



House of the week
Page B1



Sea Glass Festival shines in Wildwood
Page B8



164th YEAR NO. 43 CAPE MAY, N.J. Serving America's National Historic Landmark City WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018 \$1.00

Candidates talk redevelopment, transparency

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The Taxpayers Association of Cape May presented a candidates night Oct. 19 in which questioning focused on the need for a redevelopment zone and the transparency of City Council. The event was moderated by the League of Women Voters.

In his opening statement, Mark DiSanto said his vision

for Cape May includes building a municipal marina and golf course, which he said it would bring new revenue to the city. He said the marina would create jobs, generate tax revenue and create new tourism.

"We could continue to go down the same road and do nothing or we could take the chance and make a change and do something good for the town," DiSanto said.

He also proposed a harbor-walk along Delaware Avenue.

In his opening statement, Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier said during his four-year term, the city has had ups and down but mostly ups.

"As you are aware, council members don't always agree with each other but I am proud of our accomplishments we have made together," he said.

Meier noted more than 100 volunteers participate on boards, commissions and committees in the city. He said he loves inter-

acting with the public.

"I care about your ideas and most importantly, your concerns," Meier said.

In his opening statement, Zack Mullock said he is thrilled to be raising his family in Cape May. He said city and school taxes have been raised as well as municipal bonds and water and sewer rates. Mullock said grants and the city's surplus account have decreased significantly.

In her opening statement,

Stacy Sheehan said she was born and raised in Cape May and moved away to work for Merck Pharmaceuticals in vaccine manufacturing and development.

"I am now fortunate enough in my career to be able to spend the time needed to serve on council," she said.

Sheehan said she made million-dollar decisions on a daily

Candidates night, Page A4



Robert Newkirk/Special to the STAR AND WAVE

Frighteningly fun

Cape May's annual Halloween parade brought out the alter ego of both youths and adults, who marched through the Washington Street Mall and down Washington Street on Oct. 21.

Former mayor Inderwies dies

Guided city through rehab of Washington Street Mall

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — During his term as mayor, Jerome Inderwies Sr. helped guide the city through a time of revitalization, including the reconstruction of the Washington Street Mall and the financing of a new Convention Hall.

Inderwies died Oct. 18. He was 83.

All was not smooth sailing during his term as mayor. In August 2006, Cape May voters in a referendum defeated a \$6.4 million bond to refurbish the mall.

Council approved the bond ordinance that May but resident Christine Miller gathered more than 200 signatures requesting a voter referendum. At that time, Inderwies said he expected the defeat of the mall bond and blamed misinformation spread throughout the city.

In early 2007, advertising executive Steve Jackson

proposed a plan to restore the Beach Theatre through a nonprofit foundation. At that time, City Manager Luciano V. Corea Jr., City Solicitor Tony Monzo and Inderwies met with Frank Theatres in what the mayor described as a "negotiation session."

Frank Theatres had applied to the city's Historic Preservation Commission for a demolition permit. Plans showed refurbished retail stores located next to the theater with condominiums constructed above the stores. The theater would be torn down.

In his July 2007 State of the City address, Inderwies decried rumors of secret meetings taking place concerning the mall refurbishment. He said nothing could be further from the truth. Inderwies noted infiltration of rainwater into the city's sanitary sewers had been stopped for an

See Inderwies, Page A5

Six vie for three seats on Lower Township Council

Conrad seeks another term in First Ward

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Running for a fourth term as the 1st Ward representative to Lower Township Council, Thomas Conrad is now the longest-serving member of the governing body.

In a recent interview, he said he spent the first two years learning about township government and his job on council. "I came in thinking I'd

See Conrad, Page A8

Pallotta: It's now time to run for seat

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Carmela Pallotta, a retired educator and former president of a Lower Township

Democratic organization, says she's running for the 1st Ward seat on Township Council to push for more communication from township government, among other reasons. "All my life I've skirted politics. I've always been

See Pallotta, Page A8

Perry wants to continue long service

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — David Perry sees serving on Lower Township Council as an extension of the work he's done in the community for decades.

"I've lived here all my life. I've been involved in the Lower Township community since I was a kid," he said recently. Perry became a volunteer firefighter at 18, working

See Perry, Page A9

Poussart says government should listen

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Tom Poussart, seeking the 2nd Ward seat on Lower Township Council for his

first time running for elected office, got involved because he did not feel that residents were getting enough information about what's happening in the township. He worked as a computer system analyst with

See Poussart, Page A9

Roy vies for 1st full term in 3rd Ward

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Roland Roy is feeling pretty confident about this year's election, in which

he's seeking a full four-year term as the 3rd Ward representative on Lower Township Council. Originally appointed to fill the unexpired term of

Erik Simonsen, who resigned his council seat when he was sworn in as mayor at

See Roy, Page A10

Representing residents key for Marlowe

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP — Chris Marlowe is ready for a rematch.

He's the Democrat running for the 3rd Ward seat on Township Council this November, trying to unseat Republican incumbent Roland Roy. Last year, the two ran for Eric Simonsen's unexpired term, left vacant when Simonsen was elected mayor.

See Marlowe, Page A10

FALL AT THE WASHINGTON INN

RESTAURANT WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 2ND AND 3RD
SATURDAY ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 6:30

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND
DINNER TO GO
ORDER BY NOVEMBER 19TH

609 884 5697 WWW.WASHINGTONINN.COM

