



E-NEWSLETTER

April 28, 2016

From The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Have you seen our beautiful beaches? On April 21, Sea Isle's federally funded Beach Replenishment Project was completed, and the Dredge Illinois stopped pumping sand onto our shoreline. I am very happy to report that our beaches – from 1st Street to Townsend – have never looked better. During this latest beach fill, our shoreline was enhanced with over 900,000 cubic yards of sand as part of refill operations that were undertaken following last fall and winter's nor'easters (all that in addition to the roughly 2 million cubic yards of sand we received during our beach fill in 2015). There's no doubt about it...it's going to be a fantastic summer for beachgoers!

In addition to our beaches being in terrific condition, our downtown business district along Landis Avenue is also looking better than ever. A beautification project in that area, which was funded by a Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program Streetscape Grant through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, has resulted in new sidewalks, paver crosswalks, lighting, trees, benches and bike racks from 39th to 43rd Street. Make sure you check-it-out the next time you're downtown.

On April 21, Sea Isle City Construction Official Neil Byrne and I were invited to Avon-By-The-Sea in Monmouth County, where we spoke with the Monmouth County Community Rating System Users Group (a local organization that specializes in issues related to FEMA's CRS program). During our visit, we talked about Sea Isle's experiences with FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, and we explained the benefits of being a Class 5 Community – including how happy we are that Sea Isle's property owners receive a 25% discount on flood insurance policies, which collectively saves our town \$1.3 million annually. As always, it was a great pleasure to speak about our floodplain management successes; and I am very grateful to our hosts for putting Sea Isle City in the spotlight.

Yesterday I was one of many people who attended the unveiling of the Sea Isle City Historical Society's updated Memorial Gardens, which now have a new layout, a beautiful water feature, new plants, and two new turtle habitats, which will serve as a safe haven for nesting Diamondback Terrapin Turtles. The entire project was the result of a fine team effort that included future Eagle Scout Cameron Day, of Boy Scout Troop 76, who was assisted by Sea Isle's Public Works crew. In addition to the money that Cameron collected on his own for this project, funding was also provided by the Historical Society and Sea Isle's Environmental Commission. In addition to making improvements at the Memorial Garden, our Public Works force is also beautifying the Library's lawn and gardens along Central Avenue and 48th Street. Those improvements will be completed later this spring.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, a bronze statue was recently created in honor of Vietnam War hero Corporal Michael Crescenz, a Cardinal Dougherty alumni and Sea Isle City summer resident, who lost his life in battle while saving other men in his company. On Sunday, Corporal Crescenz's statue was unveiled at the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Penn's Landing during a fitting tribute to his valiant sacrifice. I commend those who contributed to the fundraising effort that paid for the statue, and I encourage everyone to remember that America's veterans should be honored throughout the year – not just on Veterans Day. After all, we enjoy our nation's many freedoms 365 days a year, therefore we should never forget the countless men and women who helped provide us with those freedoms.

Don't forget that volunteers are needed for the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission's annual Spring Beach Clean-up, which takes place this Saturday, April 30, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!



Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

During the April 26 City Council meeting, Council President Gibson asked the Administration to consider creating public parking on city-owned land in Sea Isle's north-end along Landis Avenue, from approximately 4th to 8th Street, where practical. A current construction project in Upper Township is using this property as a staging area. There is an opportunity to take advantage of this contractor's clean-up operations to restore this area for parking.

All Resolutions on the April 26 Consent Agenda were adopted, including the following...

- Resolution 082 authorized the City to host its annual Bicycle Auction, featuring abandoned bikes that have been collected by the Sea Isle City Police Department. This year's Bicycle Auction will once again take place during Sea Isle's Community Day, Saturday, May 21, at the Community Lodge on JFK Boulevard. Registration for the Bike Auction begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 21.
- Resolution 083 authorized the award of a contract to install tide gates at drainage outfalls on Venicean Road, with the goal of combating flooding in the streets during high tide. Additional tide gates at other locations around town have been included in Sea Isle's current Capital Plan.
- Resolution 084 authorizes the City's participation in a national purchasing co-operative in order to acquire a new street sweeper for the Department of Public Works.

As a reminder, our next City Council meeting will be a weekend meeting, taking place on Community Day, Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. We hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council.

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PROJECT UPDATES:

Beach Replenishment

Last week, sand pumping operations concluded in Sea Isle City. The City received over 900,000 cubic yards of sand as part of the refill operations, which were undertaken following the past fall and winter nor'easters. This was in addition to the roughly 2 million cubic yards of sand received during the initial beach fill in 2015. The downtown beaches fronting the Promenade were substantially widened beyond the original design with this refill.

There remains some corrective work to dune crossovers damaged by winter storms, which may be taking place into early summer – but this should not impede access to any beaches. Our Public Works Department will be performing maintenance work on beach accesses and will coordinate with the contractors to ensure beach accesses are in good shape. In any event, all beaches will be open for the coming season.

Utility Reconstruction, 36th & 37th Streets (fall 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, all work has been completed. Due to the inclement weather over the winter the area did not have sufficient time to settle, therefore, the City will reconstruct the streets in early fall.

Utility Reconstruction, various streets

On October 27, 2015 City 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 – substantially completed.
- 49th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade – substantially completed.
- 65th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 65th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.
- 69th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue
- 76th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.

Work to install new sanitary main, sanitary laterals, new water main and water services on 47th, 49th, and 65th Streets, from Landis to Pleasure Avenue, is substantially completed. Work to install new water main & sanitary main, sanitary laterals, and water services on 69th Street is under way.

Roadway reconstruction program – various streets

On March 15, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. of Bridgeton New Jersey in the amount of \$299,437.50 for road reconstruction at the following locations:

- 44th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – substantially completed
- 46th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – substantially completed
- 56th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – substantially completed
- Roadway elevation on selected areas of 44th Street and Venicean Road – in progress

This project is slated to be completed before the summer season; however, the contract includes a suspension notice that no work can be done from mid-June until September 16, 2016. Reconstruction of asphalt roadways on 44th, 46th, and 56th Streets is substantially completed. Improvements to concrete sidewalks and ADA ramps will be completed in the coming days.

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. Larsen Marine, Inc. has been hired as a subcontractor. After some delays, the mobilization of this project occurred on March 15. The 93rd Street location is substantially completed. Concrete and roadway restoration was recently completed. Work is under way at 80th Street, installing new vinyl sheet piles and the new face and tie back piles. The completion date of this contract has been extended to April 29, 2016.

Sea Isle Boulevard

At their May 13, 2014 meeting, The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded a \$12.7 million contract to South State, Inc. for the Sea Isle Boulevard Improvement Project, which 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. The current plan is to start paving of the north side this coming fall.

Prior to the coming summer season, the entrance to the northbound parkway will be reconfigured in order to provide room for eastbound vehicles to travel around vehicles making a left turn onto the parkway entrance.

Motorists are advised to be aware of the revised traffic patterns in the construction zone and the reduced speed limit.

Streetscape Improvement on Landis Avenue

On September 8, 2015, City 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 includes 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 Boulevard to 40th Street was previously completed as part of the JFK Gateway Project.

This project is substantially completed. Landis Avenue will reopen Friday, April 29, 2016. Punch list items will be addressed in the coming days.

Public Works Maintenance Garage – 80th Street & Central

On March 23, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Archetto Construction, of Vineland, NJ, to replace the roof, siding and insulation at this location. Work will commence once all permits are in place and materials have been secured.

Sea Isle Ambulance Corps. Building

On November 18, 2015, a bid was accepted from Baruffi, Bros. Inc., of Vineland, for needed stucco work to the exterior of the volunteer ambulance corps building in the amount of \$9,975. Due to the need for warmer weather conditions, work did not begin until April 8, 2016, and is progressing as weather permits. The Public Works Department is also doing exterior improvements to the garage door surrounds, sanding and painting exterior doors and necessary interior repairs to this facility. The stucco is substantially completed and other repairs are still ongoing.

Townsend's Inlet Bridge

The T.I. Bridge was opened to traffic prior to Polar Bear Plunge Weekend, and remains open.

MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION:

The Planning Board has completed their special meetings to review the various categories for the Master Plan Re-Examination. Completion of the draft re-examination report by Maser Consulting is expected by the end of May. Following review of this document by the Planning Board subcommittee, the draft re-examination will be provided to the full Planning Board for review and comment.

A public hearing on the Master Plan Re-Examination is anticipated to be held in July. Once the hearing date has been firmly established, it will be advertised in advance and the City will issue an E-Alert notification regarding the public hearing.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Board will consider any additional modification to the Master Plan Re-Examination, with the expectation that it will be formally adopted at an August or September meeting, and then sent to City Council for their consideration and action.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-OFF EVENT MAY 30:

The Sea Isle City Police Department will participate in a Prescription Drug Disposal Event, sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, on Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., during which time the public can safely and anonymously drop-off unwanted prescription medications in the main lobby of City Hall/Police Headquarters, 233 JFK Boulevard. No liquids, needles or sharp objects will be accepted. For more info, phone 609-263-4311, ext. 2303.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAY 7:

Local residents and property owners are invited to participate in Sea Isle City's annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 7, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Revitalization. If you have items to sell, phone or email The Chamber at 263-9090 or sicccr@gmail.com and tell them your address. A master list of participating homes will be available to the public on May 7. There is no fee to participate. Municipal Yard Sale Permits are not required for this event.

ROADWORK BETWEEN STRATHMERE & SEA ISLE:

Please be aware that roadwork is taking place along the Ocean Drive (Commonwealth Avenue) between Sea Isle City and Strathmere (Sea Isle's neighbor to the north). Please allow yourself extra time and drive cautiously when traveling between Sea Isle and Starthmere.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Sea Isle City's Department of Public Works is now hiring seasonal employees for the summer of 2016 – including janitors. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. For additional info, phone 263-6000, ext. 17. To apply online, go to <http://seaislecitynj.us/human-resources.aspx> and click the "Summer Employment Application" link.

The Sea Isle City Beach Patrol is also hiring summer employees. The test for prospective lifeguards will take place on Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12. For more info, go to the Beach Patrol's website: www.sicbp.com.

NEW BEACH TAG MOBILE APP:

Sea Isle City's Beach Tag Office has gone mobile! Apple mobile device users can save time by ordering their 2016 seasonal beach tags via a free app from Vibly (download the Vibly app at the iTunes store...the Vibly web link will show you how it works). Once you purchase your beach tags with the Vibly app, you can pick them up at your convenience after April 15 at the Sea Isle City Beach Tag Office on JFK Boulevard, where you will simply use your mobile device to scan-in and get your tags. A nominal service fee per tag will be applied at the time of purchase. For more info, visit www.seaislecitynj.us/beach-tags.aspx.

SEA ISLE'S NEW MARKETING VIDEOS:

As part of the Sea Isle City Tourism Commission's 2016 marketing plan, two new videos were created to show vacationing families what awaits them in Sea Isle. To see those videos, go to Sea Isle City's Visitors Website: www.VisitSICNJ.com, and click the "YouTube" link – or use the links below...

Dad's Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Z_NuEB9nl&nohtml5=False

Mom's Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GF6BlbNRb8w&nohtml5=False>

ZIKA INFO:

The Cape May County Health Department recently created a flyer stating that there has been no locally transmitted cases of Zika virus from mosquitoes reported in New Jersey at this time. However, infected individuals coming from Zika active countries could introduce the virus to mosquitoes in the US initiating local transmission. Zika virus can spread from a pregnant women to her unborn baby. Zika virus has been linked to serious birth defects, such as a brain defect called microcephaly, and other poor pregnancy outcomes. Women who are pregnant should consider postponing travel to any area where Zika virus transmission is ongoing. If you must travel to one of these areas, talk to your doctor first and strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during your trip.

The Cape May County Department of Health and Cape May County Mosquito Control are closely monitoring reports and advisories from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), New Jersey State Health Department and World Health Organization (WHO) regarding Zika virus. For more information about the Zika Virus, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS:

BEACH CLEAN-UP: Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, JFK Boulevard at the Promenade, hosted by the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission (263-2081).

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE: Saturday, May 7, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., hosted by the Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce and Revitalization (263-9090 or www.seaislechamber.com).

FLOWER SALE: Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, Dealy Field. Proceeds benefit the charitable efforts performed by the Sea Isle City Garden Club (263-1157)

KARL J. BOEHRET SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT: Saturday, May 14, 5:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Community Lodge, 300 JFK Boulevard (609-624-1427 or www.asaconline.org).

SEA ISLE CITY COMMUNITY DAY: Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Lodge. Come speak with elected officials, department heads and civic groups organizers – and get your personal documents shredded for free! (263-4461, Ext. 1245 or www.VisitSICNJ.com).

MICHAEL MULHALL FOUNDATION 5K RUN/WALK: Saturday May 21, JFK and the Promenade (610-310-8791 or www.mulhallfoundation.com).

TURTLE PARTY: Sunday, May 22, 6:00 p.m., Lobster Loft Restaurant. Proceeds support Sea Isle's Beachcomber Guided Tours (263-9643).

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY: Monday, May 30, 10:00 a.m., Veterans Park. Please join us as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom (263-4461, Ext. 1245).

For a complete list of events taking place in Sea Isle City, visit us online at www.VisitSICNJ.com or stop-by the Sea Isle City Welcome Center at 300 JFK Boulevard.

BEACH CLEAN-UP APRIL 30:

Volunteers are needed for the Sea Isle City Environmental Commission's annual Spring Beach Clean-Up from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 30. Volunteers can sign-in and get supplies on JFK Boulevard at the Promenade on the morning of the event. All are invited – and encouraged – to participate in this important effort. Volunteers will receive free tee-shirts from Approach Clothing Company, located at 6300 Landis Avenue (while supplies last), and lunch at Mike's Dockside Seafood Restaurant in historic Fish Alley. For more info, phone 263-2081.

SAVE THE DATE – COMMUNITY DAY MAY 21:

Don't miss Sea Isle City's annual Community Day on Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Community Lodge, 300 JFK Boulevard.

- Free Document Shredding
- Bicycle Auction
- Prescription Drug Safe Disposal
- Meet City Officials and Civic Groups
- Bike Registration and Kid's Safety Info
- Free Health Screenings
- Community Award Ceremonies
- Project Lifesaver info for people with Alzheimer's, Down's Syndrome & Autism
- Face Painter and more

EXERCISE CLASSES & REC PROGRAMS:

CURRENT WEEKLY FITNESS CLASSES:

TOTAL BODY FITNESS: 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: Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m., and 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., Welcome Center Community Lodge. Fee: \$10 per class. PLEASE NOTE: Friday's Yoga classes move outdoors to the JFK Boulevard beach starting May 2. (www.njbeachyoga.com or 602-3398).

SUMMER FITNESS PROGRAMS:

BEACH YOGA: Beginning May 2, Beach Yoga takes place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the JFK Boulevard Beach. Rain Location: Community Lodge. \$10 per class.

BOOT CAMP ON THE BEACH: Boot Camp begins with a limited schedule on the 45th Street Beach starting May 28; additional classes will be added as the season unfolds. \$10 per session.

BEACH BOXING: Starting May 17, Beach Boxing Classes take place on the 36th Street Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$10 per class.

For more information about these and other Recreation programs, please visit us online at <http://seaislecitynj.us/recreation.aspx> or phone the Recreation Office at 263-0050.

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.

ORGANIZATIONS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A.A.R.P. CHAPTER 710: Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-1453)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Meetings take place on the 3rd 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: Meetings take place on Fridays, 5:30 p.m., former Public School Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road (263-5370).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Parish Auditorium, 132 - 44th and Central Avenue (263-6171).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & REVITALIZATION: Meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall (263-9090).

COMMODORE CLUB: 3700 Boardwalk, on the Promenade at The Spinnaker (263-4440).

DEMOCRATIC CLUB: (263-3656).

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (March to November), 7:00 p.m., Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue (263-2081)

GARDEN CLUB OF SEA ISLE CITY: Meetings take place on the 1st Thursday of the month (March to June and September to December), 7:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-3331).

GARDEN CLUB OF TOWNSENDS INLET: (263-3002)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM: 4800 Landis Avenue (www.seaislemuseum.com or 263-2992).

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., 309 JFK Boulevard (263-0700).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meetings take place on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Parish Auditorium, 132 - 44th Street (263-1271).

PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166)

REPUBLICAN CLUB: (263-1176)

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Meetings are held in the former Public School Building, 4501 Park Road, March 8, May 3, and October 4 (609-263-0050).

SCHOOL BOARD: Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the former Public School Building, 4501 Park Road, on May 10, June 28, September 13 and November 8 (263-6142).

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

SEA ISLE CITY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION: Meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m., Community Lodge (263-6817 or www.sicta.org).

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. (March – November), Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue.

TOWNSENDS INLET YACHT CLUB: 87th Street & the Bay (609-263-2503 or www.tiyachtclub.com).

TOWN WATCH / TOWN PRIDE: P.O. Box 17, Sea Isle City, NJ (263-8348).

TOURISM COMMISSION: Meetings take place in the Sea Isle City Welcome Center, 300 JFK Boulevard, 10:00 a.m., May 12 and October 13 (263-8687).

V.F.W. POST 1963: 301 JFK Boulevard (609-263-1711 or www.vfwpost1963.com).

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB: Meetings take place every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Community Lodge (263-8149).

YACHT CLUB OF SEA ISLE CITY: 4487 Venicean Road (263-7282 or www.ycsic.com).

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Meetings take place on the 1st Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166).

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:

The members of Sea Isle City's Volunteer Ambulance corps hosted their annual Spring Craft Fair on April 23-24 in the municipal gymnasium, where forty vendors sold handmade, one-of-a-kind items. Shown below are some of the volunteers who made the event a success: (front, from left) Ambulance Corps Trustee Sandy Cistone, **Treasurer** Karen Petalino, Trustee Grace Felix, Mae McGarr, Georgie Corson; (back, from left) Bruce Knoll, Trustee Donnamarie Raffa, Chief Kris Lynch, Lieutenant Mary Romano, and Gregg Frank...



Dr. Tom Henry, of Marmora, NJ (below, far left), sold pepper mills, nut crackers, pen sets and other handmade wood items at the Craft Fair. Richard Eluk, of Egg Harbor Township, NJ, sold customized leather items...



Basia Andrusko, of Bucks County, PA (below, left), sold hand-painted Pysanky eggs (Ukrainian Easter eggs), created with a skill that's been passed down in her family for generations. Cleve Leswell, owner of Papa's Toy Shop, sold vintage-design wooden toys...



John Ormrod and Karen Yeskelawitch, of Rio Grande, offered samples of their jarred pickles. Artisan Paul McGovern, owner of The Bamboo Clothing Company, serenaded Craft Fair shoppers as they browsed...



The Sea Isle City Historical Museum's Memorial Garden was recently updated with a new water feature, plants and two nesting habitats for Diamondback Terrapin Turtles. A large portion of the renovation was completed by future Eagle Scout Cameron Day, 16, of Boy Scout Troop 76, who is shown (below, at left) on April 16 working on the turtle habitats with Susan and Steve Ahern, of Sea Isle Terrapin Rescue. Cameron, a resident of Ocean View, is also shown (below, at right) on April 16 working in the Memorial Garden with friends and fellow scouts (from left) Joe Verdade, Forrest Wan, and Michael Bryan, and Robert Day, Cameron's dad...



On April 27, the Sea Isle City Historical Society officially unveiled their updated Memorial Garden, which was dedicated in honor of former Historical Society President Mike Stafford and his late wife, Marie. During a special ceremony on April 27, Mayor Desiderio (front, far left), City Councilman John Divney (front, second from right) and City Council President Jack Gibson (front, far right) posed for a photo with future Eagle Scout Cameron Day (second from left) and several of the Public Works employees who helped make the Memorial Garden renovation a reality (from left) Vicki Feeny, John Mazurie, Mike Snyder and Austin Day...



Also on April 27, Assemblyman Bruce Land (second from right) honored former Sea Isle City Historical Society President Mike Stafford (second from left) and his late wife, Marie, with a Joint Legislation Commendation. Shown with Mr. Stafford and the Assemblyman are Mayor Leonard Desiderio and Historical Society President Mike McHale, who is wearing a vintage "Skimmer" hat...



Future Eagle Scout Cameron Day (back, right) and his brother Eagle Scout Austin Day (back, left) were each honored on April 27 for their Eagle Scout projects. Austin's project involved beautifying Sea Isle's Townsends Inlet Waterfront Park in 2015...



(Below, left) Steve Ahern, of Sea Isle Terrapin Rescue, spoke about the Memorial Garden's two new turtle habitats. (Below, right) Former Historical Society President Mike Stafford thanked everyone for honoring him and his late wife, Marie...



Mayor Desiderio unveiled a new street sign honoring Mike and Marie Stafford, located at the Park Road entrance of the Sea Isle City Library, home of Sea Isle's Historical Society and Museum...



Shown next to the Memorial Garden's new water feature are (from left) Historical Society President Mike McHale, Cameron Day, Troop 76 Scout Master Mike Jargowsky, Robert Day, and Austin Day...



In addition to the water feature and other new amenities, the Memorial Garden also is the home of a Victorian-era statue of King Neptune and a portion of a ship's mast from the *George F. Skolfield*, which was shipwrecked off the coast of Sea Isle City in 1920. After serving as the flagpole for Sea Isle's City Hall for a nearly half a century and later being stored at a private residence, the mast now stands tall in the Memorial Garden...



On April 27, the Board of Directors of 1st Bank of Sea Isle City gathered in the lobby of City Hall under the signage that 1st Bank donated honoring Patrolman Michael Cullinane, a Sea Isle City police officer who died in the line of duty in 1992. Shown are board members (from left) John Curry, Beth Broadley, 1st Bank President/CEO Larry Schmidt, Mayor Leonard Desiderio, Dave Farina, Joe Romano, Dave Beyel, and City Council President Jack Gibson...



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