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Beekeepers open hives and brace for losses



Dan Borkoski, research apiary technician at the University of Delaware, prepares a bee smoker.

In a good year, about 70-75% of bees survive winter

Ellie Hintz
 Special to Delaware News Journal

On a cool April afternoon, Dan Borkoski lifts a cinder block from a painted beehive and opens it for the first time since November.

Bees pour out as he raises a panel, and a sweet smell fills the air, like banana Laffy Taffy. The University of Delaware apiary technician watches closely, hoping for a lively hive but bracing for what a particularly cold winter may have left behind.

“In the dead of winter, you’re kind of just waiting and hoping that all your hard work paid off,” said Borkoski, who has managed the 60 hives with up to 100,000 individual bees since 2017. The hives are used for teaching, research and small-scale honey production.

Even bees can’t escape spring cleaning.

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Honey bees cover a hive frame during a spring inspection at the University of Delaware apiary in Newark on April 3.

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Appo, Red Clay voters shook up school boards

Many sought to replace leaders who had been in place for years

Kelly Powers
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Delaware voters chose to overhaul some of their school boards this election.

New Castle County districts in particular not only commanded the highest turnout on May 12 – at over 10,800 votes cast – but many voters also sought to shake up leadership in place for years.

Overall, just over 12,500 Delaware votes were cast in these contests, according to now-official results from the Delaware Department of Elections. That’s about a 19% dip from votes clocked in 2025, though that year hosted about five more races. Only about a third of the the seats up for election this year saw competition.

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Creative Hub wants to uplift local art scene

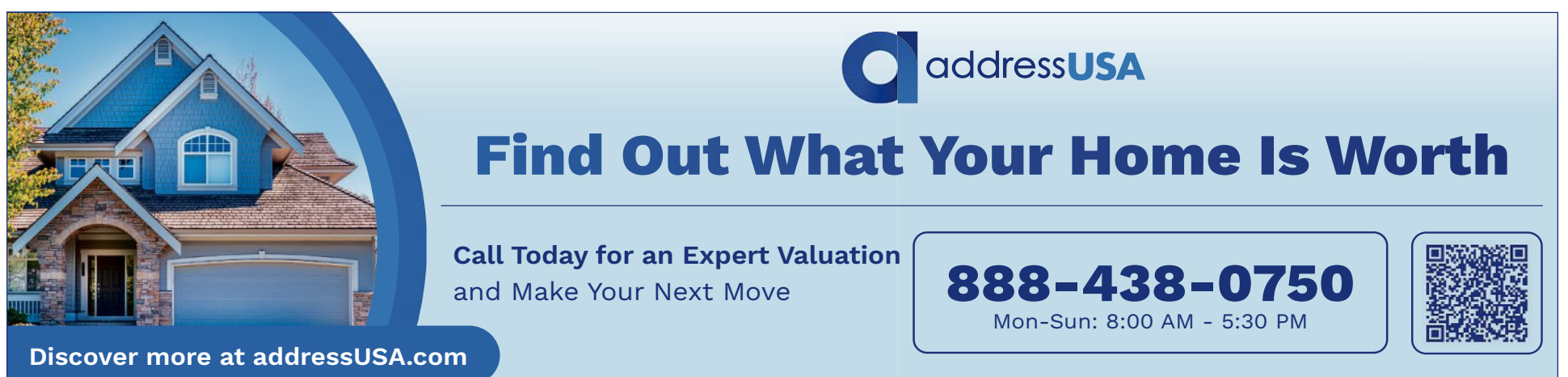
Building a community can be difficult without dedicated space

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For years, Wilmington artist and community advocate Vanity Constance has believed the city’s West Side needs a shared space where artists can connect, showcase their work and support one another’s careers.

Plenty of artists live and work in the neighborhood, Constance said, but without a dedicated space, finding each other – and building a community – can

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