

# Cape May Star and Wave

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| 3 | 4:17         | 4:42        | 10:37        | 10:16       |
| 4 | 5:07         | 5:33        | 11:25        | 11:07       |
| 5 | 5:53         | 6:18        |              | 12:07       |
| 6 | 6:36         | 7:01        | 12:01        | 12:48       |
| 7 | 7:17         | 7:43        | 12:40        | 1:27        |
| 8 | 7:58         | 8:25        | 1:26         | 2:07        |

#### Moon Phases

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## Cape May, Stockton sign agreement for summer events

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – The city of Cape May and the Richard Stockton College have established an agreement for a summer concert series and children's theater program at the new Convention Hall in 2012.

On Jan. 26, Mayor Edward Mahaney and Executive Vice President of Stockton College, Dr. Harvey Kesselman signed an agreement to make Cape May's Convention Hall the new home of The Stockton Performing Art Center's (PAC) "Stockton Goes to the Beach Concerts" and Summer

*'Together we are a perfect match.'*

– Dr. Harvey Kesselman  
Stockton College president

Children's Theater. Mahaney said the partnership between the city and Stockton College would "set a standard" in the first year of the new facility's existence and show what its capabilities are in regards to space, technology and performances. There are eight concerts

scheduled in the summer series, which are: July 9 – Jay and The Americans; July 16 – Dave Mason; July 23 – The Lettermen; July 30 – Gerry and The Pacemakers; Aug. 6 – "Ricky Nelson Remembered" starring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson and The Stone Canyon Band;

Aug. 13 – The Association; and Aug. 20 – Gary Puckett.

According to PAC Marketing Director Suzé Dipietro, the 60s era rock groups were chosen based on demographic research and online surveys done in Cape May. She said all of these bands played sold out shows in Ocean City, with the exception of Gerry and the Pacemakers, who have never played in Cape May County.

She said these bands were selected based on their success at previous events in Ocean City, where the summer concerts were held for five years. She said the bands were also willing to meet and

greet the crowd after shows by signing autographs and conversing with fans.

"You can't put a price on artists coming out and greeting their fans," she said. "We're making the biggest splash we can in the first year at the new convention hall."

Cape May's Convention Hall will have 970 seats to fill and Mahaney said the city shuttle buses will be used for transportation to the facility.

In partnership with the Greater Ocean City Theater Company, Stockton's Children's Summer Playhouse will also be held at

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## BID gets look at new Carpenters Lane plans

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY – Members of the Décor Committee from the Washington Street Mall Management Company received an overview of improvements to Carpenters Lane prior to work starting on Monday.

Last week, City Manager Bruce MacLeod and Engineer Ray Roberts gave a presentation to members of the

Cities Grant, which requires a 15 percent match by the city, or \$75,000. MacLeod said new ADA ramps would be constructed, sidewalks would be widened, and handicapped parking reconfigured.

MacLeod said the federal government has been pushing ADA standards in the last couple of years, and the city has to be careful to meet those standards.

In the process of making those upgrades, the city



Above, a view down Carpenters Lane from Ocean Street. Trees were removed as part of an ADA upgrade project. New trees, lights, sidewalks and bike racks are part of the project.

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WSMMC, which administers the Business Improvement District (BID). The full membership is scheduled to receive an update at a later date.

MacLeod said the improvements, which will be completed in three phases, are principally ADA upgrades. As such, the city was able to acquire a \$500,000 Small

would also install pavers that match what is now on the Washington Street Mall, and add matching lighting fixtures, linking the stylistic features of the mall and Carpenters Lane. A future project could include similar improvements on Lyle Lane. The city plans to make

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## Cape May and Stockton College sign agreement

Above, Mayor Ed Mahaney (left) and Richard Stockton College Vice-President Dr. Harvey Kesselman sign an agreement bringing Stockton's summer concert series to the new Convention Hall, scheduled to open by Memorial Day. The first show is scheduled for July 9, featuring Jay and the Americans.

## Residents speak against fee increase

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – Several residents approached the podium at the Jan. 17 Cape May City Council meeting to address the issue of a price increase in the city's jazzercise program at the Franklin Street Civic Center.

Harriett Sosson of the Poor Richard's Inn, said during public comment that the program is losing members due to the price per class increasing from \$3 to \$5 just over a month ago. Sosson is a 15-year member of the program and

made it clear to council that she personally had no problem with the price increase, but many of the class members were senior citizens on fixed incomes who would have trouble paying for the 60 percent increase. She said the city also did away with the punch card system that was used to give members a discount for every 10 classes they took.

"When it goes from \$3 to \$5 and then they can't have a punch card – they have to pay \$60 a month," she said at the meeting. "The thing about this class is they're getting

exercise, which is wonderful – they're going to the hospital for new hips and new knees and all kinds of medication. It's not the whole class, but we're losing seniors."

Sosson said some of the members in the class are around the age of 80 and suggested the city give some sort of benefit, such as lowering the cost for those members or members over a certain age.

The jazzercise class is held three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Laura DeCamillo

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## Council signals no on smoking ban

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman said he would like city council to once again discuss the idea of non-smoking beaches in Cape May.

At council's Jan. 17 meeting, Wichterman said he requested feedback in writing from council members regarding the re-introduction of the ordinance creating non-smoking beaches. He said he requested their response a month prior and received no response.

Wichterman initially suggested a non-smoking ordinance for city beaches in late summer 2011. The ordinance as introduced would have banned smoking on the beaches, promenade and public parks, but it was voted down in a 2-2 vote in November, when Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca was absent. Wichterman said those areas

were added to the ordinance by Fiocca and Councilman William Murray.

Wichterman said he now wants council to revisit the issue and to concentrate on



banning smoking from the beaches only. He asked City Solicitor Tony Monzo to prepare an ordinance and council to introduce it as soon as possible. The motion to draw up the ordinance did not receive a second.

Mayor Edward Mahaney

said he understood Wichterman's stance on the issue and council should have responded to his request, but said other pressing issues were at hand. Mahaney said if Wichterman wanted to revisit the issue, he should be sure members of council are on board because it takes time, effort and city money to produce the ordinance. He told Wichterman the city was at the forefront of the news media in three states the last time the issue was on the table and it would attract negative attention if the ordinance fails to pass again.

"If it doesn't pass, then we have that negative publicity backlash we experienced in the fall," Mahaney said.

When the smoking ban was voted down in November, Cape May locals and non-council residents spoke on the matter during public comment. Most of the year-round residents

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## Full council makes LTMUA appointment

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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VILLAS – With five members present, Lower Township Council appointed a new LTMUA board member following a 3-2 vote, Jan. 25.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare, Councilman Tom Conrad and newly appointed Councilman Walt Craig voted to appoint Tom Frisoli to the board. Councilman Glenn Douglass and Mayor Mike Beck voted against Frisoli's appointment.

Douglass said in light of the previous deadlocked vote on the appointment of Frisoli and former MUA director Mike DeMarcantonio, he believed it would be appropriate to nominate someone else for the position. Douglass nominated Steve Sheftz, who previously served on the board of the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority. "I agree," Beck said. "Steve Sheftz knows the ins and outs of the MUA."



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Above, Lower Township Mayor Mike Beck (left) and newly appointed Councilman Walt Craig at last weeks council meeting.

Beck said a lot of the township is benefiting from the work Sheftz did in the past.

"I think he would make decisions that are the best for the township," Beck said.

Lare asked Beck if he was deviating from a policy he has that people should not be reappointed to a board upon which they had previ-

ously served within the last five years. Beck said he was deviating because it had been more than five years since Sheftz had been on the board. Sheftz later said he did not serve his full term because of his wife's health.

"I think (Sheftz) is a per

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