

Lewes OKs Canalfront Park agreement; use coordinated

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An agreement and protocol to ensure coordinated use of the Lewes Canalfront Park has been unanimously approved by Lewes Mayor and City Council.

The agreement, approved at the April 11 monthly meeting, is between the city, the Greater Lewes Foundation and Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park.

The Greater Lewes Foundation encourages and facilitates philanthropy and leadership, and serves as fiduciary of money raised for the park. The foundation established Friends of the Canalfront Park as a charitable fund and affiliated volunteer organization to support operation and programming activities at the park. The agreement defines the mutual roles and responsibilities of the foundation, friends

and city in operating and maintaining the park and for creating and scheduling programs and events. Through its Parks and Recreation Commission, the city has final responsibility for operation of the park and its facilities. Canalfront Park Marina's dock master is under supervision of the city manager. The dock master is responsible for operation and maintenance of the marina.

The friends group, through its volunteer members, will provide staffing to promote and support park operation in activities such as welcoming visitors and promoting use of the park through interaction with community organizations. The city, through its parks commission, agrees to maintain and enhance the park through contractual services and city staff, including grounds, the Net House building, restrooms and marina. The Greater Lewes

Foundation through its Canalfront Park Endowment Maintenance Fund will annually provide the city 5 percent of the fund to supplement city costs related to park maintenance.

The foundation would also pay for repair or replacement of specific items in the park such as brass plaques on benches; rocks and pavers beside trees and rain gardens; plaques inlaid into decking and the tide clock. The foundation is not financially responsible for normal wear and tear of park components such as benches, ramps, platforms and shade arbors.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission establishes park uses and reviews and implements programs suggested by the friends, subject to approval by the commission and Mayor and City Council. The friends panel will identify programs, in-

cluding the need for new items, events and activities for the park that are beneficial to citizens and park visitors. The friends will also develop proposals for fundraising events to pay for proposed programs. The city agrees to tell the friends and foundation of any concerns or objections regarding proposals. Once facilities events and activities are reviewed by the city and foundation, the friends will raise money

and independently or in collaboration with the city or other organization, produce the event or activity. Any construction, repair or installation activity will be overseen and managed by the city. If an event or activity generates money, the net revenue will be deposited in the Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park Fund or the Greater Lewes Foundation Park Endowment Maintenance Fund.

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be celebrated at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 20, at St. Jude The Apostle Church, Lewes, where friends may visit beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 21. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes.

Contributions may be made to The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Jude The Apostle Church, 152

Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958.

Betty Louise Piper, CHEER volunteer

Betty Louise Piper, 80, of Lewes, died Monday, April 18, 2011, at her home. She was born July 8, 1930, in Chambersburg, Pa., the daughter of Merle and Helen Bailey Biestch. Betty loved cooking, doing puzzles and knitting. She had also been a volunteer at the CHEER Center in Lewes. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her

husband, Glenn W. Piper Sr. She is survived by three children, Glenn W. Piper Jr. and Michael Piper, both of Lewes, and Debbie Clark of Rehoboth Beach; three grandchildren John, Kenneth and Brittany; and five siblings, Doug, Larry, Nancy, Linda, and Pat.

Services will be private. Arrangement were by Fleischer Funeral Home.

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