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Cape May City Councilman Shane Meier cuts the ribbon Dec. 1 on the redesigned Welcome Center parking lot, which added 23 spots to the city's limited inventory.

Redesign adds 23 parking spaces at Welcome Center

Officials mark banner day with ribbon-cutting event

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — In a city with a shortage of parking, adding 23 new spaces in the center of town is a big deal. So much so that the opening of a new parking area at the Welcome Center merited a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

City officials, members of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May — which operates the Welcome Center — the owners of Revolution Rail and neighboring Oyster Bay restaurant participated in the ceremony Dec. 1.

Completion of the parking lot was a long time coming due to negotiations with Cape May Seashore Lines, which holds a lease from the state on the railroad tracks at the Welcome Center.

The company has not operated a train into Cape May for more than a decade due to damage to the swinging railroad bridge over the Cape May Canal that ended rail service

from the mainland.

Mayor Zack Mullock said the city first looked at adding parking spaces along unused tracks there in 2014. He said Councilman Shaine Meier was working with Vince Orlando, the city's contracted engineer, to beautify the new parking lot.

Earlier in the year, Orlando said the state Department of Transportation (DOT) was emphatic that the railroad tracks remain intact. Orlando said the DOT wanted a full-fledged railroad crossing at Broad Street even though the only vehicles on the tracks are railbikes operated by a tour company.

Cape May Seashore Lines will retain rights to 200 feet of track at the Welcome Center.

Meier wielded large scissors to cut a red ribbon stretching across the lot.

Revolution Rail operates 16 railbikes on the railroad tracks from the Welcome

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West Cape board proposes banning neonic pesticides

By JACK FICHTER
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WEST CAPE MAY — The borough's Environmental Commission is recommending a borough-wide ban on individual use of neonic pesticides.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), neonicotinoid insecticides or "neonics" — the most widely used class of insecticides worldwide — have long been linked to massive losses of bees and butterflies, despite industry efforts to downplay their leading role. Science also ties neonics to declining bird species, dramatic losses of fish populations and birth defects in white-tailed

deer.

Neonics may be a problem for more than just the birds and the bees. Commonly found in water supplies, food and human bodies across the country, these popular chemicals are increasingly becoming part of our daily lives.

That's also of increasing concern to health professionals as new studies illuminate the serious risks that these everyday exposures may pose for people, especially children, according to the NRDC.

At a Nov. 23 meeting, Mayor Carol Sabo said along with banning individual use of neonics pesticides, the Environ-

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Lighting up the night

Communities throw switch on holiday season



Frank Scott/Special to the STAR AND WAVE

A troupe from the Joanne Reagan Dance Studio, complete with the Grinch, participates in the West Cape May Community Christmas Parade on Dec. 3.



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Cape May holds its annual tree lighting ceremony Dec. 2 in Rotary Park, where a large crowd gathered. Right, singer Mary Roth entertains the crowd.



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West Cape May holds its first tree lighting ceremony Dec. 2 in Wilbraham Park. Chris Gillin-Schwartz entertains the crowd with Deputy Mayor Dan Kurkowski, Mayor Carol Sabo and Commissioner Alan Crawford.



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