



E-NEWSLETTER

January 7, 2016

From The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Even though we are in the middle of the winter season, Sea Isle City is alive with activity. As you no doubt realize, this is when we make our plans for the spring, summer and autumn months, all the while striving to make each year better than the one before. I can assure you that 2016 will be an exceptional year – especially if you like going to the beach. In addition to the large beach replenishment project that strengthened our shoreline with huge amounts of sand in 2015, soon we will be adding even more sand from 1st to 56th Street to supplement the sand that was lost during the October Nor'easter. The Army Corps of Engineers has authorized Sea Isle City to receive nearly 400,000 cubic yards of additional sand, so you can count on our beaches being in prime condition during the approaching summer season.

Another infrastructure effort worth mentioning is a streetscape project currently taking place along Landis Avenue in our downtown business district. When completed, there will be updated sidewalks, lighting and landscaping north to 39th Street and south to 43rd Street – matching what has already been installed along JFK Boulevard and on Landis Avenue immediately adjacent to JFK. This beautification project is being funded by grant money the City recently acquired, and work is scheduled to be completed this spring.

As you may be aware, City Council President Jack Gibson recently made the suggestion to extend Sea Isle's Promenade north to 1st Street and south to Townsend Inlet by creating a gravel pathway along the dunes that would be used by pedestrians and bicyclists alike. With that project in mind, Sea Isle's recently-adopted Capital Plan includes funding to create the proposed pathway, and we also had a preliminary discussion with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding this project. The next step will be to meet with State and Federal representatives at a pre-application meeting to discuss any unforeseen stumbling blocks. In the interim, please keep in mind that even though the proposed Promenade extension would be a wonderful addition to our community, there may be issues that need to be addressed before construction can begin. Naturally, we will keep you updated along the way as this project unfolds.

In response to recent requests received by the Administration to extend the hours of operation at the public school gymnasium on Park Road, we have decided to do just that. Starting later this month, the gym will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Keep in mind that some time slots are earmarked for specific activities in the gym (such as "Walk Away the Pounds" and basketball pick-up games), so please contact the Recreation Office at 609-263-0050 for more details.

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

Two ordinances were introduced during the January 5 City Council meeting. The first was Ordinance 1584, which was created to re-institute Floor Area Ratio (FAR) at .8 in new residential structures. Follow-up comments and second reading of Ordinance 1584 will take place during the next regular City Council meeting on January 26. Ordinance 1585 will provide for the rezoning of a parcel of land owned by the City, with the ultimate goal of constructing a new communications tower – the probable location being the west-end of 63rd Street. A new communications tower is being considered because of the need for increased cellular phone service (especially during the busy summer season). Both ordinances have been forwarded to the Planning Board for its Master Plan consistency review at the meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Also on January 5, the first ten Resolutions of 2016 were approved. Resolution 001 provided for the adoption of the 2016 Temporary Budget, which (as it does each year) allows the City to continue to operate until the permanent 2016 budget is adopted. Resolution 009 authorized the award of a Special Services Contract for architectural renderings, which is a follow-up to the Planning Board's request for zoning changes that would create additional off-street parking in residential zones. The architectural firm will provide sketches of homes that will demonstrate how buildings will physically look with additional off-street parking, thus providing City Council with helpful input prior to adopting an ordinance that addresses residential parking.

During the Pending Business portion of the January 5 meeting, Uber car service was once again discussed. City Council is considering modifying Sea Isle's current ordinance in order to allow residents and visitors to take better advantage of the popular transportation service that Uber provides.

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. inside Council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall – we hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

Council President Jack Gibson (jjgibson@seaislecitynj.us)
John Divney (jdivney@seaislecitynj.us)
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PROJECT UPDATES:

Beach Replenishment:

Refilling of beaches eroded by the early October, 2015 nor'easter has commenced on Ludlam Island, at the north end of Strathmere. It is anticipated that beachfill operations will be completed in Strathmere in the second half of January, and proceed southward from the north end of Sea Isle to 56th St. Beachfill on Ludlam Island should be complete by March.

Utility Reconstruction, 36th & 37th Streets (autumn 2015 construction):

On March 26, 2015 the council awarded a bid to Garden State General Construction in the amount of \$431,353.40 for the utility reconstruction of 36th Street & 37th Street from Cini Street to Landis Avenue. As of this date, work on 36th Street has been completed including 4 new fire hydrants and the excavated area has been patched. 37th Street from Central to Landis – the dewatering has begun and excavation continues. Please be aware of detours in this area. The photo below of 37th Street (between Landis and Central, looking west) was taken on January 5...



Utility Reconstruction, various streets:

On October 27, 2015 the council awarded a bid to RTW Construction of Southampton, New Jersey in the amount of \$744,713 for utility reconstruction at the following locations:

- 47th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade
- 49th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade
- 65th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 65th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue
- 69th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 76th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue

Initial work to install new sanitary main and new water main on 47th is completed. Initial work to install new water main on 49th is completed. Initial work to install new sanitary main on 49th is under way. Once the new water mains pass various testing, work will begin to reconstruct water services and sewer laterals to the individual homes on these streets. The photos below of 49th Street (between Landis and Pleasure, looking east) were taken on January 5...



Bulkhead Construction, 80th Street and 93rd Street:

On August 25, 2015 City Council awarded a contract to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey in the amount of \$199,880 for the construction of bulkheads at the above locations. This project is currently on hold due to availability of materials.

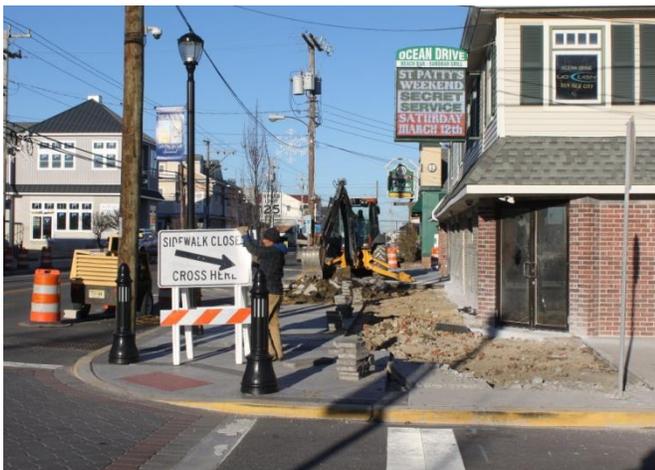
Sea Isle Boulevard (no change from last update):

The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at their May 13, 2014 meeting, awarded a \$12.7 million contract to South State, Inc. for the Sea Isle Boulevard Improvement project that will raise the roadway by approximately 4.5 feet and otherwise reconstruct Sea Isle Boulevard. Traffic has been diverted to the south side of the boulevard; and the contractor has placed fill on the north side of the causeway to an average height of about 6.5 feet, which is 2 feet higher than the eventual height of the completed roadway. The additional 2 feet, which will be removed prior to the next construction phase, is surcharge to compress the underlying layers of soil. The goal is to obtain as much settlement as possible prior to paving on top of the new fill. Now that this initial phase of fill placement is completed, the project will be dormant except for some maintenance activities such as cleaning accumulating sand in the diversionary roadway, and taking measurements to determine the amount of settlement that is occurring.

Motorists are advised to be aware of the revised traffic patterns in the construction zone and the reduced speed limit. There are no activities planned for Sea Isle Boulevard until next spring with the exception of the County Road Department mowing the south side.

Streetscape Improvement on Landis Avenue:

On September 8, 2015 council awarded a bid to Think Pavers Hardscaping of Swedesboro, NJ in the amount of \$796,648.33 for streetscape improvements on Landis Avenue from 43rd Street to 39th Street. This project will include various aspects of beautification which includes new sidewalks, paver crosswalks, traffic striping, lighting, sod, stone mulching, various tree plantings & tree grates, benches and bike racks. The block from JFK to 40th was previously completed as part of the JFK Gateway Project. Work began on the east side of Landis Avenue between 39th and 40th Streets, removing old sidewalks and clearing the site. The electrical contractor is currently installing foundations and electrical conduit for the proposed new street lighting. Work in this block is expected to be completed before the "Polar Bear Plunge" in February. The photos below of Landis Avenue (looking north, in front of the Ocean Drive and The Pour House) were taken on January 5...



Townsend's Inlet Bridge (no change from last update):

The south approach to the Townsend's Inlet Bridge in Avalon is undergoing reconstruction to make the roadway more resilient against damage from future storms. Superstorm Sandy destroyed the roadway and a temporary repair was made to have the roadway reopen to traffic for the 2013 summer tourist season. The County has had to repair this approach roadway three times since 2007 due to damage from waves overtopping the seawall.

The current project consists of constructing a line of steel sheet piling along both edges of pavement and casting a reinforced concrete slab between the sheet piling and incorporating the sheet piling into the concrete. The new concrete roadway will be able to withstand the destructive nature of the overtopping waves unlike the current asphalt pavement. Behind the seawall there will be an area of open graded riprap stone that will permit most of the water from the overtopping waves to drain back through to the ocean instead of over the roadway. The bayside slopes will be reconstructed with riprap stone to protect the roadway and reduce the impact of the waves from the bayside. The project also includes some reconstruction of the south abutment to the Townsend's Inlet Bridge.

The work at the south abutment to the bridge requires the roadway to be closed because the narrow width of the bridge makes it impossible to maintain traffic. **The bridge is currently closed, and is scheduled to remain closed through February 11, 2016 (bridge to be opened for Polar Bear Plunge weekend).** The contractor is working double shifts in order to substantially complete the entire project. Following Polar Bear Plunge weekend, the roadway will remain open, with the possibility of one lane closures for the contractor to complete any required work. In any event, all work will be completed and the roadway fully open by March 15, 2016. By proceeding in the above manner, the project will be able to be completed in one winter season, as opposed to the previous plan which would have required two seasons to complete.

MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION:

During the January 5 City Council meeting, Council introduced Ordinance 1584, which re-institutes Floor Area Ratio (FAR) at .8 in new residential structures. Public hearing, second reading and final vote for Ordinance 1584 will take place during the January 26 City Council meeting. In the interim, the Planning Board will hold a special meeting on January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, where they will discuss the "mixed-use" sections of Sea Isle's Land Use ordinances.

DECEMBER POLICE REPORT:

1. Investigations Conducted: 7
2. Adult Arrests (Criminal, Disorderly Persons, Ordinance, DWI): 5
3. Juvenile Arrests: 0
4. Motor Vehicle Summons Issued:
 - Moving Violations: 38
 - Parking Violations: 4
5. Public Service Calls:
 - Assist Public/Motorist: 11
 - Medical Calls: 17
 - Property Checks: 720
 - Alarms: 23
 - Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 2

Escorts/Relays: 0
Walk-In Complaints: 0
School Bus Escorts: 120
Motor Vehicle Stops: 93
Fingerprint Detail: 0
9-1-1 False Alarms: 10
Lockout Assists: 3
Domestic Violence Calls: 0
Animal Calls: 6
Check Resident's Well Being: 5
Messages Delivered: 1
Investigations: 6
Disturbances: 0
Thefts: 2
Warrants/Subpoenas: 2
Fights: 0
Noise: 3
Fire: 1
Crowd Control: 0
TOTAL: 1,025

6. Code Enforcement Violations: 0

The information above was provided by the Sea Isle City Police Department for December 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

POLAR BEAR PRINCE & PRINCES CONTEST: Friday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., LaCosta Lounge, JFK Boulevard and Landis Avenue (<http://www.seaislechamber.com> or 609-263-9090).

POLAR BEAR KING & QUEEN CONTEST: Friday, February 12, 9:00 p.m., LaCosta Lounge, JFK Boulevard and Landis Avenue (<http://www.lacosta-seaisle.com> or 609-263-3611).

POLAR BEAR COSTUME CONTEST: Saturday, February 13, 12 noon, LaCosta Lounge, JFK Boulevard and Landis Avenue (<http://www.lacosta-seaisle.com> or 609-263-3611).

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE: Saturday, February 13, 2:00 p.m., 40th Street Beach (<http://www.lacosta-seaisle.com> or 609-263-3611).

MIKE'S SEAFOOD POLAR BEAR RUN / WALK FOR AUTISM: Sunday, February 14, 12 noon, JFK Boulevard and the Promenade (<http://www.polarbearrunwalkforautism.com> or 609-602-5734).

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & CELEBRATION: Saturday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. The Parade runs along Landis Avenue from 82nd to 63rd Street. Irish Celebration immediately after the parade at KIX on 63rd Street (<http://www.kixmcnutleys.com> or 609-263-6341).

BOY SCOUT BINGO NIGHT:

Boy Scout Troop 76 – a very active group of young men who support many community efforts – will host their annual Bingo Night on Saturday, January 16, in the Saint Joseph Parish Auditorium, 44th Street and Central Avenue. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the games will begin at 7:00 p.m. As is the case each year, this event will feature terrific prizes, food and plenty of family fun. For more info, please phone 609-425-4371.

EXERCISE CLASSES:

AEROBICS:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m., Welcome Center Community Lodge, \$5 per class or \$40 for ten classes (263-0050).

SIT-AND-BE-FIT FOR SENIORS:

Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:15 p.m., Welcome Center Community Lodge. No fee required; please bring photo i.d. (263-0050).

YOGA:

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center Community Lodge. Fee: \$10 per class (www.nibeachyoga.com or 602-3398).

ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING SCHEDULES:

A.A.R.P. CHAPTER 710: Second Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-1453)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Third Thursday of the month (September to November and March to May), 2:00 p.m., Welcome Center Meeting Room (263-7758 or 263-3914)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 76: Friday evenings, 5:30 p.m., City Hall/Formal Public School Gymnasium 263-5370.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & REVITALIZATION: First Tuesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall (263-9090)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Second Wednesday of the month (March to November), 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue (263-2081)

GARDEN CLUB: First Thursday of the month (March to June and September to December), 7:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-3331).

PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Second Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166)

SEA ISLE CATS INC.: Stop at the Crooked Tail Thrift Shop, 4208 Landis Avenue, for updates on meeting times and dates (609-972-5887)

S.I.C.T.A.: Second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Lodge (263-6817).

S.I.C. SCHOOL BOARD: School Board Meetings take place on varying dates at 7:00 p.m. in the former Public School Building, located at 4501 Park Road. The next School Board Meeting is a Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2016.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB: Every Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Lodge (263-8149).

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: First Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166).

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO:

Curbside trash and recycling collections currently take place once each week on the following streets:

1st to 44th Street = Wednesdays

45th to 70th Street = Mondays

71st to 94th Street = Tuesdays

Don't Forget: The City will not collect carpeting or other construction materials, propane tanks, tires or batteries. Sea Isle City is a Single Stream Recycling Community, which means residents can combine all of their recyclable materials (paper, cans, glass and plastics) in one curbside collection bin. Recycling is not just a good idea...it's the law in Sea Isle City.

Sea Isle City's Trash and Recycling Depot, located next to the Bridge on JFK Boulevard, is open seven days a week (7:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.). The Depot will be closed on holidays (except New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day). The Depot will accept drop-offs of trash and recycling,

however Bulk Trash is not accepted at that location. **Free Refrigerator Magnets** with a complete list of Sea Isle City's year-round trash and recycling information are now available at the Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue, and at the Welcome Center, 300 JFK Boulevard.

For additional information about Sea Isle's trash and recycling regulations, please phone 263-6000, ext.14.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have questions or concerns, there is no need to wait for an upcoming City Council meeting to express your thoughts. You can contact the head of any City Department to obtain the answers you need. For a complete list of contact information, visit our Municipal Website, www.seaislecitynj.us, or phone City Hall at 263-4461.

RECENT PHOTOS:

On December 18, Volunteers in Medicine of Cape May County hosted a Holiday House Tour, which featured eight Sea Isle City properties. One of the featured homes is owned by Chamber of Commerce and Revitalization President Christopher Glancey, shown below next to his Christmas tree with VIM Executive Director Jackie Meiluta, of Sea Isle City...



The VIM Holiday House Tour also included Tony and Tara Kutschera's "Corner Cottage" on Central Avenue, which has a warm, welcoming atmosphere and beautiful décor...



Mike and Barbara Crowley, of Park Road, own one of the oldest houses in Sea Isle City. While in their home, guests enjoyed detailed woodwork, classical styling and many Christmas decorations...



Lisa Mooney on 48th Street (below, at left with VIM's Jackie Meiluta) graciously participated in the Holiday House Tour – much to the delight of tour-takers, who enjoyed her hospitality and creative Christmas decorations. The Fazio family on 64th Street (below, at right) also opened their doors on December 18, and the warm welcome guests received was appreciated by all who crossed their threshold...



At Dennis and Linda Maguire's abode on Central Avenue, guests enjoyed beautiful decorations, a variety of refreshments and cheerful hospitality...



Ray and Donna Poling's elegant beach-front home on 50th Street featured vaulted ceilings, beautiful décor, and eye-catching holiday decorations...



The Trinity Community Church in T. I. was a highlight for many guests on the VIM House Tour. When visitors entered the 1920's church, they were greeted by an abundance of decorations and numerous church supporters, including (below, from left) Joan Duffy, Lynn Andrews, Jeri Musselman, Gerri Nessensohn, and Mae McGarr...



The members of VFW Post 1963 hosted their annual Brunch With Santa on December 20 inside their headquarters on JFK Boulevard, where families enjoyed a festive meal and visits with Saint Nick...



On December 20, volunteers from the Sea Isle Ambulance Corps made their annual visit to Cape Regional Medical Center to spread holiday cheer to patients and hospital staff...



On December 23, Mayor Desiderio and his “elves” packed-up the items that were collected during the Mayor’s 2015 Holiday Toy and Food Drive prior to making deliveries to local families in need...



Sea Isle City's Municipal Alliance Committee and the City's Division of Recreation hosted another successful New Year's Eve celebration for children inside the public school gymnasium on Park Road, where families enjoyed a buffet dinner, activities, dancing with Princess Jasmine, Aladdin and The Genie, and an early "Countdown to Midnight" at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme once again was "New Year's Eve in Egypt" – however, a new theme will be unveiled during next year's celebration...





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