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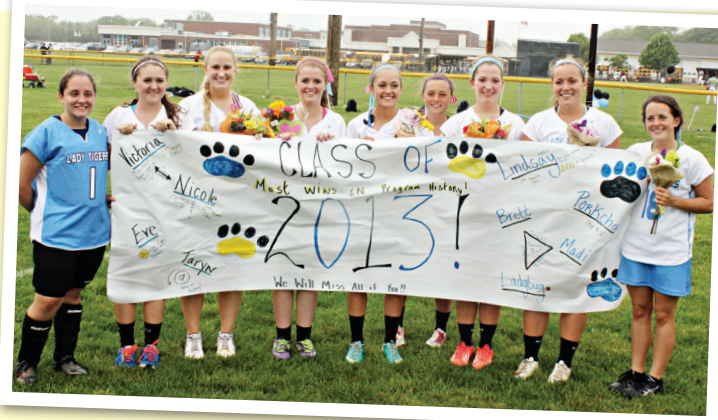


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Shared parking concept discussed

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CAPE MAY – The recently established Shared Parking Advisory Committee held its first official meeting, where the nine-member committee discussed the concept of shared parking and if it could alleviate the ongoing parking problem in Cape May.

Cape May City Council authorized the formation of the Shared Parking Advisory Committee at its May 7 meeting.

On May 25, Shared Parking Committee member and Cape May Planning Board Engineer Craig Hurless gave a copy of a memorandum to each committee member, which provided a general overview, definition and sample draft ordinance of shared parking. Hurless said the initial idea to research and consider shared parking began with the planning board. He said at the board's request, he and his firm, Polistina and Associates, LLC Engineers and Planners, prepared a zoning analysis.

The analysis indicated off-street parking standards are established in Section 525-49 of the city code. The number and location of spaces are set forth in section C of the ordinance and required spaces are based on the type of use plus the number of employees at the establishment. The ordinance does not provide any regulation for shared parking.

Shared parking is a concept used when properties/businesses have different uses, which results in different levels of demand for parking throughout the day. The method is most effective when these land uses have significantly different peak parking characteristics that vary by time of day, day of the week and/or season of the year. Hurless used the example of a church and an office building sharing a single parking lot. He said the church might only operate on Sundays while the office building operates primarily

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Above, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie extends his hand to a visitor to the Wildwood Boardwalk, Saturday. Below, Christie greeted local merchants from Sam's Pizza shop while in Wildwood. From left to right are Tony Spera, Christie, Sam Spera and Anthony Zuccarello. Christie visited a number of shore communities to spread the word that the Jersey Shore is open for business.

Lower Township police chief to retire on July 1

ERMA— Lower Township Police Chief Brian Marker will retire July 1 following 27 years of service.

Captain William Mastriana will be sworn as chief of police during Township Council's July 1 meeting pending council's ratification.

At age 13, Marker joined the Exploring Program of the Lower Township Police Department.

A lifelong resident and second generation police officer, he became a special officer and relief communications operator in 1986 at age 18.

At 21, he became a patrolman and worked with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Tactical Patrol Team which concentrated on drug interdiction.

In 1994, Marker became the township's first School Resource Officer for the Lower Cape May Regional School District. He said they created a positive model that was shared with other police departments



Lower Township Police Chief Brian Marker

statewide. "We felt like we made a difference with the goals of the program, building bridges with the community, keeping the schools safe and to be a positive role model for students," Marker said. "Some of the students have become Lower Township Police officers."

While in the school resource program, he was promoted to sergeant.

Marker worked with the LTPD's newly formed Community Policing Unit. The unit was very successful in solving community problems, however, budget constraints dissolved the unit and Marker returned to the patrol division supervising a squad of officers. He was promoted to lieutenant and later to captain.

In 2011, Marker was promoted to chief of police. He continued to emphasize community policing.

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Christie walks the boards

Governor visits shore communities to open season

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WILDWOOD – As Gov. Chris Christie made his way up the ramp at the 26th Street Boardwalk entrance in Wildwood, an eruption of applause and cheer peaked when someone atop a balcony suddenly yelled, "Our next president!"

Well over 500 people gathered awaiting the arrival of Christie, who has been making numerous stops along the Jersey Shore to open the summer season and uplift the spirits of communities that felt the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. People crammed together trying to get as close as they possibly could trying to get autographs and photos taken with the New Jersey governor. Praises like "nice job" and "great work" were often heard being said to Christie regarding his efforts prior and post-Sandy.

On Friday, the Christie Administration began a series of Memorial Day weekend stops along the Jersey Shore to acknowledge its residents, visitors and resiliency following Superstorm Sandy and to let everyone know that the shore is once again open for business. The weekend tour began Friday morning at Seaside Heights, where



Christie and First Lady Mary Pat Christie each sat down for interviews with the Today Show while Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno appeared at a "Stronger than the Shore" ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the shore for summer in Sea Isle City.

Other stops for the Christie Administration included Avalon, Point Pleasant Beach, Surf City, Asbury Park, Ventnor City, Margate City, Keansburg and Ocean City. President Barack Obama was also scheduled to visit the Jersey Shore with

Christie. Christie took a tour of the Ocean City Boardwalk just prior to his stop in Wildwood. Christie's Communication Director Maria Comella said she felt Wildwood had a great turnout of people stopping to see the governor, but an even larger crowd of people amassed in Ocean City. "Ocean City was packed. It took the governor around an hour and a half just to go one or two blocks going through the crowd," she said.

Comella said Christie met with several Jersey Shore

business owners during his trip to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the shore towns they serve. In Wildwood, he had a brief conversation with Sam Spera, his son Tony Spera and son-in-law Anthony Zuccarello, who all help operate Sam's Pizza, a popular pizzeria on the boardwalk.

Hundreds of cell phone cameras documented the governor's visit as boardwalk goers surrounded Christie every step of the

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