kuranda Dog & Cat Beds](#)

Milk bone dog biscuits
Kong toys
Easy Walk harnesses
Collars/Leashes
Fleece blankets
Dog/Cat Food
Bleach
Paper Towels
Dawn Dish Soap

[Complete Wish List](#)

*Items can be dropped off at either location during business hours.

Please visit our web site [for details](#) on fees, requirements, and locations.

Adoption Events: They Want a Home for the Holidays!



Our pups and kitties will be out and about at local adoption events, hoping that they will get noticed. Come out and see some of our amazing pets available for adoption. Spread the word! Help them get a home for the holidays!

PUPS of Lewes
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
117 Second Street
Lewes

PetSmart
10:30 am - 2:00 pm
1291 Churchmans Road
Newark

Burner only has 3 legs, but it doesn't slow him down. He is a great dog with a lot of love to give!

Special Needs Items:

\$700 for new PA System

\$800 for new computers

\$250-\$500 for outreach supplies including tent, banner and more

\$70 for large dog crates

\$50 for "adopt me" coats for dogs

*If you can donate money earmarked for one of the items above, please [donate now](#) and note which item in the comments section.

WE THANK YOU!

Contact Info

Georgetown Shelter, 22918 DuPont Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 856-6361

Stanton Shelter, 455 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713
(302) 998-2281

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