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**LOCAL TALK
NEWARK
Celebrates
4th
Anniversary**

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**Bridge Demolition
Among Newark
Light Rail Changes**

NEWARK : The Davenport Avenue pedestrian bridge's demolition and repairs to a Washington Street stairway are the latest changes New Jersey Transit's Newark Light Rail Line riders will be facing Nov. 28 - Dec. 16.

Two NJTransit.com advisories and notices along NLR's 14 stations here plus Belleville and Bloomfield are asking its 18,000 daily riders to anticipate access platform boarding and substitute bus service during work on the two otherwise separate projects.

Davenport Avenue Station itself will be closed between 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and noon Dec. 4 and 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 11 so that its overhead pedestrian bridge can be removed. That bridge, which connects the Davenport inbound platform side with the outbound Branch Brook Park side, has been closed for at least six months.

The station, about midway between Branch Brook Park and Bloomfield Avenue, will be bypassed. Shuttle buses will be used between Davenport Avenue and Branch Brook Park 8 p.m. - noon Dec. 3-4 and between Davenport and Bloomfield avenues 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 11.

Washington Avenue Station users will meanwhile find their University Avenue stairway to the inbound platform closed for repairs Nov. 28 - Dec. 16. Inbound riders are advised to use the stairway nearest Washington Avenue and Raymond Boulevard.

Both the Washington and Davenport stations are part of the original 11 stop Newark City Subway, which opened on the old Morris Canal bed May 26, 1935. NJTransit has since extended the line to Grove Street, Bloomfield June 21, 2002 and added the Broad Street Extension July 17, 2006.

NLR riders have had substitute bus service, platform changes and/

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or schedule adjustments during those above two construction periods plus shorter-term track and station maintenance.

Their last major riding change came during when Military Park Station was used as a "Batman" movie location Nov. 4. NRL "Main Line" stations between Orange Street and Newark Penn Station plus the entire BSE were closed 4:20 a.m. Nov. 3-1 a.m. Nov. 5. Substitute buses were provided.

Davenport Avenue, like Centre Street/NJPAC Station on the BSE, has no direct bus transfer or connection. That lack of standing alternatives has also prompted NJTransit to make the following changes.

- 8 p.m. Dec. 3 - noon Dec. 4:

ALL NLR trains will arrive on Bloomfield Avenue's outbound platform. These trains will be on a Sunday schedule modified to depart from Broad Street six minutes later and from Grove Street 10 minutes earlier.

Substitute Davenport-Branch Brook buses are to run every 20 minutes 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Dec. 3 and every 25 minutes 5 a.m.-noon Dec. 4.

- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 11:

The 10 min. earlier from Grove Street and six minutes later from Broad Street modified schedule will be in effect.

There will be NO OUTBOUND Davenport-Branch Brook Service. Riders are asked to consider riding buses on the Nos. 27-29, 34 and 72 routes.

Contact njtransit.com or (973) 275-5555 for details.

**NPL Director Boyd
(1939-2011)**

NEWARK : Dr. Alexander Boyd is receiving his farewells here at the Newark Public Library even though

the former library director's family is holding a private graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo, Mich. Nov. 25.

Library Director Wilma J. Grey, upon hearing of her predecessor's Oct. 25 passing, instructed her staff to build a tribute here at the Main Library's lobby. That display, similar to the one given for Newark City Historian Charles Cummings in 2005-06, includes Boyd's portrait and obituary under a glass case and mourning bunting.

That memorial was still in place as of 8:15 p.m. Nov. 17. Grey, who was on her way back to her office after a Harlem Book Fair in Centennial Hall, paused for a moment by the case.

Family members, in a statement forwarded by the Harper Funeral Home, said that Boyd had died at Kalamazoo's Borgess Hospital. Boyd, who had officially retired after 16 years' service Dec. 31, 2004, received a tribute dinner Nov. 10, 2004 at Nanina's in the Park in the Belleville part of Branch Brook Park.

Dock Alexander Boyd, who arrived in this world Oct. 5, 1939 at Williston, S.C., was the first born of Octoria Milligan Boyd and Alexander Boyd's seven children. The three-year USAF service member graduated from the University of Illinois-Urbana with a Bachelor of Arts in English teaching. He would receive his Masters of Library Science there in 1968 and a doctorate from Rutgers' School of Communications, Information and Library Science in 1980.

Boyd, prior to his doctorate, was an associate professor in the University of Alabama and the editor of the "Guide to Multicultural Resources." Dr. Boyd was the Chicago Public Library's Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Development 1984-1988 before accepting the call to become NPL's ninth director.

"When I arrived to become the director of New Jersey's largest municipal public library," said Dr. Boyd in his September 2004 NPL "The Second Century" column, "I found Newark to be a warm and welcoming place."

Dr. Boyd, upon his November, 1988 arrival, launched a modernization campaign for the library system's

10 branches. Each of the branches received a structural facelift and new information technology.

That work included rehabilitating two of the Main Library's floors. Dr. Boyd, with consent of the NPL Board of Trustees, established a \$70 million renovation plan which was underway when he retired.

A NPL foundation and a fundraising plan were established during Dr. Boyd tenure. He was able to attract in 1998, for example, \$180,000 from the Prudential Foundation to return Saturday hours to the district's branches. The Newark Public Schools, at the same time, chipped in \$230,000 to provide materials related to the New Jersey Department of Education's new Core Content Curriculum Standards.

Dr. Boyd was described in the September 2004 "Second Century" as a personable and "a hands-on" director. The periodical's editor described his work, including outreaching to the community, as second only to the legendary John Cotton Dana in contributing to the library. Dana (1856-1929), as second NPL director, spent the last 17 years of his life pioneering open circulation stacks, children's libraries, holding materials in multiple languages, establishing various satellite branches and founding the Newark Museum.

Mayor Sharpe James appointed Dr. Boyd to be co-chair of the NJPAC Special Events Committee. Dr. Boyd served on the executive boards of the Essex-Hudson Regional Library Cooperative, Infolink, the Eastern New Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, the Library Network Review Board and the State Librarian Search Committee. He was a member of the NAACP, Urban League and the Public Library Association.

Dr. Boyd's mother and sister Helen LuJean Williams predeceased him. Father Alexander Boyd, brothers Stanley and Tyron Boyd; sisters Katherine Ross Scott, Creola Buchanan and Barbara Ann Windgate and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and grandnephews are among his survivors.

Condolences may be sent to 640 Bosker Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

MAYORS STAND IN OPPOSITION OF NJ STATE SUPREME COURT'S HIRING MEASURE

The NJ League of Municipalities passed a resolution calling for a change in a recent NJ Supreme Court rule governing the hiring process for municipal court administrators in New Jersey. The resolution was sponsored by Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., Mayor of Orange; Daniel J. Reiman, Mayor of Carteret and Wayne Smith, Mayor of Irvington.

The resolution calls the Court's move unconstitutional, calls for the Court to reconsider and amend its action; and calls upon the New Jersey State Legislature to either clarify that the appointments of municipal court administrators are within the sole discretion of

Two Local Mayors Sponsor Resolution Calling for Rule Change

the municipality, or direct the Judiciary to fund the Municipality Courts through their budget.

On September 13, 2011, the New Jersey State Supreme Court adopted amendments to the Rules of Court, specifically R.1:34-3, which deals with the hiring process for municipal court administrators. It altered the process by giving the local State Assignment Judge the discretion to review resumes of the candidates for municipal court administrator.

Under the new rule, a panel consisting of the

municipal court judge, the municipal division manager for the State courts, a municipal court administrator from another town in the area, and two (2) representatives from the municipality who are not members of the police department would interview the candidates. Then, the Assignment Judge could choose to interview the final candidate and would have the authority to approve or reject the selected candidate.

"In the past, appointments of municipal court administrators have always been within the sole discretion

of the municipal governing body." Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., said. "The new rule attempts to override the role of local Mayors, local governing bodies, local voters and taxpayers. It shows a complete disregard for civil service rules and regulations and violates the concept of separation of powers. Neither the U.S. Constitution nor the New Jersey Constitution gives the judicial branch of government the power to intervene in the municipal hiring process. The Court action is an unprecedented power grab. The salaries of local court administrators and other municipal court costs are paid for by local taxpayers. If the State judiciary wants

to hire and fire employees in our court system, then local tax payers and municipalities should not have to foot the bill.

"I am thankful for the co-sponsors of the League's resolution, Mayor Daniel J. Reiman of Carteret and Mayor Wayne Smith of Irvington as they joined with me in rallying the NJ league of Municipalities and mayors throughout the state on this important issue."

"This is a clear usurpation of the traditional executive authority of the mayor," said Bill Dressel, Executive Director of the NJ League of Municipalities. "We encourage the legislature to act quickly to clarify this situation."