

West Cape HPC

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Zingman-Leith said the HPC does not want purview over the vacant land. He said West Cape May has a small group of very old buildings, 18th century and perhaps 17th century, with heavy timber frame architecture. "There are very few of those in the entire United States," Zingman-Leith said. "Oddly, a hefty proportion of all of those in

the United States are in South Jersey." He said most of them are not designated as historic and are falling down. Driving on Route 47, about 50 18th-century buildings can be seen that are falling down, Zingman-Leith said. He said he did not expect much opposition from residents for the expansion of the historic district. The first survey undertaken to establish a

historic district was broad in order to identify the district, Zingman-Leith said. The survey included a number of items that were later not designated as historic. Some homes not included in the first survey that would be included in the extended district lack a baseline of information on file with the HPC, he said. Deputy Mayor Peter Burke questioned why the Moore house at Fifth and Pacific avenues was not included in the expansion. Zingman-Leith said the Moore house is a four square, of which the earliest were constructed around 1895 with many built from 1910 to 1915. He said the Douglass house at the end of Stevens Street at Pond Creek Lane looks like it could be an 18th-century house but is probably from the 1840s or 1850s. Zingman-Leith

said many houses in West Cape May and Cape May look 50 years older than their actual age. Builders were conservative constructing many Federal-style homes, he said. Commissioner John Francis II asked how the borough deals with an empty lot next to a historic home. He asked if the borough requires the owner of the lot to build a house that fits the neighborhood or whether they can build whatever they wish to build. Zingman-Leith said if you have a non-contributing building in a historic district or you have a building lot in an historic district, the new structure does not have to be made appropriate to an existing building but it must be made appropriate to the character of the district in which it is located. "We would ask that the

form of the building be similar to other buildings in the historic district," he said. The HPC would want the shape of the windows to be like the historic buildings and not have large expanses of glass. "We don't require traditional materials in new buildings, so you can have vinyl windows, vinyl siding and an asphalt roof," he said. Zingman-Leith said the HPC would probably reject a plan to build a glass box or a concrete building without windows. He said the HPC was not recommending designating any individual homes but recommending limited extensions of the historic district. Borough solicitor Frank Corrado confirmed the HPC was asking Borough Commission to pass an ordinance to expand the historic district. He said

he would draft an ordinance to include the additional properties cited by the HPC. Corrado said Deputy Zoning Officer Rhiannon Worthington has indicated a couple sections of the ordinance that enables the HPC need minor changes concerning granting certificates of appropriateness. She said she updated application forms used by the HPC. Worthington suggested the certificate of appropriateness be renamed "permit for minor work." Corrado said a certificate of appropriateness would still be issued by the HPC for major work. Mayor Carol Sabo said the borough's zoning map did not indicate the historic district. She thanked HPC members for their diligence in helping West Cape May maintain the character of the town.

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West Cape resolution intended to force tree removal

By JACK FICHTER
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WEST CAPE MAY — The borough adopted a resolution requiring specific trees in rights of way to be promptly removed as they are considered dangerous. The borough will mail notices to property owners requiring the removal of the trees. At an Oct. 13 Borough Commission meeting, Mayor Carol Sabo said the Shade Tree Commission prepared a report of dangerous trees

that need to be removed. Member Bill Oetinger said the commission received a grant for an inventory of all trees in the borough. He said four trees were identified as an imminent danger. Borough solicitor Frank Corrado said that before a tree is required to be removed, the borough must adopt a resolution that accepts the recommendation of an arborist and directs that the trees be removed. Deputy Mayor Peter Burke said four trees on three properties were identified in the resolution.

Oetinger said the Shade Tree Commission would notify property owners of trees that may not be in imminent danger of falling but need attention. "There's two on my block," he said. "One's hanging on the cable." Corrado said a property owner would have 30 days to comply with the order. He said after 30 days, the borough has the right to remove the tree and charge the property owner for the removal. Sabo questioned if a property owner should have more than 30 days to re-

move a tree. Corrado said an ordinance stated a time of 30 days. "It can be hard to get a tree person out in 30 days, but these are recognized as really dangerous trees," Oetinger said. Sabo said a longer period of time could be granted if a property owner showed they had scheduled a removal with a tree service. Burke said the tree inventory was prepared by professionals nine months ago. "The trees that were identified as 'remove quickly,' it's been a long time already," he said.

City considering eliminating 3-day beach tag

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CAPE MAY — City Council is considering eliminating three-day beach tags since they are costing the city money. Beach Tag Supervisor Ed Rotz said during a City Council meeting Oct. 5 that Cape May is the only town in the state selling a three-day beach tag. Priced at \$15, it is costing the city a significant amount of money, Rotz said. If the city eliminated the three-day tag, the Saturday-to-Saturday tag becomes a bargain, he said. A daily beach tag is priced at \$8 and a weekly tag costs \$20. Rotz said the three-day tag is the most difficult to enforce since it must be punched three times by a

beach tagger. "Every several days, there is a switch from one color to the other where you've got beach taggers looking at the last two days of the old color and the first three days of the new color, I think it's totally useless," Rotz said. He recommended council eliminate the three-day tag. Sales of three-day tags this year were up 71 percent because visitors staying two days bought three-day tags and saved \$1, Rotz said. "Daily tags dropped 41 percent," he added. City Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz said the city code allows for the sale of three-day tags and would need to be amended by ordinance. Tag sales were up \$480,000 this year over 2020, an increase of 18 percent. Rotz attributed that to a \$2 increase in the cost of a daily beach tag, a \$50 price increase for commercial tags and a significant

increase in the number of visitors. "They had money to spend, and they had cabin fever," Rotz said. He said council needs to determine how long discounted advance seasonal tags would be sold. Mayor Zack Mullock said revenue from preseason tags sold in December, before the end of the year, is counted in that calendar year. Rotz said 2,812 commercial beach tags were sold in 2020 and 3,037 in 2021, a 9 percent increase. Seasonal tags are priced at \$30 but were discounted to \$25 for last December-season sales. Tax collector Deborah Lindholm said a number of persons complained that discounted preseason tags were not available in January and February this year. She said tag customers liked the option of purchasing preseason tags until March.

Beach Break
Relax, life takes time...

Crossword

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ACROSS

- Zoomed
- At the peak
- Nibbled
- Celebrity's transport
- Highway vehicle
- Title of respect
- Wallet stuffers
- Temper tantrum
- That woman
- Part of FBI
- Biting
- Secret watcher
- Mischievous kids
- Final exam, sometimes
- Split
- Ball
- A ways off
- Finger-paint
- Gazed upon
- Give (out)
- Bring up
- Take out, in printing
- Small valley
- Dads
- Perfume
- Office employee
- Chop down
- Jack's tote
- Huron or Ontario
- Bad humor
- Pimples
- In an updated way
- Shoulder enhancer
- Fewer
- Drownses
- Smoker's receptacle
- Even score
- Blunder
- Hurt
- Actor Moore
- Jewel from the sea
- Malt liquor
- Lass's friend
- Set loose
- Total up
- Rival
- Permitted
- Hard-shelled bugs
- Whatever
- Prayer before meals
- Baby grand, e.g.
- Requested
- Simmers
- October stone
- Itinerary
- Leg joint
- Time division
- Those elected

DOWN

- Messy people
- GI's poster
- Grinding material
- Pill quantity
- Supposed
- Knockout count
- Fails to include
- Pocket bread

Sudoku

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once. Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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