

Boats

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deals heard of the proposed project and got very excited about it. After Maloney talked about the project at the last Lower Township Council meeting, Councilman Tom Conrad said his own son was very excited about the project.

Kobik said the school was indeed onboard with the project and was looking to make boat-building part of an experiential, interdisciplinary math class.

"The students would apply skills and measurements to build a boat, the history, the art of boat-building...the whole business of boat-build-

ing is almost a lost craft," he said. "We're excited because we see the potential not only for a hands-on learning experience but to extend it to an afterhours extracurricular activity."

Kobik said the high school already has a sailing club and a surfing club. He echoed Maloney's comments about having several schools build boats and have them come together for friendly competition.

Maloney said the school decided they would like to start building two boats, and would be appropriating funds for the second.

"There are a lot of benefits to this project," Maloney said.

"The community is already getting involved."

Maloney said Keith Lauderman of the Lobster House has volunteered to pick up the boat kits. According to Maloney, the Lobster House regularly has a truck going to Maine to deliver scallops and pick up lobster.

Maloney said the school's plan is to build one boat during each of the next two semesters, and he hopes one will be ready before the summer of 2014.

Maloney said Lower Township Council has really endorsed the efforts of the Maritime Museum, which include plans to construct a replica of an 1876 Lifesaving

Station in Lower Township at the Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area. Maloney said they went to College Park, Md., and looked in the National Archives for designs of the lifesaving station. He said they were not able to find actual blueprints, but have images of the lifesaving station to use as a model.

Maloney said the lifesaving station would be patterned after one constructed and displayed at the 1876 World's Fair at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. He said the fair was attended by 10 million people, and at the time, the United States was considered advanced in the area of lifesaving techniques.

Congressman William Newell of New Jersey was a proponent of lifesaving efforts, and convinced Congress to appropriate funds to start the Lifesaving Service, a forerunner of the US Coast Guard.

Maloney said it was actually the combination of the Lifesaving Service, Cutter Service and the Lighthouse Service that resulted in the formation of the Coast Guard, now a branch of the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard is estimated to saved over 1 million lives since its inception.

He said the Department of Environment Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife has endorsed the project

to the extent that the division applied for the project's CAFRA permit, thereby saving them about \$20,000 in application fees.

"I'm very optimistic that application will be approved," Maloney said.

Maloney said they are working on a partnership with Marvin Hume, who has held a flag lowering ceremony at Sunset Beach for 40 years. Maloney said they would like to have a cannon fired as part of the ceremony.

He said the Coast Guard has also been on board with their efforts.

Fund

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majority of the students attending the district, pays around \$11,000 per student.

Wichterman said the unfair taxing has only worsened since the formula was changed in 1974, when it became based on property values as opposed to the number of students sent from the municipality. Wichterman said at the time of the change, there was no input from the municipalities as to whether they agreed.

City Solicitor Tony Monzo

said the situation in Oradell was not as severe as the case in Cape May, as Oradell was paying \$19,000 per pupil while River Edge was paying \$13,200. However, he believed the court decision is "encouraging change" around the state where municipalities are paying more than their fair share in sending children to a regional school district.

Monzo said the administrative law judge in the Oradell and River Edge case consulted with the Commissioner of Education to find a more

equitable solution suitable for both municipalities. The solution and final decision was a funding formula based on 80 percent pupils and 20 percent property tax, alleviating some of the cost Oradell taxpayers were paying on an annual basis. Monzo said the decision in Oradell can be appealed to the Superior Court, but as of now the formula change stands. Wichterman said he was truly inspired by the decision, giving him hope in his continued effort.

"People are waking up, and by people, I mean the courts,"

Wichterman said.

Wichterman said he hopes Gagliardi will attend another city council meeting in May to give an update on the progress he has made in changing the regional district's "unfair" funding formula. He thanked the school district, Lower Township, Cape May and West Cape May officials for their cooperation in giving Gagliardi the information he needed.

In December 2003, the regional school board voted against a referendum from the city to the change the

funding formula to one based upon 60 percent from property value and 40 percent on the number of students sent to the district. Wichterman said other municipalities in the state that have faced the same problems as Cape May regarding regional school funding formulas tried to initiate voter referendums but none have passed.

Wichterman has said several times in the past that there is no chance of a voter referendum passing because Lower Township has more voters, who wouldn't want

to pay more in school taxes. Lower Township currently has over 15,000 voters while Cape May City has around 1,600 and West Cape May has 830. He said an alternative funding formula would need to stem from a court decision as it did in Oradell.

Wichterman said Oradell is the third municipality in the state to change its district funding formula, with North Haledon and Seaside Park being the first and second.

"I'm hoping we're going to be the fourth," he said.

Tour

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Doug and Anne Marie have been making the beloved dessert ever since they purchased The Queen Victoria nine years ago. He said they "inherited" the recipe from the previous owners, which is also featured in The Queen Victoria cookbook available

for purchase at the inn.

Doug said he and Bill Walters, the chef at The Queen Victoria, are planning to come up with a new "over the top" chocolate treat for the fall competition. As for the spring festival on May 4, Doug is confident the chocolate delight will once again be crowned champion. He said

the chocolate tour and tasting is a great way for residents and visitors to see many of the great B&Bs and historical homes Cape May has to offer.

"The chocolate championship is just a really good excuse to give house tours and everyone has a lot of fun with it," he said. "There are usually around 200 people on

the tour. It's not a cutthroat competition, even though we all want to win. It's just all in good fun - we don't take it too seriously."

Guests on the tour are given score cards and visit all of the inns and homes on the list. After touring the homes and tasting all of the chocolate recipes, they vote for their favorite and cast their ballot at the last inn they visit.

The Angel of the Sea will be serving The Angels Chocolate Heaven Cake, the Bacchus Inn will be putting its Chocolate Cheesecake in the completion, while the Henry Sawyer Inn will offer its Victorian Double Chocolate Coconut Treats and the Summer Cottage Inn plans to win the crowd over with their Chocolate Peanut Butter Squares.

Guests who submit completed evaluation cards will receive recipes for the desserts by email. Tickets for the Chocolate Championship Tour and Tasting are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 12.

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sidered the idea and is currently in the planning stages of the project.

At the April 16 city council meeting, City Manager Bruce MacLeod said he did not foresee any physical changes or construction until the end of

too late to classify

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summer or the fall season of this year.

Council also passed a resolution on April 16, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the state Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the Municipal Public Access Planning Grant Program. Mahaney said this new program ensures the public has proper access to beaches, bay areas and any other bodies of water.

Mahaney said municipalities can apply for grants up to \$15,000 using this program. He said the funding is used by the municipality for hiring a consulting staff to develop an access plan to all bodies of water, especially in areas like northern New Jersey where much of the property surrounding the water is privately owned.

He said in the fall of 2011, representatives of the NJDEP visited Cape May City and

Cape May Point to take a tour of the beachfront, harbor and bay in both municipalities to see if they met the access regulations.

Mahaney said the NJDEP found the number of beach access points to the ocean and the bay to be more than sufficient. He said the municipalities were both in compliance in terms of parking and restrooms as well. He said regulations have been put in place over the past two years after numerous public hearings have been held on the new municipal public access program, so Planning Board Engineer Craig Hurless would be creating the additional documentation to ensure Cape May's plan is above par.

"The taxpayers would be rewarded by having this taken care of by a grant," Mahaney said. "It's just a small grant to

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