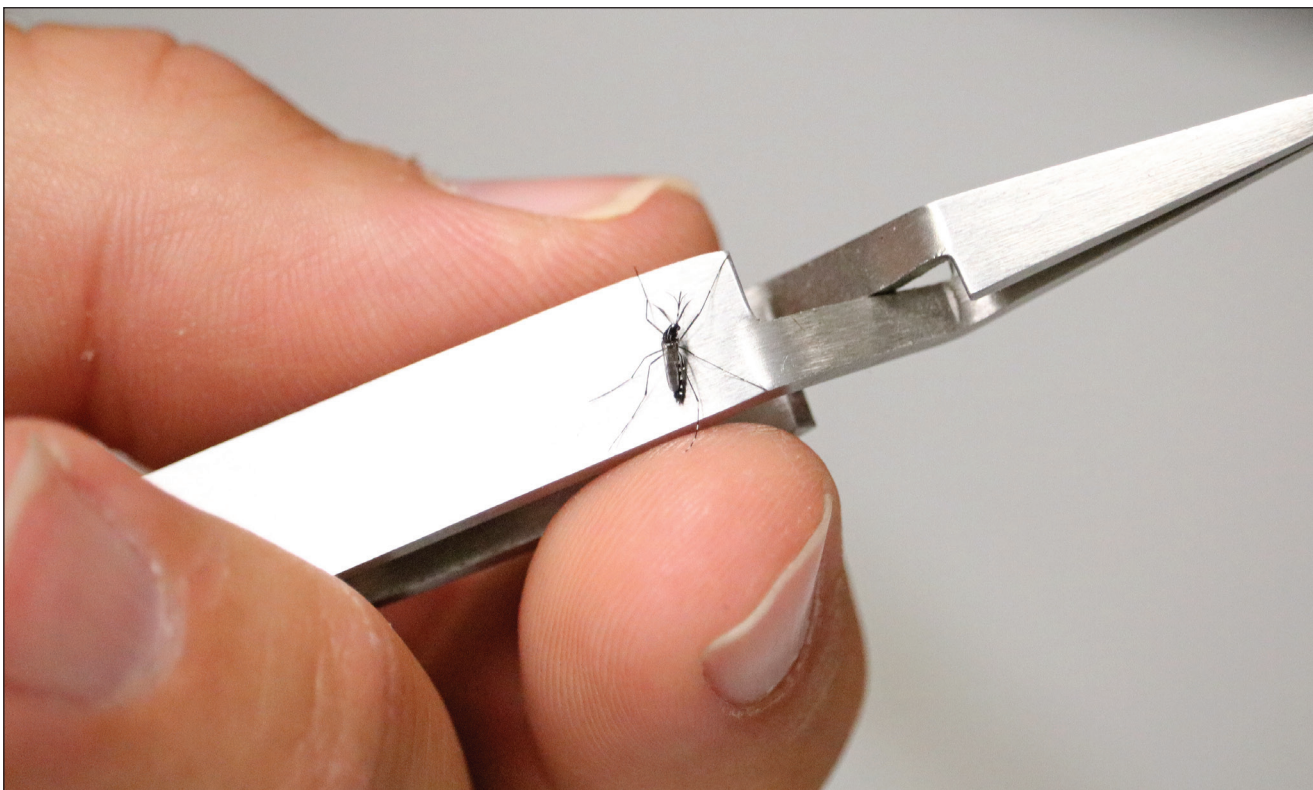




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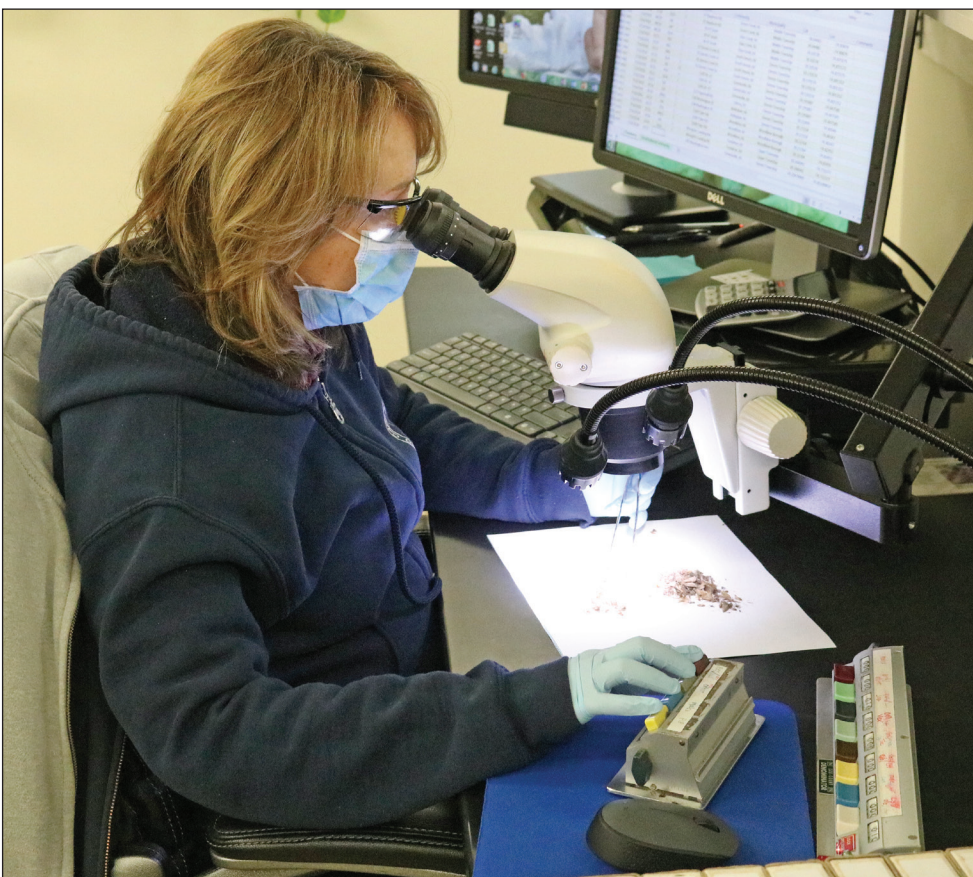


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Doug Abdill, superintendent of the Atlantic County Office of Mosquito Control, with a mosquito.

Persistent Pests

Mosquito commissions in Cape May, Atlantic counties track the insects at thousands of sites; test for disease; kill adults, larvae



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Diane McNelly, mosquito identification specialist for the Cape May County Office of Mosquito Control, at work. Below, a variety of some of the mosquitoes found in Atlantic County. The dime is used to show the relative size of the mosquitoes.



By KRISTEN KELLEHER
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CAPE MAY COUNTY — Every day at the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control, a few employees identify up to thousands of mosquitoes that are collected from sample sites across the county.

Their counterparts in Atlantic County are doing similar work.

Cape May County is home to fewer species of mosquitoes than Atlantic County — 45 compared with 63 — but there is plenty of water for the insects to breed.

The Department of Mosquito Control tests thousands of sites for mosquitoes, and Cape May County is home to species that live in salt water and inland water.

“We live in Cape May County and have tens of thousands of acres of salt marsh, and most areas that aren’t developed right now are probably wet,” said Kyle Rossner, Cape May County Mosquito Control entomologist. “We have a lot of standing water, and where you have standing water you have mosquitoes, so they keep us very busy.”

In this region, mosquito populations are highest beginning around early May and into early October.

Mosquitoes, however, can be active nearly all year long.

“I saw a couple mosquitoes in February this year,” he said. “If it gets warm enough, there are mosquitoes who either spend the winter as adults or they spend the winter as larvae or eggs, so depending on which mosquito

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No plan yet for redevelopment, parking garage

Cape May will hold meetings concerning both on Aug. 13

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — Resident Christine Miller asked City Council during a meeting July 17 if rumors about construction of a discount outlet mall and parking garage on Beach Avenue were true.

Miller asked if a parking garage specialist is going to speak to the city’s Parking Committee at its next meeting, at 3 p.m. Aug. 13.

Councilwoman Patricia Hendricks said the specialist is a Cape May resident who is willing to talk to the committee about any possible long-range goals.

“His information could help us greatly versus hiring a consultant,” she said.

Hendricks said the city is not hiring the specialist; instead he is lending his knowledge. She said the specialist is associated with a large developer of parking garages.

Miller asked if a redevelopment lawyer was going to speak during a town hall meeting Aug. 13. Mayor Chuck Lear confirmed the meeting is scheduled for

at 7 p.m.

She asked what locations were being considered for redevelopment areas and parking garages. Lear said the city hired Jim Maley, an attorney specializing in redevelopment and rehabilitation, to look at the beachfront area, Convention Hall and the remains of the Beach Theatre. The mayor said Maley would not be looking at Washington Commons or the Acme parking lot for redevelopment.

Miller said the resolution to hire Maley stated he should investigate the former theater area and properties on the Promenade and surrounding areas for redevelopment.

“Do you have a more precise location?” she asked.

Lear said Maley had not yet made any recommendations.

Miller said rumors were “flying around town” that developer Curtis Bashaw was interested in redeveloping the Beach Theatre area. Lear said he was not aware of interest from Bashaw.

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This booking photo of pug Bean, which had gotten loose in Cape May, went viral after the Cape May Police Department posted it on Facebook July 15.

CMPD’s pug mug post on Facebook goes viral

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — It started with a mug of a pug. Cape May police posted a photo July 15 on Facebook of a pug dog found running loose that was jokingly being processed as an arrestee, complete with a photo and an inmate number.

“This is what happens when you run away from home. This guy was captured sneaking through yards on the 1300 block on New Jersey Avenue,” read the Facebook post. It urged readers to call police if they knew who was the owner of the dog.

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