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U.S. Sen. Cory Booker makes a stop in Cape May

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Cape May received a rare visit from a U.S. senator, Saturday, when Cory Booker spent the entire day meeting with local officials and business people.

Booker arrived in Cape May the night before, staying at Congress Hall. On Saturday morning he took a run with recruits from the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center-Cape May (TRACEN), before meet-

ing with Mayor Anita vanHeeswyk, West Cape May Mayor Pam Kaithern and Deputy Mayor Carol Sabo. After a brief history lesson on Congress Hall, the officials met for a round table discussion about Cape May, New Jersey, beaches and the local economy.

Mahaney reviewed the earlier activities, saying Booker was able to tour the Coast Guard base in order to gain an understanding of the operation there. Thornton reminded Booker that it was



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Above, U.S. Sen. Cory Booker speaks with State Sen. Jeff Van Drew outside Congress Hall. Far left in photo is Cape May Mayor Ed Mahaney; far right, Van Drew's Chief of Staff Allison Murphy.

ing with Congressman Frank LoBiondo and TRACEN commander Capt. Todd Prestidge. Booker met with those two for approximately two hours before arriving back at Congress Hall.

There he was greeted by

the only Coast Guard basic training facility in the United States, and mentioned the impact of the base on the local economy.

"The Coast Guard base generates \$178 million per year for the Cape May County



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Above, Booker speaks with a visitor to the Whale's Tale owned by Chuck and Hilary Pritchard (center back and right in photo).

Congress Hall owner Curtis Bashaw, State Sen. Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, Cape May County Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton, Cape May Mayor Ed Mahaney, Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, Councilman Bill Murray and City Manager Bruce MacLeod, Cape May Point

economy," he said. Thornton said many people come to the area for Coast Guard graduations and end up being tourists.

Murray also put in a good word for the Coast Guard, saying, "They are the best neighbor you could have."

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Frozen lake means winter fun

Above, the Lindsay family of North Wildwood visited Lake Lily in Cape May Point, last week, during the polar vortex freeze that made it possible to skate on the lake. David Lindsay grew up on Seagrove Avenue and spent many winters skating on Lake Lily before playing college level hockey at West Chester University. His wife, Jackie, is a native of the Netherlands, and she recalled the "Elfstentocht," an 11-city speed skating race on canals linking 11 cities in Holland. Also pictured is their son, Kai, 10, and their dog Jake. See more pictures on page A10, or visit Facebook/Capemay Starandwave Newspaper.

WCM considers consumption license again

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY – The Board of Commissioners has considered putting the borough's liquor consumption license up for bid again for the first time since late 2011.

At the Jan. 8 regular meeting, Mayor Pam Kaithern said she has received a number of inquiries recently from local business owners regarding the license.

"There have been several people who have expressed an interest again and I thought now would be the time for us to take a look at the ordi-

nance, the way it was written, and discuss if we want to try some changes again or leave it the way it is and see what happens," Kaithern said. "What's interesting is that there are several (inquiries), so it could make for some nice competition, so to speak."

Borough code says retail consumption licensees "shall sell, serve or deliver, or allow the sale, service or delivery of, any alcoholic beverages only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday."

In November 2011, the commission tried to make the dis-

tribution and consumption licenses more appealing to potential buyers, because the licenses received little interest when the borough tried to sell them. They extended liquor sale hours from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. and lowered the minimum bids for the distribution and consumption licenses.

"Last time we had (the consumption license) up to offer for sale, we made some amendments to the parameters which decreased the ... minimum bid and extended by an hour, roughly, the amount of time the restaurant would be allowed to be open

and serving. Somewhere in the process of amending that ordinance, there was a petition made that we not do that, so we pulled back and did not offer that license for sale."

A group of five borough residents formed the petitioners committee and gathered signatures to either force a repeal of the ordinance or institute a referendum to vote on the matter because they did not agree with the change in hours. The primary concern of the petitioners was that extending the hours could lead to late night noise

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LTMUA road restoration to continue

By BETTY WUND
Special to the Star and Wave

VILLAS – The winter might seem colder than usual but there are still good days ahead for paving according to the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority LTMUA). Many asphalt plants are closed this time of year reported Craig Loper, MUA interim superintendent and acting director, at the Jan. 8 board meeting. One that is open is serving the needs of the paving contractors on the Garden State Parkway project. They should have material available, he said.

Loper said that will make it possible to follow through on the MUA's plan to have roads in the Townbank Phase I and II and III Water Project paved that are in need of restoration.

Marc DeBlasio, PE, PP, CME of Remington Vernick and Walberg Engineers, was present.

"We met with Craig and Emily (Oberkofler) and drove around and identified areas that could be improved. The contractor on Phase II has been notified of the restoration issues there," he said.

There is a question on some water mains laid in an ear-

lier water connection project by the MUA, DeBlasio said. The permitting was not done as required. Those in question include mains on E. Bates, E. Atlantic, and Hudson. Engineer services were approved by the board at the meeting to total \$14,000 to meet the requirements for the permits.

"We had a meeting in December and it came to our attention that there were various water mains that were installed by the MUA. The DEP came down and found that certain things had to be done, including some permitting, to meet DEP stan-

dards as licensed engineers to clean up the situation," said DeBlasio. "Even though this (the \$14,000 for engineering services) has only been approved tonight we have started the process. The survey crew was mobilized today, the field work will be done by Friday and by the end of next week there will be a full set of plans."

Extensions have been granted on the filing of permits but to date have not been met. This may entail fines said Loper.

"The water will happen and

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