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News and Info from the 8th

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Kentmere Expansion

Kentmere Nursing Home's request for a variance to raze four homes on Lincoln Street was set to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. I have been advised that this request has been withdrawn from the agenda and will be at a later date. Once I have that date, you'll have it

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Ladies and Gents,

Good afternoon. I hope this email finds everyone staying dry and warm! I have a few things I wish to pass along to you today.

Safety Updates and Information

I was just informed of an armed robbery which occurred at Gilpin Avenue and North Broom Streets. At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the victim, a 58 year old white male, was approached by the suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect demanded the victim's property, who wisely complied and relinquished his wallet and cell phone. The suspect is described as a black male, age unknown, approximately 5'6" to 5'8", between 150 and 170 pounds and last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.



There is nothing to suggest a robbery trend in the District at all and at this point, and this incident appears to be an isolated incident. However, this should not prevent us all from continuing to remain vigilant and aware of our surroundings. If you see someone who looks suspicious, please notify WPD. You don't have to give your name. You can also contact our Neighborhood Police Officers, who will follow up with you directly. Try to walk or run in pairs or a group, staying to streets with lighting at night and staying off the roads less traveled.

Regarding the sexual assault which occurred on January 4th, I'm sure by now, everyone is aware the incident was reported to have occurred at 14th and North Broom Street, but actually occurred at 11th and North Broom Streets. A reminder of the suspect description is a white male, 40-45 yrs. old, 5'10-6'0 tall, last seen wearing a black scarf, black sweater and black pants. A composite of the suspect can be found [here](#). To report any

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or issues. My phone is still inoperable, but if you send me an email, I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Thanks,

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information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Ron Mullin 576-3634.

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Public Meeting on Greening Project

The City of Wilmington's Department of Public Works will present a briefing to the public, city administration, and Wilmington City Council on the second phase of a \$50.5 million greening initiative designed to reduce energy consumption and the emission of greenhouse gasses across City government.

The new project at the Hay Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) consists of two parts: employing thermal drying technology to greatly reduce the volume of biosolids produced by the plant (biosolids are the naturally occurring byproduct of treating wastewater), and capturing the methane gas generated by the thermal drying process and combining it with gas produced by the adjacent Cherry Island Landfill to create a renewable, self-perpetuating fuel source to power the plant instead of more costly electricity purchased from a power utility.

The \$14.5 million first phase of the greening initiative, which was recently completed, included construction of a booster pumping station at the Porter Plant to decrease operating costs; installing arrays of photovoltaic cells at the Porter Filtration Plant and the Turner Municipal Complex; the conversion of all City traffic lights to high-efficiency light-emitting diodes (LEDs); and the installation of energy efficient lighting and HVAC equipment in City-owned properties. The January 23 workshop will include a cost-savings analysis of the first phase, which is already proving to be a successful investment.

When combined, Phase I and Phase II will replace approximately 50% of the City's grid electricity consumption with renewable generation, as well as easily surpass the 20% greenhouse gas reduction goal adopted by the city under the Climate Protection Agreement.

This event will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers (800 N. French Street).

Free Mortgage Mediation Program

The State of Delaware is offering a free Mortgage Mediation Program to help folks facing foreclosure. Mediation will provide you with the opportunity to meet face-to-face with your lender and work towards a mutual agreement in order to avoid foreclosure. There are many resolutions to your mortgage issues, whether you wish to remain in your home or leave. You are eligible for this free program if:

- You own a one to four unit home
- You reside in this home as your primary residence
- The mortgage on this home is being foreclosed

For more information and all the details on this free program, please contact the Attorney General's Mortgage Hotline at 1.800.220.5424 or log on to www.DEForeclosureHelp.org

Free Tax Services

Yes, it is that time of year and the Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement is happy to their services at 16 locations in the New Castle County at no cost to aid in filing of Federal and State taxes. You can learn more [here](#) or by calling 302.656.8200.

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