State’s seaside communities brace for influx of new hotels

Delaware’s Beachfront Bonanza

Hotel, motel, Holiday Inn?
How about a Home 2 Suites by Hilton or the Belhaven Hotel instead?

Whatever the name, there are nearly a dozen new hotels on deck near the Delaware beaches that are adding to southern Delaware’s building boom.

For beachgoers, it will mean more choices — especially if you factor in rent by owners and other services — and could eventually mean lower room prices, but nobody can be sure.

“I think we’re in the midst of a huge redevelopment cycle for Sussex County in terms of residential population and a huge redevelopment in town city limits of Rehoboth,” said Gene Lankford, who is planning the 40-room Atlantic Crown Hotel and Suites on Baltimore Avenue. “Rehoboth is a small area, we have

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Last day signals finale for students, 3 schools

Christina consolidation plan goes into effect

Kids streamed out of Elbert-Palmer Elementary in Wilmington Tuesday morning as teachers shouted, “We made it!”

A fire engine drove past, sounding a celebratory honk. Teachers and staff, some of whom have worked in the building for nearly 20 years, took group pictures in their blue T-shirts that proclaimed, “What day is it?”

It was the last day of school for this year’s Christina School District students.

It was also the last day of a 90-year tour of duty for the school.

Palmer, along with the city’s Pulaski Elementary, closed Tuesday, as part of a consolidation plan spearheaded by then-John Carney and approved last year.

In the fall, first- through eighth-grade students from the two schools and Stubbs Elementary will be split between Barchett Elementary and Bayard Middle School. Preschool and kindergarten students will then move to Stubbs Elementary, which will also host adult education and different family-support services.

The consolidation is part of the Wilmington Schools Partnership, an agreement between the district and the state to try to improve student achievement in city schools.

This isn’t the first time the schools have been on the chopping block — the district considered a similar move in

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Winterthur Museum purchased an antebellum landscape by an African American painter as part of its efforts to diversify the museum’s massive collection of American art.

“If a museum dedicated to American culture, we have a duty to represent all of these aspects, and not necessarily define it narrowly,” said associate curator, Stephanie Delamaire.

The new painting by Robert S. Duncanson is titled “Short Mountain,” and dates to 1840. Duncanson is a member of the Hudson River School, a mid-19th-century American art movement in New York. He’s considered the foremost African American landscape painter of the 19th century, Winterthur said in a press release.

Delamaire said the painting is the museum’s first acquisition from that school. See PAINTING, Page 6B

“Short Mountain” by Robert Duncanson dates 1853 and is now at the Winterthur Museum of American Culture. COURTESY OF WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDENS AND LIBRARY
These are the 6 best TV dads of all time

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Happy Father’s Day to all the dads out there, even the fictional ones.

The TV dad has been around since the 1950s sitcom goes “to live with his auntie” on the East Dillon Lions football team, a pillar in their chaotic teen years. And though Coach is steadfast, loving and firm, he is not perfect, just like most dads.

“Lights” was able to beautifully show his family flaws as well as his tremendous strengths.

Andy Taylor (Andy Griffith), ‘The Andy Griffith Show’

TV series depict single mothers more often than single dads, making widower Sheriff Andy Taylor an outlier when the series aired in the 1960s. He came to represent the platonic ideal of a TV father, shaping Opie (Ron Howard) into a great kid – and maybe rubbing off on future award-winning director Howard in the process.

Louis Huang (Randall Park), ‘Fresh Off the Boat’

With sensitivity, smarts and impeccable hair, Louis is a wonderful father to Eddie (Hudson Yang), Emery (Forrest Wheeler) and Evan (Ian Chen), never blowing up (not even when Eddie took a sip of beer) but disciplining when he needs to. More than just being a great dad, Louis is a particularly great 90s dad, with all the pleated khaki shorts and print polos he can wear.

Dan Conner (John Goodman), ‘Roseanne’/’The Conners’

The sitcom genre is rife with lazy husbands and nagging wives, making “Roseanne” a revelation in how it portrayed both marriage and parenting. Dan’s character, through Goodman’s performance, helped show a relatable couple as the Conner patriarch took an equal share in parenting and worked hard to keep his family happy and as stable as possible.

Uncle Phil (James Avery), ‘The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air’

As the theme song famously goes, “It’s really public pressure as well as pressures that are brought by do- nors or board members who are increasingly interested in diversifying collections,” McClure said.

The painting is not yet on display.

Winterthur will devote a study day to “Discovering Duncanson” on Dec. 6 so people can see “Short Mountain” and listen to Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw of the National Portrait Gallery and Dr. Martha Jones of John Hopkins University talk about African American life during the antebellum era.

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