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Fighting for Victims

Last month, the Senate unanimously passed **House Bill 1**, which strengthens the requirements of our universities when they learn of a sexual assault on campus. The legislation would require university staff and certain student employees to inform victims of their rights and to offer to contact law enforcement, at the victim's discretion. Universities would also be required to provide the state with non-identifying data on campus sexual assaults.

As a former rape crisis counselor, I know just how staggering the statistics are: a sexual assault happens every two minutes. One in six American women has been a victim of rape. Even though 80 percent of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim, only 2 percent of rapists ever spend a day in jail. And, perhaps most chillingly, thousands of rape kits across the country sit untested in evidence lockers, with some kits dating back 20 years or more.



We can't afford to accept those numbers, and I'm not prepared to. That's why I was proud to cosponsor HB 1. It's also why I was the prime sponsor on **Senate Joint Resolution 1**. SJR 1 required law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and testing centers across the state to begin addressing our rape kit backlog by taking a comprehensive inventory of untested kits, many of which contain DNA evidence that could convict a rapist and prevent future sexual violence.

We can never change the past for victims, but we can protect the future for thousands of innocents. We've made combating sexual assault a priority in the General Assembly, but we can't win the fight through legislation alone. We also need to work together to stress the importance of respect, consent, and being vigilant about the safety and well-being of others. If you or someone you know is the victim of sexual violence or attempted rape, please contact the YWCA'S 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) at **(800) 773-8570**. SARC advocates can assist survivors in need of legal/medical accompaniment, counseling, follow-up services, and referral to other community resources.

Thank you to the Food Bank

The Food Bank of Delaware has been busy in the 12th District. In 2015 alone, the Food Bank distributed:

- more than eight tons of food through food pantries
- 869 meal boxes to the 12th District's senior citizens
- 5,611 meals for children's summer and after school programs, in addition to 2,348 food-filled backpacks sent home with at-risk children for vacations and holidays

In addition to their work in the 12th District, the Food Bank distributed more than six million pounds of food statewide, provided financial coaching workshops to 424 Delawareans, and has equipped nearly 500 people with job and life skills through its Culinary School.

On behalf of my district and thousands of people across the state, I'm grateful to the Food Bank for their tireless efforts fighting hunger for Delawareans in need, and for all of their work fighting poverty in our state.



Update: Route 72/1 Diverging Diamond Interchange

Several constituents have called my office to ask for status reports and other information on DelDOT's work to add a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) to the intersection of State routes 72 and 1. The DDI is expected to provide badly-needed safety improvements and traffic relief at this intersection. When complete, the DDI will also offer easy, safe access to cyclists and pedestrians and more efficient access for emergency vehicles. Construction is expected to conclude at the end of this year.



C&D Canal Trail

Work crews have added a footbridge over the Branch Canal, bringing four years of construction on the **C&D Canal Trail** (also known as the Michael N. Castle Trail) near completion. The Branch Canal bridge will connect the Castle Trail with the Delaware City Path, resulting in a 16-mile multimodal recreation trail stretching from Delaware City to Chesapeake City. Pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists will all have access to the scenic pathway. Paving work is set to finish in the coming weeks, and an official ribbon-cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 10 a.m.



Save the Date



Separation Day: June 10-11

Location: Court House Square & Battery Park

Event: Food trucks, music, entertainment, craft beer garden, "Lights Out" show, parade, rides, magic show, a beautiful baby contest, and fireworks.

Website: www.sepdayde.com



Colonial BBQ Competition: June 11

Location: Battery Park

Event: The competition BBQ teams will kickoff at 2:00 p.m., following the Separation Day parade, where students from the Culinary Arts Competition Teams will compete by serving samples of their BBQ creations.

Website: www.newcastlebbq.com



Delaware City Day: July 16

Location: Battery Park

Event: The day will include a parade, fireworks, and day-long activities starting at 10:00 a.m.

Website: www.delawarecityday.net

DeIDOT Quick Contact Guide

Please see the following Department of Transportation contact listing, courtesy of DeIDOT. Constituents can also access information on paving programs, transit maps, functional road classifications and more through the DeIDOT Online Gateway at http://www.deldot.gov/information/community_programs_and_services/gate/

Delaware Department of Transportation – www.deldot.gov

Community Relations	(800) 652-5600 or (302) 760-2080; dotpr@state.de.us
Finance	(302) 760-2700
Human Resources	(302) 760-2011
Maintenance & Operations	
-North District	(302) 894-6300
-Canal District	(302) 326-4460
Planning	(302) 760-2111
Red Light Violations	(844) 213-7033
Report a Road Condition	(302) 659-4600 or #77 from cell phone
Technology & Innovation	(302) 760-2099
Traffic Management Center	(302) 659-4600

Division of Motor Vehicles – www.dmv.de.gov

Greater Wilmington	(302) 434-3200
Delaware City	(302) 326-5000
Motor Fuel Tax Admin.	(302) 744-2715
Hauling Permits	(302) 744-2700
Driving Privilege Cards	(877) 477-7117
Federal Compliant License	(877) 477-7117

Delaware Transit Corporation – www.dartfirststate.com

DART Bus Routes & Schedule Info	(800) 652-3278
Paratransit	(800) 553-3278
Customer Relations	(800) 652-3278

Delaware E-ZPass – www.ezpassde.com

Customer Service, Violations (888)397-2773 or (302) 678-7000

For information on the **Adopt-A-Highway Program**, you can contact the program coordinator at (302) 760-2160 or visit www.deldot.gov and search "Adopt-A-Highway".

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