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Ladybug Music Festival closing after 13 years



The Ladybug Music Festival brought thousands of guests to downtown Wilmington over the years. Unless a buyer steps in, the festival has seen its final days. WILLIAM BRETZGER/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL FILE

Hopes to salvage event hinge on finding new owner

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Delaware News Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Delaware has said goodbye to beloved festivals including Firefly and the Bob Marley-inspired People’s Festival in recent years, and now the Ladybug Music Festival is joining that list after 13 years in Wilmington.

Gayle Dillman, co-founder of Ladybug and Gable Music Ventures, announced her retirement Oct. 1, signaling the end of the long-running event.

Still, there’s a chance Ladybug could live on if a business steps in to purchase it.

Launched in 2012, Ladybug was Dillman’s biggest accomplishment with Gable: a free festival devoted to featuring 100% female-fronted acts. Dillman has put out feelers and is hopeful another business steps up to

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The Ladybug Music Festival attracted an estimated 12,000 to Wilmington in 2018. After starting in 2012, the festival organizers say they’re retiring the event after 2025 unless a new business wants to purchase it. DOUG CURRAN/SPECIAL TO DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL

Mortgage swings drive fall trends in DE housing

Market cools as homes linger; prices slide despite Fed cut

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Trends in home sales this fall, both new construction and existing homes, depend on mortgage rates, according to national associations representing those industries.

But in a frustrating turn, despite the Federal Reserve’s cutting the short-term interest rate on Sept. 17, mortgage rates actually rose.

Before looking at what’s affecting mortgages, here’s a look at trends for existing home sales, not new construction, in Delaware, from Scott Farnan, president of the Delaware Association of Realtors.

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Former Bethany Beach police chief to appeal prison sentence

Defense stresses past service and reputation in federal court filing

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The former chief of Bethany Beach police will appeal his prison sentence handed down earlier this month.

Michael Redmon filed notice with Delaware’s federal court this past week that he intends to appeal his prison sentence imposed for overtime fraud committed during the final years of his two-decade tenure as

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