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REVISED BY REMOVING "PRESENTATION - RESTORE THE VOTE - EX-OFFENDER DISENFRANCHISEMENT: RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (NELSON L. HILL, VICE PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING - UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 27)" FROM THE LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 1. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
- 2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2017-13 AMENDING APPENDIX B ZONING, ARTICLE 3 DISTRICT REGULATIONS; ARTICLE 5 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS; AND ARTICLE 12 DEFINITIONS (ADULT DAY CARE PROVISIONS) (SPONSORS: NEIL AND HUGG)

(STAFF RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #2017-13)

3. ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SAFETY ADVISORY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- 1. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
- 2. REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT SEATBELTS FOR SCHOOL BUSES (JANETTA GUINN)
- 3. PRIORITIZATION OF CITY OF DOVER STATE CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)
 PROJECTS

(STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED PRIORITY RANKING FOR THE COMING YEAR)

4. ADJOURNMENT OF SAFETY ADVISORY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2017-13

1	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN			
2	COUNCIL MET:			
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4	That Appendix B – Zoning, Article 3 – District Regulations, Section 1 – One-Family Residence Zones,			
5	of the Dover Code be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font as follows:			
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9	Section 1 One-family residence zones [(R-20, R-15, R-10, R-8 and R-7)].			
10	(R-20, R-15, R-10, R-8, R-7.) (See also article 5, Supplementary Regulations; and article 6, Off-Street			
11	Parking, Driveways and Loading Facilities.)			
12 13 14	1.1 <i>Uses permitted.</i> In a one-family residence R-20, R-15, R-10, R-8 and R-7 zones, no building or premises shall be used and no building or part of a building shall be erected or altered which is arranged, intended or designed to be used, in whole or in part, for any uses except the following:			
15	1.11 The raising of field and garden crops, vineyards and orchard farming, the maintenance of			
16	nurseries, and the seasonal sale of the products thereof, provided no building is erected and			
17	signs conform with article 5, section 4.			
18	1.12 One-family detached dwellings, not to exceed one such dwelling per lot.			
19	1.13 Public buildings, structures and uses, including parks and playgrounds, subject to			
20	approval of site plans by the planning commission in accordance with article 10, section 2.			
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21	1.14 The following uses are permitted, conditional upon the approval of the planning			
22	commission in accordance with the procedures and subject to the general conditions set forth in			

section 10.1 and to any specified requirements set forth below:

- Places of worship, including parish houses; [and] schools, including nursery schools, kindergartens and day care centers in accordance with article 5, Supplementary Regulations, section 14. Child Day care facilities; philanthropic and eleemosynary institutions; hospitals and sanitariums for general medical care; and funeral homes subject to the following requirements:
 - i. Any school permitted under this paragraph [subsection 1.14(a)] shall be a nonprofit organization within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Act and shall be registered effectively as such thereunder.
 - ii. Any school permitted under this paragraph [subsection 1.14(a)], other than a kindergarten, nursery school, or day care center, shall occupy a lot with an area of not less than two acres, plus one acre for each 100 pupils for which the building is designed.
 - iii. Any kindergarten or nursery school permitted under this paragraph [subsection 1.14(a)] shall be limited to a maximum of 50 children in zones R-8 thru R-20 and a maximum of 100 children in all other zones. At least 100 square feet of outdoor play space per child shall be provided. Outdoor play space shall be fenced or otherwise enclosed on all sides and shall not include driveways, parking areas, or land unsuited by other usage or natural features for children's active play space. Fencing or other enclosures shall be a minimum height of four feet. The minimum

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43 44 45	lot area for each ten, or remainder over the multiple of ten, children shall be the same as the minimum lot area requirement for each dwelling unit in the districts in which such uses are to be located.
46 47	iv. No such building or part thereof shall be erected with less than a 50-foot front yard or nearer than 25 feet from any other street or property line.
48 49	v. The sum of all areas covered by all principal and accessory buildings shall not exceed 20 percent of the area of the lot.
50	vi. Courts shall conform to the requirements of article 5, section 3 hereof.
51 52 53 54 55	(b) Railroad and public utility rights-of-way and structures necessary to serve areas within the city, subject to such conditions as the planning commission may impose in order to protect and promote the health and safety and general welfare of the community and the character of the neighborhood in which the proposed structure is to be constructed.
56 57 58 59	(c) Country clubs or other annual membership clubs, catering exclusively to members and their guests, and accessory private playgrounds, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts and recreation buildings not conducted as business enterprises, provided that the following operations shall be prohibited:
60	i. Outdoor entertainment, live or mechanical;
61	ii. The use of outdoor public address systems for any purpose; and
62 63	iii. Exterior lighting producing glare at the lot line other than that essential for the safety of the users of the premises.
64 65	No building erected under the provisions of this paragraph [subsection 1.14(c)] shall be so erected nearer than 50 feet to any street or property line.
66 67	(d) Adult day care facilities in accordance with Article 5 – Supplementary Regulations, Section 22 – Adult Day Care Facilities.
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69	1.15 Accessory uses, limited to the following:
70 71	(a) Professional office or studio of an artist, dentist, musician, teacher, or physician, but not including veterinarians, provided that:
72 73	i. Such office or studio is incidental to the residential use of the premises and is carried on by a resident thereon with not more than one nonresident assistant; and
74 75	ii. Such office or studio shall occupy not more than 30 percent of the area of one floor of the main building.
76 77	iii. Studios where dancing or music instruction is offered to groups in excess of four pupils at one time or where concerts or recitals are held are prohibited.

78 79 Medical centers, barbershops, beauty parlors, real estate offices, funeral homes or similar uses shall not be considered permitted accessory uses.

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82 83 84	(c)	Private garage, provided that, in the case of a one-family dwelling, such garage shall have a capacity of not more than three passenger automobiles. One such space may be leased to a person not [a] resident on the premises.
85 86	(d)	Keeping domestic animals as pets, provided not more than three (3) dogs over six months old, shall be permitted.
87 88	(e)	Keeping of chickens for individual domestic purposes subject to the following restrictions:
89 90		i. Keeping of chickens shall not be permitted on lots smaller than 10,890 square feet in lot area.
91		ii. No more than five (5) chickens shall be permitted on a residential lot.
92		iii. Chickens shall be registered with the Delaware Department of Agriculture.
93 94		iv. Chickens shall be penned in a coop that shall be at least four (4) square feet per chicken.
95 96		v. All chicken coops shall be located in a rear yard and shall be a minimum of 20 feet from side and rear property lines.
97 98		vi. Any odor associated with the chickens shall not be discernable from property lines.
99		vii. Keeping of roosters shall be prohibited.
100 101		viii. Any lot with chickens shall either comply with these requirements by June 1, 2016 or remove the chickens.
102 103 104 105 106	(f)	Dormitories accessory to schools, provided that such dormitories conform to the bulk regulations of the RG-1 zone. For purposes of computing bulk requirements, each four rooms shall be considered one dwelling unit. Parking shall be calculated as identified in Article 6—Off-Street Parking, Section 3—Required off-street parking spaces, Paragraph 3.1—Schedule of requirements.
107	(g)	Customary home occupations, provided that:
108		i. No display of products, goods and/or signs shall be visible from the street.

Garden house, tool house, playhouse, greenhouse or pool incidental to the residential

iii. Nonresident assistants or co-workers shall be prohibited.

residents that reside therein.

iv. Such home occupation shall not occupy more than 30 percent of the area of one floor in the principal building.

Such home occupation shall be incidental and secondary to the residential use of

the premises and shall be conducted in the principal building by the resident or

v. There shall be no exterior effect such as noise, traffic, odor, dust, smoke, gas, fumes, radiation, or electromagnetic interference.

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- 1.16 [1.2] *Site development plan approval.* Site development plan approval in accordance with article 10, section 2 hereof shall be required prior to the issuance of building permits for the erection
- or enlargement of all structures and related accessory structures. Such approval shall also be
- required prior to the issuance of certificates of occupancy for a change of use.
- 1.17 [1.3] Performance standards. All uses are subject to performance standards as set forth in
- article 5, section 8.1.
- 123 1.18 [1.4] [Closed zone.] Zone R-7 is a closed zone in accordance with article 10, section 5.19.
- 1.19 [1.5] [Signs.] Signs shall meet the regulations found in article 5, section 4, supplementary
- sign regulations.

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- 126 (Ord. of 1-8-1979; Ord. of 5-14-1990; Ord. of 12-14-1992(2); Ord. of 7-10-2000; Ord. of 2-12-2001;
- 127 Ord. No. 2009-12, 9-14-2009; Ord. No. 2011-21, 10-10-2011; Ord. No. 2016-01, 4-11-2016)

128 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:**

- 129 That Appendix B Zoning, Article 3 District Regulations, Section 10 Institutional and Office Zone
- of the Dover Code be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text
- indicated in red strikeout as follows:
- 133 Section 10. Institutional and office zone (IO).
- 135 10.1 *Uses permitted.* In an institutional and office zone (IO), no building or premises shall be used, and no building or part of a building shall be erected, which is arranged, intended, or designed to be used, in whole or in part, for any purpose, except the following:
 - (a) Business, professional, or governmental offices.
- 139 (b) Banks.
- 140 (c) Research, design, and development laboratories.
- 141 (d) Public and institutional uses including hospitals, medical clinics, libraries, police stations, 142 courthouses, transit centers, schools, colleges, universities, places of public assembly, 143 philanthropic and charitable institutions, parks, playgrounds, public indoor recreation 144 centers, athletic fields.
 - (e) Public utility rights-of-way and structures necessary to serve areas within the city.
 - (f) Child Day care centers, provided they are established in accordance with all applicable state regulations pertaining to child care and provided that they are established and maintained in accordance with article 5, section 14 of this ordinance.
 - (g) Emergency shelters and transitional housing.
- 150 (h) Adult day care facilities provided they are established in accordance with all applicable state regulations pertaining to adult care and provided that they are established and maintained in accordance with article 5, section 22 of this ordinance.

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- 153 10.2 *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permitted, conditional upon the approval of the planning commission in accordance with the procedures and subject to the general conditions set forth in article 10, section 1:
 - (a) Firearm ranges, prisons, and correctional facilities.
- 157 (b) Public incinerators.
 - (c) Hotels and restaurants.
- 159 10.3 Accessory uses. The following uses shall be permitted accessory to other permitted uses on a lot.
- 161 (a) Clinics, cafeterias, and recreational facilities.
 - (b) Motor vehicle storage and repair facilities accessory to a public or institutional use.
 - (c) Restaurants that are on a campus and intended to support users of the campus.
- 164 10.4 Uses prohibited. The following uses are prohibited:
- 165 (a) Landfills, dumps.
- 10.5 *Enclosed buildings*. All permitted uses and all storage accessory thereto, other than offstreet parking, shall be carried on in buildings fully enclosed on all sides, except for outdoor eating areas associated with restaurants approved by the city planner.
- 169 10.6 *Performance standards*. All uses are subject to performance standards as set forth in article 5, section 8.1.
- 171 10.7 Site development plan approval. Site development plan approval in accordance with article 172 10, section 2 hereof shall be required prior to the issuance of building permits for the erection or
- enlargement of all structures and prior to the issuance of certificates of occupancy for any change of
- 174 use.

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- 175 (Ord. of 10-24-1983; Ord. of 12-14-1992; Ord. of 7-12-1993, § 7; Ord. of 4-25-1994; Ord. of 10-12-
- 176 1998; Ord. of 7-10-2000; Ord. of 2-12-2001; Ord. of 4-23-2007(1); Ord. of 4-23-2007(2); Ord. No.
- 177 2014-08, 7-14-2014)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

- That Appendix B Zoning, Article 5 Supplementary Regulations, Section 14 Day Care Facilities of the Dover Code be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:
- 185 Section 14. Child Delay care facilities.
- 14.1 *General.* In order to promote the development of quality child care outside of the home (day care facilities), the following two basic assumptions have been made:
- 190 14.11 The establishment of **child** day care services and facilities, wherever there is a need, is a

191 necessary public objective; and

14.12 Day care programs **for children** shall be treated as community facilities and shall be permitted to locate in any zoning district, provided that need has been demonstrated, state licensing requirements have been met and no physical hazard to children can be reasonably anticipated.

14.2 Definitions.

Child Day care facility. For the purposes of this ordinance, the facilities described furnishing care, supervision and guidance of a child or group of children unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, for periods of less than 24 hours per day shall be defined as follows:

14.21 Child Day care center.

- (a) Any place, other than an occupied residence, which receives children for compensation for day care or large family day care home; and
- (b) Any occupied residence which receives 13 or more children for compensation for day care.

Child Dday care centers shall be required to obtain conditional use approval by the planning commission in accordance with the procedures and subject to the general conditions set forth in article 10 and to any specified requirement set forth in subsection 14.3 below, except in zoning districts where listed as a permitted use.

- 14.22 Family day care home-children. An occupied residence in which a person provides care for children other than his/her own family and the children of close relatives for compensation. Such care in a family day care home is limited to that care given to six or fewer children with a maximum of three children allowed for after school care. Such child care facility shall be permitted as an accessory use in all residential zones and shall be exempt from obtaining a conditional use permit and site plan approval.
- 14.23 Large family day care home-children. A facility which provides child care for more than six, but less than 13 children with a maximum of three children allowed for after school care. This care may be offered in a private home or in a property converted to the purpose of providing child day care. This form of day care facility requires the submission of a site plan application in accordance with the procedures and subject to article 10, section 2 of the zoning ordinance. If a large family day care home is not to be located in an occupied residence, then a conditional use site plan application shall be required in accordance with article 10 section 1 of the zoning ordinance.

14.3 Zoning criteria.

14.31 *Number of children*. Day care centers shall be limited to a maximum of 50 children in all residential zones.

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238	14.32 Outdoor play area. Must meet the state requirement for day care centers.
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240	14.33 Off-street parking/loading. One space per each adult attendant, plus one space for every
241	ten children.
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243	14.34 Signs in all residential zones. Signage shall be limited as follows: Signage for child day
244	care facilities
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246	(a) Signs in residential zones.
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248	(a) i. Family day care homes-children and large family day care homes-children. One
249	wall-mounted sign limited to two square feet.
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251	(b) ii. Child Dday care center. One sign, wall-mounted or freestanding, limited in area
252	to 12 square feet. The planning commission shall consider the location of such sign as part of the
253	conditional use review and may approve a lesser amount of sign area if deemed necessary by the
254	commission to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the public in general and the residents of
255	the immediate neighborhood in particular.
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257	(b) Signs in nonresidential zones. Child Dday care centers within nonresidential zoning
258	districts shall be governed by the sign regulations in effect for the particular
259	nonresidential zoning district in which the day care center is located.
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261	14.35 Licensing requirements. Child Day care facilities must meet state licensing standards,
262 263	and a license from the state shall be submitted to the department of planning and inspections
263 264	prior to the issuance of and must be inspected by the City of Dover Fire Marshal's Office. A City of Dover Business License and a Public Occupancy Permit is required.
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266	(Ord. of 5-14-1990; Ord. of 4-25-1994; Ord. of 4-23-2007(3))
267	(Old. 01 3-14-1770, Old. 01 4-23-1774, Old. 01 4-23-2007(3))
267 268	Editor's note— The subsections of this section have been numbered by the editor to retain format.
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270	BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:
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272	That Appendix B – Zoning, Article 5 – Supplementary Regulations of the Dover Code be amended by
273	inserting a new Section 22 – Adult Day Care Facilities, as follows:
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275	Section 22. – Adult day care facilities
276	Adult day care facilities shall be permitted to locate in any zoning district provided that state
277	licensing requirements have been met and such facilities are subject to the following
278	requirements:
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280	22.1 Definitions

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281 Adult day care facilities apply to any program that provides health, social and related support 282 services for four or more functionally impaired adults who requires supervision due to cognitive or physical impairment or who cannot independently perform one or more activities 283 284 of daily living. These services are provided to adults for a period of less than 12 hours during the day and are provided in a setting other than a participant's home or the residence of the 285 286 facility operator. Small adult day care facility. A facility that provides services for four adult participants but 287 less than 16 adult participants. 288 289 Large adult day care facility. A facility that provides services for 16 or more adult participants. 290 22.2 Review Process (a) Adult day care facilities are permitted as accessory uses to existing facilities that provide 291 services to adult participants. 292 (b) Residential zones. A conditional use site plan application shall be required in accordance 293 294 with Appendix B-Zoning, Article 10-Planning Commission section 1 for adult day care facilities in residential zones. 295 296 (c) Non-residential zones. Site development plan approval in accordance with Appendix B-Zoning, article 10, 297 section 2 hereof shall be required for small adult day care facilities. 298 299 A conditional use site plan application shall be required in accordance with ii. Appendix B-Zoning, article 10 section 1 for large adult day care facilities. 300 22.3 Zoning criteria 301 22.31 Off-street parking. One space per each adult attendant, plus one space for every four 302 303 adult participants. 304 22.32 Signage for adult day care facilities 305 Signage in a residential zone. One sign, wall-mounted or freestanding, limited in (a) area to 12 square feet. The planning commission shall consider the location of such 306 sign as part of the conditional use review and may approve a lesser amount of sign 307 area if deemed necessary by the commission to protect the general health, safety and 308 309 welfare of the public in general and the residents of the immediate neighborhood in particular. 310 311 312 Signs in nonresidential zones. Adult day care facilities within nonresidential zoning (b) districts shall be governed by the sign regulations in effect for the particular 313 314 nonresidential zoning district in which the day care facility is located.

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22.33 Licensing requirements. Adult day care facilities must meet state licensing standards
 and must be inspected by the City of Dover Fire Marshal's Office. A City of Dover Business
 License and a Public Occupancy Permit are required.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

That Appendix B - Zoning, Article 12 – Definitions of the Dover Code be amended by inserting the following new definition in its correct alphabetical order:

Adult day care facilities: Apply to any program that provides health, social and related support services for four or more functionally impaired adults who require supervision due to cognitive or physical impairment or who cannot independently perform one or more activities of daily living. These services are provided to adults for a period of less than 12 hours during the day and are provided in a setting other than a participant's home or the residence of the facility operator.

- (a) Small adult day care facility: A facility that provides services for four adult participants but less than 16 adult participants.
- (b) Large adult day care facility: A facility that provides services for 16 or more adult participants.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

That Appendix B - Zoning, Article 12 – Definitions – Day care facility of the Dover Code be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:

Day care facility: For the purposes of this ordinance, the facilities described furnishing care, supervision and guidance of a child or group of children unaccompanied by [a] parent or guardian for periods of less than 24 hours per day shall be defined as follows:

Child Day care facility: For the purposes of this ordinance, the facilities described furnishing care, supervision and guidance of a child or group of children unaccompanied by a parent or guardian for periods of less than 24 hours per day shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Child Dday care center:
 - i. Any place, other than an occupied residence, which receives children for day care or large family day care home; and
 - ii. Any place, including an occupied residence, which receives 13 or more children for day care.
- (b) Family day care home-children: An occupied residence in which a person provides day care for children other than his/her own family and the children of close relatives. Such care in a family day care home is limited to that care given to six or fewer children with a maximum of three children allowed for after school care. Such child care shall be permitted as an accessory use in all residential zones and shall be exempt from obtaining a conditional use permit and site plan approval.
- (c) *Large family day care home-children:* A facility which provides child care for more than six, but less than 13 children with a maximum of three children allowed for after school care. This care may be offered in a private home or in a property converted to the purpose of providing child day care.

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ADOPTED: **SYNOPSIS** The proposed ordinance Article 5 section 22 will be a new section added to the Zoning Ordinance to allow Adult day care facilities to be permitted in any zoning district provided that state licensing and city code requirements have been met. The proposed amendment under Article 5 section 14 of the Zoning Ordinance are revisions to the existing ordinance that identifies Child day care facilities. Other amendments revise references and definitions pertaining to these uses. (SPONSORS: NEIL AND HUGG) **Actions History:** 09/25/17 - Scheduled for Introduction - Council Committee of the Whole/Legislative, Finance, and **Administration Committee** S:\ClerksOffice\Ordinances\BLOCKS\Ordinance.wpd

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Children Rushed to Hospital Following Delaware School Bus Accident

By Kelly Bayliss



School bus crashes into a light pole in a Delaware middle school parking lot injuring 11 students Tuesday morning. NBC10's Jesse Gary has the story. (Published Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014)



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Exclusive Pre-Bay Atlantic Symphony Concert Performance



26 Years of 'Kid Summit' Continues Saturday



Pennsylvania Sept 11 Memorials Across the Region

Several children were rushed to a Delaware Hospital following a school bus crash in the parking lot of a middle school in New Castle County Tuesday morning.

Eleven of the 24 students from Shue-Medill Middle School were taken to Alfred I. duPont Hospital after their school bus crashed into a pole just around 7:10 a.m. in the school's parking lot, according to the Christina School District's Facebook page.

All of the children were taken to duPont with minor injuries, said police.

The bus driver, Arlene Holden, also suffered minor injuries, said Delaware State Police.

TRENDING STORIES

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School Bus Safety

4/6/2017



Millions of children rely on school buses to transport them to and from school a related activities.

This form of transportation is very safe. On average, only six passengers die e school bus crashes. In comparison, each year approximately 2,000 children ar motor vehicle crashes.

The federal government has established 35 safety standards to help ensure safe school bus transportation are free to pass even stricter regulations. One area still up for debate is that of occupant protection on sch Although safety belts provide excellent protection in passenger vehicles, the effectiveness of safety belts c is unknown because the effectiveness depends upon the type of restraint, how it is used and the type of c

In 2008, NHTSA announced a rule change to FMVSS 222, which now requires new school buses of 10,00 less to have lap-shoulder belts in lieu of the lap belts currently required. The rule also requires increasing seat backs from 20 inches to 24 inches and allows states or local jurisdictions to decide whether to install larger school buses (over 10,000 pounds). Arkansas, California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York have passed some variation of a seat belt law for school buses but funding has not been appropriated in a 2017, at least 29 states have introduced bills that would address seat belts on school buses.

On November 8, 2015, NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind declared that "NHTSA's policy is that eve should have a three-point seat belt," and indicated that "NHTSA will seek to use all the tools at our disposachieve that goal..."

Publications

Traffic Safety Trends: State Legislative Action 2016, April 2017 by Anne Teigen, Amanda Essex and Shinkle.

School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Laws, Updated December 12, 2016.

- Should School Buses have Seat Belts? June 2016 by Amanda Essex
- Traffic Safety Trends: State Legislative Action 2015, February 2016 by Anne Teigen, Douglas Shinkle and Amanda Essex.
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- Traffic Safety and Public Health: State Legislative Action, 2011, No. 36, February 2012, by Anne Tei Douglas Shinkle.
- Transportation Review: School Bus Safety, August 2012 by Crystal Cook and Douglas Shinkle.

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Additional Resources

- NCSL/NHTSA Traffic Safety Legislation Database
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- National Transportation Safety Board
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's School Buses site.
- Report on bus crashworthiness from the National Transportation Safety Board.
- National School Transportation Association
- School Transportation News
- School Bus Fleet Magazine
- National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services
- National Safety Council
- National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)
- Bellwether Education Partners, Miles to Go: Bringing School Transportation into the 21st Century (N

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Each year the City Council develops priorities for road improvements to be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation and the Dover/Kent MPO for consideration in the department's Capital Transportation Plan (CTP). The priorities below reflect current development patterns and the recommendations of related studies and plans, such as the Dover Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Plan and the Delaware Route 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study. Projects have been re-prioritized as appropriate.

- 1. Sidewalks within the walk zone of the new Dover High School Dover High School is entering its fourth school year and critical gaps in the sidewalk system remain, including along Mifflin Road and along Route 8 on the south side from Mifflin Road west. This project also addresses the continuation of the Senator Bikeway. The City is very concerned about public safety in this area and believes it deserves to be included in the CTP and funded at the earliest opportunity.
- 2. **Kenton Road Corridor Upgrades** this project includes road improvements and sidewalks to improve traffic flow and bicycle/pedestrian safety. It is critical to improving the approach to the City from the northwest where new residential areas within and outside the City are being built. This segment also lacks sidewalks. It is CTP priority #70
- 3. Loockerman Street/Forest Street Intersection this project is in the CTP as priority #60. It has been a priority of the City to help spur redevelopment activities in the downtown while also improving traffic circulation and safety. It was identified as an improvement needed through the Restoring Central Dover Study and the West Side Redevelopment Study conducted in 2001. It is also complementary to the recommendations of the Capital Gateway Study addressing the Forest Street/Route 8 corridor.
- 4. Crawford Carroll Avenue Extension this project has been moved up in the City's priority list (from #8 last year) to reflect the continuing growth of Delaware State University, commercial development in the area, and future development possibilities involving the Dover Mall and adjoining properties. It would provide access from the DSU Learning and Living Commons facility and the main campus as an alternate to using US 13. The 2008 Comprehensive plan identified the need to link educational facilities of Del Tech and DSU. This project is included in the CTP as priority #47.

- 5. **North US 13 Service Road** this project would create a service road parallel to US 13 from Leipsic Road to Scarborough Road, providing economic benefits to the Dover Mall and proposed adjacent commercial complex. This project is in the CTP as SR 1/Scarborough Road C-D roads at priority #100 and is part of the US Route 13 Circulation Study.
- 6. **College Road Corridor Upgrades (Kenton Road to McKee Road)** this project in in the CTP as priority #77 and includes road improvements and sidewalks in this heavily traveled corridor. It is a key east-west linkage of northwest residential areas to commercial corridors and DSU.
- 7. **Kings Highway/Route 13 Intersection Improvements** The intersection of Kings Highway/ White Oak Road and US 13 needs improvements to meet an acceptable level of service. Extensive new commercial development is planned south of the intersection which will add traffic and access burdens on these roads. The intersection project is not in the CTP.
- 8. **Route 8/Hazelettville Road Connector** this is a north/south access road that was identified in the Route 8 Concept Plan and Operations Study. With the construction of the new Dover High School this project is important to providing access to the school without over burdening other roads in the area. A portion of this corridor exists as Dover High Drive. This project is not in the CTP.
- 9. **US 13 Service Road Corridor** the construction of service roads along US13 continues to be a priority to alleviate congestion on US 13, several segments of which are included in the CTP. This project is not in the CTP.
- 10. US 13 Sidewalk Construction construction of multi-use paths along US 13 continues to be a priority. Construction of sidewalks is required when properties are developed or redeveloped, but significant sections of the sidewalk system are either in deteriorated condition or missing. This project is not in the CTP.
- 11. West Street Improvements from North Street to the Transit Center this project is along the western edge of the Downtown Development Distract and would improve traffic flow, safety and access to the transit system serving the Downtown and the City, and provides an opportunity for multi-modal linkages to be established. It is an added City priority and is in the CTP as Priority #71.
- 12. Route 8 East/West Corridor Plan Improvements the Route 8 Corridor Study identified a number of improvements along the Route 8 corridor that would improve safety, better manage access, reduce congestion and provide improved traffic flow. While improvements complementary to this corridor (West Dover Connector and Senator Bikeway, for example) address north/south movements, continued development on the west side of the City impact the capacity and operation of this roadway. This project is not in the CTP.
- 13. **Garrison Oak Connector Road** this project was moved down in the priority list reflecting completion of a recent study (Garrison Oak Traffic Study) that indicated that road is not justified at this time, based on the current uses and potential continued development in the Garrison Oak Technical Park. An alignment study to determine the feasibility and location of a future road might be justified. As additional development occurs in the park its priority may be revised as appropriate. It is not in the CTP.