



E-NEWSLETTER

June 23, 2016

From The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

If you missed 2016 Skimmer Weekend, you missed one of the best events in our town's history. In addition to having perfect weather conditions, this year's festival attracted record-breaking crowds of people, who enjoyed an amazing array of merchandise and food vendors as well as live music and free family activities on Skimmer Saturday. To kick-things up a notch this year, the City added free amusement rides to Skimmer Saturday, which were also a big hit with families. Then, on Skimmer Sunday, free Historical Trolley Tours gave hundreds of people the opportunity to step back in time; and this year's Skimmer Antique Auto Show featured 103 vehicles – which was a record amount for that event. I'd like to thank the City's Tourism Office for all of their hard work leading up to and during Skimmer Weekend. Additionally, my thanks go to the members of Sea Isle's Public Works and Police Departments, who also ensured that the festival went smoothly. Also, kudos go to Jim Ambro for once again hosting the Skimmer Antique Auto Show. Thank you all!

As you know, there is never a shortage of fun things to do in Sea Isle City – especially during the summer months. Now that we've kicked-off the summer entertainment season, there are many events coming your way, including a variety of weekly happenings at the Excursion Park Band Shell that will entertain every member of your family. There will also be many other events to enjoy throughout the weeks and months ahead. For example, if you're a "foodie" who is always in search of good eats, check out the Sea Isle City Food Truck Festival this weekend on 63rd Street. Then, get ready for the Granddaddy of American celebrations – Independence Day. This year's July 4th Weekend will feature two great concerts, the first being a Neil Diamond tribute on July 2. On the morning of July 4th, take your kids to Dealy Field for Sea Isle's annual Junior Olympics competition, hosted by the City's Recreation Office and a small army of volunteers from the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City. Then, after a fun-filled day on the beach with family and friends, stop by the Excursion Park Band Shell for a toe-tapping Independence Day Concert at 7:30 p.m., then get ready to "oohh" and "aahh" during our annual July 4th Fireworks Show, which begins at 9:00 p.m. on July 4th.

For more information about what's happening during July 4th Weekend, check-out the special Independence Day section in this newsletter. And, as always, whenever you need to learn about events taking place in Sea Isle City, be sure to reference our Visitors Website, www.VISITSICNJ.com, which has links to local web cams, a calendar of events, jitney schedules, and other useful information. While you are exploring the site, be sure to upload our free mobile app and sign-up for free cancellation alerts, so you can receive a text message or email when an entertainment event is cancelled or postponed.

This week's "Shout Outs" go to AARP Chapter 710's newly installed Officers: President Frank Roach, Vice-President Bill Keller, Secretary Edna Tarantola, and Treasurer Joe Robinson. Thank you all for your commitment to our community!

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

During the June 14 City Council meeting, Council was pleased to hear a report from City Business Administrator George Savastano, who stated that 2016 Beach Tag sales have reached \$971,605 as of June 12, which is slightly higher than in 2015. Also, Veterans Beach Tags have been distributed to more than 900 men and women, who have served in our nation's armed forces. Both of these figures indicate the ongoing population of our town – and that people very much want to be in Sea Isle City.

There were three ordinances on the June 14 meeting agenda, including Ordinance 1591, which was written to amend the revised general ordinance pertaining to Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in new construction homes – specifically, raising FAR from 0.8 to 0.8 and 0.85 (FAR of 0.8 and under requires three parking spaces; from 0.8 to 0.85 requires four parking spaces). Before passing Ordinance 1591 with a four-to-one vote, City Council opened the meeting to public comment, at which time at least 15 speakers stepped to the microphone to share nearly one-hour of comments for and against the ordinance. Additionally, each of the members of Council explained why they voted as they did. It should be noted that upon completion of the City's new Master Plan, which is currently being drafted, additional ordinances and follow-up procedures related to zoning may be required and the public is invited to participate in that process.

Ordinance 1592 provides for the issuance of \$532,000 in bonds or notes to finance the purchase of a new fire engine; and Ordinance 1593 was written to allow the City to extend metered parking to specific areas of town. Both 1592 and 1593 were passed unanimously by City Council.

Each of the resolutions on the June 14 Consent Agenda was approved by Council, including Resolution 127, which authorizes the adoption of the Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Participation in this County-wide plan, which is overseen locally by Sea Isle's Office of Emergency Management Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager, is one of numerous requirements Sea Isle City continually meets to ensure our inclusion in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

Our next City Council meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on June 28 in Council Chambers. We hope to see you there!

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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PROJECT UPDATES:

In accordance with our typical practice, now that the summer season is here, we try to limit the amount of construction taking place on public property in order to minimize the disruption to our residents and visitors, as for many, this time of the year is precious. We also are in the process of preparing and putting into place plans for the next round of capital improvements throughout the City. As these projects move forward through the design, bidding and construction phases, we will continue to provide you with updates on their progress.

Beach Replenishment:

In April, 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 will be taking place into the 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 of 2016.

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 -- held until fall.
- 65th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue -- substantially completed.
- 69th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue -- substantially completed.
- 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, and 69th Street is completed. All uncompleted work will resume in the fall including paving.

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 – completed.
- 46th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – completed.
- 56th Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – completed.
- Roadway elevation on selected areas of 44th Street and Venician Road – completed.

This project is being closed out.

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. This project has been completed.

Sea Isle Boulevard:

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. The current plan is to start paving of the north side this coming fall.

The entrance to the northbound parkway has been 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, 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. Punch list items are being completed and Landis Avenue is now open to all vehicular traffic.

Public Works Maintenance Garage – 80th Street & Central

On March 23, 2016, Council awarded a bid to Archetto Construction, of Vineland, NJ, to replace the roof, siding and insulation at this location. Work on this project will commence next week, including the delivery of the necessary materials.

Sea Isle Branch of the Cape May County Library

The Sea Isle City Department of Public Works (in conjunction with the County Library System, Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Committee) has been working hard to enhance the landscaping at the 4800 Park Road site. This included parking lot and walkway improvements, grading, irrigation, sod, landscaping and trees. Also included were two Terrapin gardens for nesting purposes. Signage is on order to explain their nesting habits including “fun facts.” This portion was in cooperation with Cameron Day, of Sea Isle Boy Scout Troop 76, for his Eagle Project. Public Works employees and Cameron cooperated with the Historical Museum to redo the Memorial Garden, which includes a new water feature, enhancements to the landscaping and restoration of the garden’s historical ship’s mast and statue.

MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION:

The Planning Board sub-committee has received and reviewed the initial draft of the Re-Examination Report, which was prepared by Maser Consulting. The next step is to include comments from the sub-committee in the draft, and then forward it to the full Planning Board.

It is anticipated that the Planning Board will hold a special meeting in July to review the draft (that meeting will be open to the public and publicized as soon as a meeting date is determined). It is also anticipated that the final Master Plan Re-Examination document will be completed in the August/September timeframe, and a public hearing will be held for all to review and comment at that time.

SPEND JULY 4TH WEEKEND IN SEA ISLE:

Sea Isle City is “the place to be” to celebrate our Nation’s Independence. The fun starts on Friday night and continues throughout the long holiday weekend...

Family Fun Night: On Friday, July 1, stop-by the Excursion Park Band Shell between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. for Family Fun Night. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce / Revitalization, this free event will offer a Country Line Dancing and more on July 1. Info: 609-263-9090.

Saturday Night Concert: Sea Isle City’s Division of Tourism invites you to dance the night away on Saturday, July 2, at the Excursion Park Band Shell, where “Real Diamond” (Neil Diamond tribute) will perform from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Remember to bring a beach blanket or folding chairs! Info: 609-263-8687.

Junior Olympics: On Monday, July 4, children (ages 3-13) are invited to Dealy Field at 9:30 a.m. for Sea Isle’s annual Junior Olympics competition. Hosted by volunteers from the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City and the City’s Division of Recreation, Junior Olympics is a long-standing July 4th tradition that includes running, jumping and throwing contests. Olympic-style medals will be presented to winners. The games last for approximately two-hours, so don’t forget to bring sunscreen and water for your young Olympians. Info: 609-263-0050.

Patriotic Concert: Don’t miss Sea Isle City’s annual Independence Day Concert on Monday, July 4, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Excursion Park Band Shell, featuring Ed Vezinho & The Jim Ward Big Band (rain date: July 5). Info: 609-263-8687.

Fireworks: Sea Isle’s annual Independence Day Fireworks Show will take place on Monday, July 4, at 9:00 p.m. The fireworks will be launched from an ocean barge near 50th Street (rain date: July 5). Info: 609-263-0050.

To learn more about what’s happening in Sea Isle City, go to www.VISITSICNJ.com or phone the City’s Tourism Office at 609-263-8687.

MUNICIPAL BICYCLE AUCTION:

The City’s annual Bicycle Auction has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. in City Hall’s West Parking Lot, 233 JFK Boulevard. On-site registration for bidders begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Bike Auction at 11:00 a.m.

SUMMER OPEN-GYM HOURS:

Beginning Monday, June 27, Sea Isle City’s Municipal Gymnasium, located inside the former Public School building on Park Road, will be open to the public Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, phone the Recreation Office at 263-0050.

HOW YOU CAN HELP TERRAPIN TURTLES

Did You Know:

Diamondback Terrapin Turtles are currently in their Nesting Season (mid-May to mid-July) – so please be on the look-out for female Terrapins crossing our busy roads as they search for nesting spots. Since only one out of 1000 Terrapin eggs hatch and reach adulthood, you can help them to thrive by driving slowly and safely breaking for turtles. Remember: Terrapins play a very important role in the local eco-system.

What You Can Do:

If you see a turtle nesting anywhere in town, keep your distance and give her plenty of room to work. Then, please report any new turtle nest to Sea Isle Terrapin Rescue (263-7358) so they can place an “Anti-Predator” cage over the nest.

If you feel comfortable helping a turtle cross the road, please remember to carry her in the same direction she was traveling. Most importantly, always remember “Safety First” and use caution whenever you’re crossing a street.

If you see an injured turtle, please call Sea Isle Terrapin Rescue (263-7358) or the Wetlands Institute (609-368-1211) and tell them what you saw. They may be able to help the struggling Terrapin.

Check-Out the Turtle Gardens:

Behind the Sea Isle City Library, located at 48th Street and the Bay, there are two new “Turtle Gardens” (man-made habitats, where female Terrapins can create nests). The Turtle Gardens can be viewed from the library’s second floor deck, but they are off-limits to people and pets – so please keep dogs out of the Turtle Gardens.

Baby Terrapin Release:

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, Jugglefish Art Gallery & Studio on 63rd Street will host a special event featuring information about Terrapin Turtles and a “Turtle Art Project” for people of all ages. Afterwards, follow members of Sea Isle Terrapin Rescue on a short walk to the marshes behind Dealy Field, where baby Terrapin Turtles will be released into the wild. The rain date for this event is June 26.

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS:

--**Sea Isle City Food Truck Festival:** Friday-Sunday, June 24-26, 12 noon, KIX-McNutley’s on 63rd Street (609-318-4504 or www.seaislecityfood.com).

--**Sea Isle City STOMPS Cancer 5K Run / Family Walk:** Saturday, June 25, 9:00 a.m., JFK Boulevard & the Promenade (<http://bringinghopehome.org/event/sicstomp2016/> or 484-580-8395).

--**STOMP Fest:** Saturday, June 25, 12 noon – 3:00 p.m., LaCosta Lounge, JFK and Landis Avenue (<http://bringinghopehome.org/event/sicstomp2016/> or 484-580-8395).

--**Independence Day Junior Olympics:** Monday, July 4, 9:30 a.m. Dealy Field, for ages 3-13 (www.VISITSICNJ.com or 263-0050).

--**Independence Day Concert with Ed Vezinho & The Jim Ward Big Band (patriotic music):** Monday, July 4, 7:30 p.m., Excursion Park Band Shell (www.VISITSICNJ.com or 263-8687).

--**Independence Day Fireworks:** Monday, July 4, 9:00 p.m., 50th Street Beach, Rain Date is July 5 (www.VISITSICNJ.com or 263-0050).

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.

SUMMER CONCERTS & WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sea Isle's annual Weekly Summer Events are getting underway. This summer, your family can enjoy weekly Dance Parties, free outdoor movies, Beachcomber Tours, Farmers Markets, Family Fun Nights, and Saturday Night Concerts. **CLICK HERE** for a list of weekly happenings...

2016 Saturday Night Concerts Series will spotlight many talented performers --- including a variety of popular tribute bands. Sea Isle's free "Concerts Under the Stars" take place at Excursion Park Band Shell on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now...

Jun 25: Split Decision (Pop)
July 02: Real Diamond (Neil Diamond Tribute)
July 09: Bigg Romeo (Variety)
July 16: Lights Out (Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute)
July 23: Separate Ways (Journey Tribute)
July 30: Don't Call Me Francis (Variety)
Aug 06: Spinning Wheel (Blood, Sweat & Tears Tribute)
Aug 13: Countdown To Ecstasy (Steely Dan Tribute)
Aug 20: Masquerade (R&B)
Aug 27: The Glimmer Twins (Rolling Stones Tribute)
Sep 03: The Rockets (Variety)

For additional info about any event taking place in Sea Isle City, go to www.VISITSICNJ.com, stop in the Welcome Center, or phone the Tourism Office at 263-8687.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Sea Isle City's Department of Public Works is now hiring seasonal employees for the summer of 2016 – including nighttime 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.

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 2:30 p.m., Welcome Center Community Lodge. Please note new times for Wednesday and Friday classes. 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: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the JFK Boulevard Beach (May 2 to September 30). 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: On the 36th Street Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$10 per class (May 17 to September 15).

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.

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 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 .

BEACH BARD POETRY READINGS:

The public is invited to attend The 2016 Beach Bards Poetry & Prose Reading Series, which will take place on July 24, August 22, and September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sea Isle City Library, 4800 Central Avenue. After the readings, there will be meet-and-greet with the artists. The Beach Bards are sponsored by the Cape May County Library. For more info, please phone the County Library at 609-463-6389.

AARP BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY:

AARP Chapter 710 will host a Bus Trip to The Tropicana Casino Hotel in Atlantic City on Monday, August 8, 2016. The cost is \$39 per person, which includes a ticket to "Magique Remixed," Tropicana's Fiesta Buffet, \$15 in slot money, and roundtrip motor coach transportation. For more info, call Joy Sumski at 609-624-2080.

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO:

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

1st to 44th Street = Wednesday & Saturday

45th to 70th Street = Monday & Thursday

71st to 94th Street = Tuesday & Friday

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.

BIKING OR WALKING? IMPORTANT INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Attention Pedestrians:

--By law, pedestrians must cross streets at corners and intersections. Failure to obey pedestrian signals and use crosswalks at signaled intersections comes with a \$54 fine.

--Be on the lookout for vehicles turning right on red – always look left, right, and left again before crossing any street.

--Be visible when walking at night and in inclement weather.

--Only walk sober.

--Eliminate all distractions while walking, such as texting and talking on the phone.

Attention Bicyclists:

--Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road (stop at stop signs, yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, etc.).

--New Jersey law requires anyone under age 17 who rides a bicycle, is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle to wear a safety helmet (N.J.S.A. 39-4-10.1).

--Children should only ride bikes that fit their size – not bikes they will “grow into.”

--No one should ride a bike at night without bicycle lights, N.J.S.A. 39-4-10 (a white light on the front and a red light on the rear of your bike) – and always wear brightly-colored clothing at night (reflective clothes and reflective strips are ideal).

--A bell or other warning device is a legal requirement in New Jersey. It will probably not be heard by motor vehicle drivers, but it is useful as a warning and as a courtesy to alert other bicyclists and pedestrians of your approach (N.J.S.A. 39:4-11).

--Everyone should keep their bikes tuned-up and functioning properly.

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:

On June 9, AARP Chapter 710 held their annual June Meeting at the Tuckahoe Inn, where this year's new officers were installed. Shown below taking their oaths of office are (from left) Treasurer Joe Robinson, Vice-President Bill Keller and President Frank Roach...

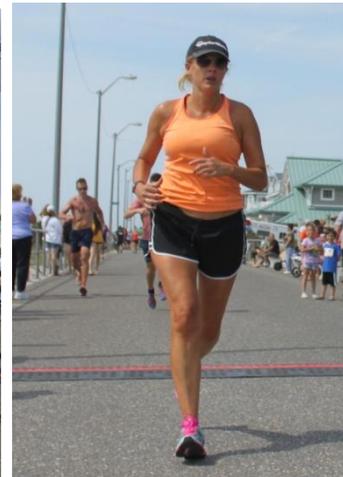


(Below, left) City Business Administrator George Savastano (far right) read the new officers their oaths. Also shown is former Chapter 710 President Tom Owings. (Below, right) Tom Owings and former Vice-President Joe Bellucci were honored by the members of Chapter 710 for their service...





On June 11, the Laricks family hosted the 2016 Peyton's Promise Run / Walk on the Promenade, which raised money for CDH research at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania...





The Beautification Committee's recent Public Art Project has resulted in several eye-catching murals on electrical boxes throughout Sea Isle City. On June 11, two of the participating artists completed work on their murals. Daria Tatasciore, of West Chester, PA and Sea Isle City (below left) is shown working on the box on 44th Street; and Sean Mulholland, of Sea Isle City, is shown painting the 53rd Street box...



On June 11, two local Boy Scouts advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony held inside Sea Isle's United Methodist Church. Eagle Scouts Jacob Hawk Gibson (below, left) and William Henry Poole (below, right) are shown with their families and several elected officials who were on hand to honor their achievements...





On June 16, Sea Isle's United Methodist Church hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive...



On June 17, The Dunes, located at 8600 Landis Avenue in the former Busch's site, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of their new restaurant and catering facility...



After touring Cape May County for several days, on June 17 representatives from the County's Department of Tourism brought Canadian travel writer Anne Pelouas, of Montreal (below, at left), to Sea Isle City, where they enjoyed dinner at Mike's Seafood Market and Dockside Restaurant...



On June 18, the 3rd Annual Jim McLaughlin Memorial Tennis Tournament at Dealy Field raised \$14,000 for Special Olympics...



The City's Division of Tourism hosted the 2016 Skimmer Festival on June 18 & 19 (Father's Day Weekend), which attracted tens of thousands of people. This year, amusement rides were added to the festivities at Excursion Park on Simmer Saturday...



The Seaside Market along the Promenade and Food Court featured nearly 400 vendors on Skimmer Saturday...



On Skimmer Sunday, families enjoyed live music by the Snake Brothers Band, free Historical Trolley Tours (led by members of Sea Isle City's Historical Society), and the annual Skimmer Antique Auto Show, which featured 103 vintage cars and trucks...





At the end of the Skimmer Antique Auto Show, the Best of Show Trophy went to Stuart and Robin Cohen, of Vineland, NJ (below at left) and their 1963 Lincoln Continental. They are shown with Auto Show organizer Jim Ambro (center, back), Mayor Leonard Desiderio and Carmela Desiderio...



The Mayor's Choice Trophy went to Paul Slegelmilch, of Lancaster, PA, and his son, Robert, of Blue Bell, PA, for their 1964 Buick Riviera...



On June 22, the City's Division of Tourism hosted Sea Isle's annual Sara the Turtle Festival at Excursion Park, where hundreds of families enjoy live animal exhibits, environmental displays, a "Diaper Derby" Baby Crawling Contest, Sprinting Races for older kids, live music by The Turtle Singers and other family entertainment...





The first-place winner of the Diaper Derby was Kylie Sebastian, 11 months, of Fairless Hills, PA (center). Kylie was followed by her twin sister Kayla Sabastian, second place (at left); and Ella Jane Hobaugh, 12 months, of Indianapolis, IN, third place.



The first-place winners of the Sara the Turtle Springing Races were (back, from left) Zach Taylor, 12, of Spring City, PA; Nick Ellis, 11, of Bethlehem, PA; Caitlin Boland, 10, of West Chester, PA; Luke Armstrong, 9, of Pottstown, PA; Jimmy Boland, 8, of West Chester, PA; Lincoln Huss, 7, of Harleysville, PA; and (front, from left) Talan Leshar, 6, of Schuylkill Haven, PA; Donovan Huss, 5, of Harleysville, PA; Mackenzie Vandever, 4, of Dennisville, NJ; Paul Carin, 3, of Chicago, IL; and Declan Cleary, 2, of Lebanon, PA.



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