

## QUICK TAKES

### A drop-in you shouldn't flee

**I**f you can't spend New Year's Eve in Times Square, visit Eastover at midnight for what is pretty well guaranteed to be the world's first flea-drop.

Artist and Mayor Charles McLaurin wants the town to have its distinctive observance, but reasons that it should be an all-volunteer effort.

"You do something this quirky," he said, "you better not be spending town money."

So McLaurin crafted a 30-pound drop-flea in recognition of Flea Hill itself, a trove of local flea-lore, a drainage district and, not least, a 19th-century township that stretched from the upper reaches of Lock's Creek on the south to the grounds of Old Bluff Church on the north.

Better not mention this to the dogs.

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