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## Parking meters on near the mall

By JOHN COOKE  
Special to the Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — One of the expected signs of fall in Cape May is the end of parking meter fees. This year, however, don't look for them to go off on streets surrounding the Washington Street Mall.

At the request of merchants on the mall, City Council leaders agreed to keep the meters on on Carpenters Lane, Lyle Lane and Mansion Street through the end of the year. They will also restart a month earlier next spring, in April. The Park Mobile App will still be in use on these blocks.

"The merchants have requested over the years, discussed it and finally they put it into a letter. They would like to extend parking meters just in the immediate mall area through November and December and start in April," Councilwoman Bea Pesagno said during the council meeting April 3, when the ordinance was introduced.

City Council introduced the ordinance to keep parking meters operating around the Washington Street Mall during the Christmas shopping season and early spring to prevent mall employees from taking up all the parking spaces.

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A woman pays for parking at a kiosk near the Washington Street Mall in Cape May, which decided to keep the meters on through the end of the year so workers don't take up the spots customers would use.

## Cape May votes for incumbent, two newcomers

### Meier, Mullock, Sheehan elected

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — Unofficial results show Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier re-elected to City Council along with newcomers Zack Mullock and Stacy Sheehan.

Meier received 446 votes, Mullock 626 and Sheehan 558 votes, not including all mail-ins and provisional ballots.

Meier was re-elected as he is completing four years on council.

At a candidates night sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May, Meier said he was running his campaign on "positivity" because he did not think a campaign could be run on negativity and create positive changes. He said he wanted to bring people together and hear their suggestions.

Meier said he believed a redevelopment area could be useful in the Beach Theatre/Promenade district. He described redevelopment as a package of tools that could incentivize someone to fix up an area that's rundown or unsightly. He said part of the process was negotiating with a developer. Meier said he opposed a redevelopment zone for Washington Commons as presented to the Planning Board last January. He said the public was not properly informed of what redevelopment was before that meeting.

Mullock won a seat on council on his second run

for office. At his appearance at the chamber's candidates night, he said there were those who wanted to take advantage of Cape May's success with a City Council that was "too eager to acquiesce."

He said during his previous run for council that voters told him they did not want the duck pond to be filled in at Kiwanis Park to allow a new public safety building to be constructed at that location. He said voters did not want City Hall sold to become loft apartments and retail space and voters did not want a 500-space parking garage at a cost of over \$30,000 per space.

Mullock said a redevelopment is a legal term for creating zoning locations where it is illegal to do spot zoning.

Mullock said he saw no need for a redevelopment zone stating it would not be beneficial for the community or businesses.

Redevelopment zones were the key issue of the election, with Mullock opposing redevelopment and Meier and Sheehan stating it could be tool to be used carefully.

Sheehan told the Star and Wave she was looking forward to working with council as a team. She said she campaigned door to door and spent a lot of time talking with residents about their concerns.

Redevelopment was not the primary issue on residents' minds, she said.

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## Andy Boyt Paddle Out events raise \$23,000

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CAPE MAY — The 8th annual Memorial Paddle Out and Pasta Fundraiser, held Oct. 8 in honor of late Cape May firefighter Lt. Andy Boyt, raised \$21,000 for local charities and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The Paddle Out is a memorial service held on the anniversary of the passing of Boyt, known as an avid surfer as well as a firefighter. Boyt passed away at the

age of 45 in 2011. He joined the city's fire department in 1991, advancing through the ranks to lieutenant.

A giant check was featured in a ceremony Nov. 2 at the city's firehouse. Michelle Boyt, Andy's widow, said this year's event exceeded last year's \$15,000 total. The memorial foundation is a 501(3)(C) nonprofit organization.

"Monies will not only go to the

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## Sunset Lake eatery may be razed for home sites

By JACK FICHTER  
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VILLAS — A longtime waterfront restaurant on the Wildwood Crest/Diamond Beach border may be demolished to create room for six home sites.

The former Bayview Inn, at 8100 Bayview Drive, more recently called "Brine," is located on prime waterfront property along Sunset Lake.

The Lower Township Zoning Board approved a use variance in September to allow residential use in a general business zone. During a meeting Nov. 1, the board unanimously approved a technical major subdivi-

sion for the creation of six new lots.

Applicant Mark Platzer was represented by attorney Frank Corrado and engineer/planner Vince Orlando. Corrado said the plan for six residential units conforms with zoning regulations other than a lack of access onto a Lower Township street. He said access to the property would come across an easement that has been in place on the property, which required a variance from the board.

Orlando said one of the lots on the property is located in Wildwood Crest and does not have frontage onto Bayview

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The former Bayview Inn, now known as Brine, is closed and may never reopen. Its owner received a variance that would allow for residential development of the property.

## Lower Township results unknown

By RACHEL SHUBIN  
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ERMA — Lower Township Republican organization candidates Tom Conrad, Dave Perry and Roland Roy swept the Nov. 6 council election, keeping the board Republican-run, according to unofficial results.

Lower Township Municipal Hall would give no information or results for the election. The Cape May County Election website had zero percent reported for Lower Township as of 9 p.m.

The balance of power appears to remain the same as the previous year. The re-elected councilmen all have pledged to continue to keep taxes stable and continue to work on getting projects completed.

In Ward One, Conrad faced Democrat Carmela Pallotta.

In Ward Two, Perry faced Democrat Tom Poussart.

In Ward Three, Roy faced Democrat Chris Marlowe. Roy was elected to fill the unexpired term of Erik Simonsen when he was sworn in as mayor in 2016.

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