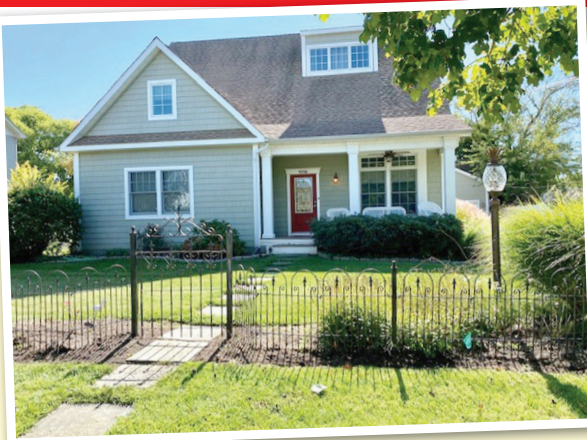




Caper Tigers girls tennis team wins CAL title

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House of the week

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Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

Local residents, businesses and organizations put their creative foot forward by making entries for Cape May MAC's Scarecrow Alley at the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington Ave. Mellisa Grankski created this aerialist scarecrow entry known as 'Cirque du Cape May.'

MAC hosts Halloween happenings

CAPE MAY — Cape May MAC (Museums+Arts +Culture) offers a variety of tours, activities and events year-round and continues through October to offer special tours for the Halloween season leading up to Trick or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Physick Estate.

Cape May has earned the reputation as one of the most haunted towns in the nation. Ghost investigations and documentation at dozens of Victorian properties in Cape May have unearthed "spirit" residents, and stories abound of the unexplained and the unusual. Take a giant leap into the imagination and the spooky season on these tours, which might raise the hair on the back of your neck and make you wonder what is beyond your senses.

These tours, activities and events are offered especially during the month of October for Halloween.

— **Gloomy Apparition 2**
Come to Cape May this fall and step inside the 1879 Physick House Museum for an interactive theatrical mystery during The Gloomy Apparition 2. When a new visitor upsets the dynamic of the residents of the Estate, all spirits break loose and there is no telling what might happen. Offered at 7 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings through October.

— **Scarecrow Alley at the Physick Estate**



Susan Krysiak/CAPE MAY MAC

Cape May MAC's Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour is one of many tours offered year-round and during Halloween, and a tantalizing way to hear about the many Cape May ghost investigations by psychic medium Craig McManus.

Walk the grounds of Cape May's original "haunted house," the Physick Estate, and enjoy Scarecrow Alley, an annual community display of creative, scary and funny scarecrows built by local businesses, families, schools, community groups and individuals. Free admission.

— **Halloween Crafts & Collectibles Show**

Visit the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, for this open-air show featuring wares of local vendors and crafters. Bring the children and dress in costume for Halloween. Crafters will have treats. Free admission.

— **Trick or Treat at the Physick**
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City may outlaw hourly rental of backyard pools

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Make big money, rent out your swimming pool by the hour? Probably not in Cape May.

During a City Council meeting Oct. 5, Councilwoman Lorraine Baldwin said there were websites that allow homeowners to rent their swimming pools by the hour.

"It is coming closer, there are swimming pool rentals in Cape May County at this point," she said. "I felt like we should probably try to get ahead of this."

No pools for rent in Cape May were listed on websites, Baldwin said, adding that it could create parking, zoning, noise and health issues.

Baldwin said she spoke with city solicitor Chris

Gillin-Schwartz about drafting an ordinance to prevent pool rentals.

Deputy Mayor Stacy Sheehan said she was aware of pool rentals available in the city. Sheehan said the Municipal Taxation and Revenue Advisory Committee (MRAC) found pool rentals available.

Gillin-Schwartz said MTRAC is working on a residential licensing sys-

tem. He said there could be a provision in that draft ordinance indicating amenities at a house cannot be subleased.

"We could easily plug that into the residential property licensing ordinance that ends up getting to council," Gillin-Schwartz said.

Sheehan said a hotel is renting out its swimming

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West Cape HPC details expansion of historic district

Homes added on Broadway, Stevens Street, Sixth Avenue

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY — Borough Commission will soon have an ordinance before it to expand the historic district north on Broadway and include a section of Stevens Street.

The borough's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) presented Borough Commission with its recommendations in a survey and map.

During a Borough Commission meeting Oct. 13, HPC Chairman Elan Zingman-Leith said at the mayor's request, the commission looked for other properties that should be included in the historic district.

"I emailed all the (HPC) commissioners and asked them to look through the borough and identify any properties that they thought were similar to the ones that were designated and others to be designated as well and we assembled their responses," he said.

Zingman-Leith said he considered the architectural significance of the building and if it was contiguous with the existing historic district or consisting of several buildings significant to make a group on their own.

The only buildings that were identified by some commissioners and not included in the recommendations were a row of 1930s bungalows on Stimpson Lane, he said.

"I didn't feel, and I think

several other commissioners didn't feel that they were architecturally significant enough, so that if owners objected and we had to insist that they ought to be protected that we would win that. I think we would lose that, so I didn't think it was worth the fight," Zingman-Leith said.

The HPC identified some buildings north of the existing historic district up Broadway, a group that is contiguous with the northern tip of district. Another group of homes found to be significant enough to include in the district is separated by about a block, he said.

A fairly large group of homes was identified on Sixth Avenue going west from the historic district along one side of the street and another on Fourth Avenue, also going west from the historic district.

The character of the homes to be added are very much like what is already found in the historic district.

"They are Victorian and Edwardian wooden houses very much the character of our district," Zingman-Leith said.

A separate historic district with a different character is the Rea Farm. Rea's Farm is an enormous parcel, and the entire property would be designated as historic, he said. The most significant structure is the farm building.

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Cape May to widen part of Promenade by spring

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — The city will widen the Promenade from Convention Hall to the Primal restaurant without disturbing dunes.

Councilwoman Lorraine Baldwin said the area between Decatur Street and Gurney Street, an area of boulders and impervious surfaces, would be used to widen the Promenade. She said a lot of planning has gone into the project.

Mayor Zack Mullock said the city needed a jurisdictional determination from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"We should see by next spring a very nice, new Promenade area widened," he said.

In addition, the portable restroom located on Beach Avenue will be replaced with restrooms built in the city-owned building next to

Convention Hall, according to City Manager Mike Voll.

In 2019, the city's Seawall and Promenade Advisory Committee had recommendations from the city's former engineering firm, Mott MacDonald. The firm's report suggested widening the Promenade from the arcade at Jackson Street to the north end of Convention Hall at a cost of approximately \$370,000 which did not include engineering fees.

Mott MacDonald's proposal was to widen the Promenade by 10 feet on the existing concrete from the arcade to Convention Hall that would not extend beyond existing concrete and not invade sand dunes.

The committee's long-term goals were to raise, widen and extend the Promenade but those were big ticket items costing tens of millions of dollars, seven to 10 years in the future.



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