

Bees

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my work.” Schempp has been a beekeeper for the past five years. Before becoming a beekeeper, he owned his own pest control business in Cape May Court House, which he eventually sold. He is still fully licensed and insured for pest control and is also a carpenter, which makes working inside homes much easier if pests are in hard to reach areas like inside the wall or flooring. “You need to have carpentry skills so you don’t damage property. You have to know what tools to work with and the proper procedure of removing flooring and things like that, especially in these old historic homes.” Clayton’s home, the former Woodleigh Bed and Breakfast (Circa 1866), is one of those historic homes. Clayton said the bees most likely got in through an old laundry vent that has been dormant since the B&B was converted to a single family home. She said she was told the bees most likely chose her property because of the surrounding gardens where they could collect nectar and pollen.

Clayton said she was amazed at how much she learned while having the honeybees removed. She said the bees have a lifespan of only around 40 days in the summer, with the exception of the queen, which can live close to five years. The worker bees will travel a five-mile radius (27 square miles) from the colony to gather nectar and pollen. “I guess that’s where ‘busy as a bee’ comes from,” Clayton said. When Schempp arrived on scene to remove and relocate the hive, he said he brought all of his special tools with him. He used an infrared heat device to pinpoint the location of the nest, which was in the crawl space of the third floor attic. Using a drill bit, he put a small hole in the floor where his tiny camera with a flexible lead could maneuver through and show him what he was dealing with. Because of the house’s historical integrity, Schempp removed only the wood he needed to, which he said was a square piece of about two-square feet. The bees built their colony in between two floor joints, a safe place where they thought they wouldn’t be disturbed. He said it took several trips

to relocate the bees to his backyard. Using a low-pressure “bee vacuum,” which leads to several cages inside the device, Schempp was able to take the bees to their new home without harming them. He removes the hive in sections and then pieces it back together in one of the many bee boxes at his property in Cape May Court House. The honey made by the bees was unfortunately contaminated for human consumption because of the sawdust and insulation materials in the flooring. Schempp said this is usually the case when bees build a hive inside a structure. He said once the hive and most of the bees are removed, there is plenty of excess honey that can lead to secondary infestations involving rats, ants and other pests that love sweets. So, he leaves one percent of the bees behind, in this case 300 bees, for a couple of days to eat all the leftover honey. He returned to trap those stragglers in the bee vacuum as well and returned them to their colony. When all the bees and most of the honey are removed, he sprays pesticide to keep any more critters from infesting

the home. Schempp said it’s important to have honeybees removed and relocated rather than killing them because of how beneficial they are. “Albert Einstein said ‘in the absence of the honeybee, man has about four years to live,’” Schempp said. “They’re extremely important to us and plant life.” He said the honeybee population is experiencing a “colony collapse disorder” on a global basis – due to urbanization, diseases and other insects like mites that disturb their habitats. However, because of all the interest in bee keeping and agriculture in New Jersey, our state is not experiencing the colony collapse disorder like other places around the world. Schempp said there are nine branches of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association with over 1,000 members statewide. One branch, the Jersey Cape Beekeepers Association, has over 100 members and Schempp is one of them. “There are impressive numbers to show how many people are interested in beekeeping,” he said.



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Cape May receives defibrillator

CAPE MAY – Dr. Howard A. Levite and RN Rose Marie McCarthy of the Atlantic City Medical Center Heart Institute presented Cape May city with a defibrillator for the new Convention Hall at last week’s city council meeting. Levite and McCarthy presented the life-saving device to Mayor Edward Mahaney and fourth-generation Cape May firefighter Lt. Rob Elwell Jr. City Hall already has a defibrillator on hand but the Atlantic City Medical Center felt Convention Hall also needed a device in case of emergencies.

Rocks

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beachfront, MacLeod said. The stones will be trucked out of Cape May as the project progresses. “Everybody is looking for pristine, smooth, fine grains of sand as the optimum beach situation,” MacLeod said. He said the work area will be broken up into four 1,000 linear feet sections with stone removal beginning at Gurney Street. The public will not be allowed on the beach in that particular work area while the project occurs. MacLeod said depending on weather and approval from the Army Corps and DEP, he expects the removal to occur from May 14 to June 15 with 10 to 12 hour workdays Monday

through Friday. He said no construction will happen during the four days surrounds Memorial Day Weekend. Equipment being used includes beach tractors similar to what the city uses for beach cleaning, two dump trucks and a front-end loader. MacLeod said the project will ultimately cost \$158,551, but the city will pay a small share approximated between \$3,000 and \$5,000. According to MacLeod, an additional 1,650 tons of gravel can be removed from the beachfront by expanding the width of the work path from 50 feet to 100 feet. He said it would only be done if deemed necessary and if there is enough time to accomplish it.

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when construction fees were zero, but each month for last year and a half had consistently gone up. It’s an indication that properties are selling and work is being done,” vanHeeswyk said. She said last month construction fees were just short of \$5,000. Henderson said the pre-season beach tag price of \$22

is still in effect. Henderson also thanked the 40-plus volunteers and the organizers of the bi-annual beach cleanup. He said it was a huge success, but unfortunately, volunteers had to pick up bagged dog waste off the beach. “The idea of bagging it is to carry it off the beach, not to leave it there,” Henderson said. Outgoing Mayor Carl

Schupp said his first two bills from South Jersey Gas were under \$40. Schupp said the borough-wide installation of natural gas lines was his proudest accomplishment as an elected official. The voters of Cape May Point turned out Tuesday, May 8, for the municipal election. Schupp and Henderson chose not to run for reelection. Schupp served on the Board of Commissioners for

12 years, and Henderson served for the unexpired term of former Commissioner Joe Nietubitz. VanHeeswyk was joined in the election by candidates Skip Spanger, Len Gramlich and Bob Moffatt.

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Fines

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Mounce said the consequences can also be more significant in young people. She said the brain is not fully formed until age 25, and the frontal lobe, which deals with reasoning, is the last area to fully form. “The frontal lobe is where decisions are made, Mounce said. Mounce said any deterrent for discourage children from drinking is helpful.

“It gives them one more thing to think about,” she said. Mayor Mike Beck said he attended a conference at Atlantic Cape Community College in early April, and there he learned about an amnesty program. Mounce explained that under what is called the Lifeline Legislation, an juvenile can call 911 and ask for assistance without being charged, under certain conditions. “They can call 911 without

being prosecuted, but they have to make the call. Up to two friends can call on behalf of an intoxicated juvenile. The caller must stay with the friend, and they have to agree to answer questions for the EMTs or police,” Mounce said. Mounce said this is not a free pass, and not designed to encourage drinking without consequences, but a means of saving lives. Mounce said the legislation stems from an incident in Texas, where two juveniles thought their friend needed medical attention, but changed their minds about taking him to the hos-

pital because they thought they would get in trouble. The friend didn’t get medical treatment and died. The New Jersey legislation is aimed at preventing such deaths. Beck said the Lower Township Police Department is already aware of the legislation. “We want to make sure we do what we can to help,” Beck said. Recent legislation allows for fines for juveniles found drinking on private property, but fines can be waived at the judge’s discretion. A judge can order alcohol education classes instead.

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11	12:44	1:26	7:02	7:13
12	1:44	2:30	8:01	8:19
13	2:46	3:34	8:59	9:24
14	3:47	4:32	9:53	10:26
15	4:44	5:23	10:44	11:22
16	5:35	6:08	11:29	

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