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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!

What's Inside This Months "Ink" June 2010 Issue:

- Graffiti arrest
- Burglary apprehension
- Canine news (good and bad)
  - Retirements

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# Frequently asked questions regarding County Code governing fences

I have attached the New Castle County FAQ document on fences. It should answer any questions you may have about fences and the New Castle County Code. Feel free to contact Mark Veasey Assistant New Castle County Land Use Administrator 302.395.5510 with additional questions or concerns.

Community deed restrictions can be more restrictive than the New Castle County Code. Deed restrictions are private contracts as between neighbors [or as between the civic association and residents] . As such, county government legally cannot take sides in private legal claims or disputes. County government

has no enforcement authority regarding private deed restrictions. Generally speaking, deed restrictions can be enforced by any resident or by the civic association. You would be best served by consulting private legal counsel.

Christopher A. Coons, County Executive

David Culver, General Manager, Department of Land Use

# FAQ

# What about fences?

**New Castle County Unified Development Code regulations:** 

#### **Residential Uses**

- Fences are permitted on all residential properties and they must be constructed of materials specifically designed for fences.
- However, deed restrictions for your property may govern the installation, height, and construction material of fences.
- Fences in residential areas cannot include barbed or razor wire. (Section 40.03.410 Accessory Uses, Residential)
- No fence can exceed six (6) feet in height, except for ball courts.
- Any fence around **ball courts** may be over six (6) feet in height provided it is not within any required minimum yard setback.
- Fences may be placed on any property line. However, to minimize property disputes and provide for maintenance, the County recommends the fence be placed back from the property line.

### Non-Residential Uses (Section 40.03.430 Accessory)

- In non-residential districts there are **no restrictions on fences**, except when barbed or razor wire is used.
- Where barbed or razor wire fence is used in a non-residential zoning district a minimum three-tenths (0.3) opacity bufferyard shall be provided between the fence and any street or residential use. Fences in non-residential districts may be more than 6 feet in height.

**Visibility at corners.** On any corner lot, there shall be no building, structure, shrubbery or planting that can block street traffic visibility within the triangle formed at the intersection. Measuring 25 feet back along the property lines from the intersection of the two property lines forms the triangle. (Section 40.04.110H)

The FAQ series only summarizes or highlights portions of the Unified Development Code (UDC). In all applications, the UDC must be directly consulted. The language in the UDC prevails over the FAQ.

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For More information on the web click here: <a href="http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/countycouncil/home/fileuploads/images/fagfences.pdf">http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/countycouncil/home/fileuploads/images/fagfences.pdf</a>

New Castle County Police Department



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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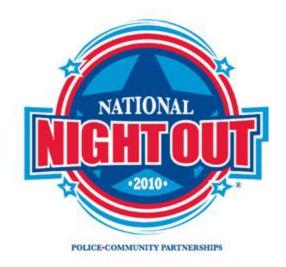
### National Night Out Festivities in Brandywine Hundred

The Northern District Advisory Council will be hosting their 4th Annual Brandywine Hundred *National Night Out* festivities at the Woodshaven Kruse Park located on Darley Road, Claymont, DE. The event will be held rain or shine on August 3rd, 2010 from 5:00 –8:00p.m.

National Night Out is a crime prevention and drug awareness event that focuses on promoting community based topics such as: Town Watch, Crime Stoppers and the Text-A-Tip program. The New Castle County Police Department, Delaware State Police and Claymont Fire Department will be participating in this event.

Local businesses, industries and elected officials will also participate. There will be activities for the children, information tables and refreshments.

Parking is available at the old Darley Road School parking lot with a free shuttle to the site. This is a free event. For more information, please contact Dee Whildin at (302) 798-0487.



Brandywine Hundred
National Night Out
Woodshaven Kruse Park
Darley Road, Claymont
Tuesday, August 3, 2010
5:00 PM until 8:00 PM

National Night Out is designed to:

Heighten crime & drug prevention awareness.

Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts.

Strengthen neighborhood spirit & police community partnerships.

Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back.

Please join with the Northern District Advisory Council,
New Castle County Police, Delaware State Police,
Claymont Fire Company, Elected Officials,
Local Businesses, Industry & Concerned Citizens.

Show your support for the people that protect us and your appreciation to everyone who makes this event possible.

Refreshments, Giveaways, Prizes & Games
Parking & Free Shuttle Service at the
Darley Road Boys & Girls Club.
Bring A Lawn Chair or Blanket.
Don't Forget To Turn On Your Porch Light
To Deter Crime.



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## PRESS RELEASE

Pamela W. Cornforth Executive Director (302) 4528-5311 (302) 373-8212 (cell)

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Entertain your entire family and support the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware at the *Second Annual Red Robin Rocks the House Funfest* on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 8:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Town Center.

Enjoy games, face painting and crafts for the kids, an antique and classic car show, fairytale hair show and haircuts by J Christian Studio, live music by School of Rock, a silent auction and celebrity waiters at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers.

The Ronald McDonald House of Delaware provides a "home away from home" for families of seriously or chronically ill or injured children receiving treatment at area hospitals by offering nurturing and supportive environments where families can stay together and find comfort.

The House has 50 guest rooms and asks families to contribute \$15 per night for their stay, but no family is turned away due to an inability to contribute. The actual cost to operate each guest room is \$65 per night, but the average received from families is \$8.85 per night. The House relies significantly on the generous support from the community to provide its services. In 2009, 2,838 families were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware and 22,532 families

visited one of our Ronald McDonald Family Rooms located at 3 area hospitals – Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Christiana Care, and Bayhealth-Kent General.

For event details, visit www.rmhde.org

Follow Ronald McDonald House of Delaware on Facebook and *Red Robin Rocks the House* on Facebook and Twitter.

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# Joshua Bengel Petition against DelDOT plan to build Fairfax Median to restrict traffic into & out of Fairfax from Foulk Road

### **Note from Councilman Weiner**

This initiative does not have the formal endorsement of the Fairfax Civic Association but is independently supported by residents in their individual capacity.

DelDOT is currently planning a traffic project to change the traffic patterns at the intersection of Foulk and Murphy Roads. This includes closing off access to the Wawa on Murphy Road, and adding a median to block left hand turns into and out of the community of Fairfax. This change will result in an increase in traffic through residential streets, eliminate left hand access to the local community church and daycare, and drive traffic towards the very dangerous intersection of 202 and Fairfax Blvd. The overall safety impact to the communities of Fairfax, Deerhurst, and Oak Land Manner would be significant.

The meeting to present this plan to community leaders and local elected officials was poorly advertised, and was approved be DelDOT with only 18 people in attendance. Only after this meeting were local communities and elected officials notified. After being notified, members of the affected communities of Fairfax, Deerhurst, and Oak Lane manner have been reaching out to DelDOT to voice their concern over the project. A petition has been started to remove the median from the project and be found can at http://www.petitiononline.com/deldot/petition.html v. Due to the feedback received, there is a second meeting coming in Sept that DelDOT is hosting to elicit feedback about the project.

Joshua Bengal, a resident of Fairfax, has been contacting DelDOT and local community officials to try and get the project changed, and needs your help.

Feel free to sign the petition, and to reach out to Mr. Bengal at josh@joshuabengal.com

for DelDOT contact information you can use to make your voice heard.

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