

Kiwanis Club urges use of light on bicycles at night

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Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY — At the end of the school year, the Kiwanis Club of Cape May gave every student at West Cape May Elementary School and Cape May City Elementary School a headlight and rear reflector for their bicycles.

Kiwanis member Robert Morris said the main mission of the organization is helping children. He said the motto of the bike safety committee is "Bike at night, have a light."

In addition to the light and reflector, a packet given to students included a refrig-

erator magnet printed with a reminder to use lights on a bike when riding at night, state bike regulations and safety rules and information on the Kiwanis Club.

"We know you're going to go home and teach your parents. You know they wouldn't drive their cars at night without a light," Morris said.

"What are you going to do this summer when you ride at night? You're going to use a..." he continued.

"Light," said the West Cape May students in unison.

Morris said the bike light campaign began two summers ago after Kiwanis member Larry Notch had

a close call with a bicyclist riding in the dark. He said the organization planned to have a "Bike at night, have a light" banner in Cape May's Independence Day parade, along with handing out lights and refrigerator magnets.

"We talked to bike-rental companies," he said. "All overnight rentals and weekly rentals are going to put lights on."

Morris said the Kiwanis also contacted the police department because Class II bicycle officers do not use lights at night. He said a goal was to get the refrigerator magnets in all summer rental homes.



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Members of the Kiwanis Club of Cape May pose with sixth-graders at West Cape May Elementary School, whom they gave bicycle lights and other safety gear.



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The packages included a light, reflector and safety literature.

Accident leads to drug arrest, vehicle seizure in Lower Twp. Marijuana

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VILLAS — A car accident led to two arrests and the discovery of suspected drugs in one of the vehicles.

Officers were dispatched for a report of a motor vehicle accident at about 12:07 p.m. June 19 at Bayshore Road and East Greenwood Avenue. Upon arrival, one vehicle was in the northbound lane facing north while the other had attempted to flee the scene, police said. Due to heavy damage, the fleeing vehicle made it only to the parking lot of Greenwood Apartments.

According to police, driver Matthew Camp then fled on foot. Ptlm. Corey Scheid checked surveillance cameras at a local business and was able to ascertain his whereabouts. Camp was found inside a nearby apartment.

Camp was checked for warrants and found to be wanted out of the county Prosecutor's Office on an outstanding contempt of court warrant. He was immediately placed under arrest and transported to Lower Township Police Department and later lodged in the Cape May County Jail.

Subsequent investigation by Ptlm. Kevin Boyle Jr.

and Sgt. Robert Smith Jr. revealed that the passenger, Gregory Straub, was in possession of one bag of suspected methamphetamine, one bag of suspected crack cocaine, one clear glass pipe commonly used to consume meth/crack cocaine and one large buck knife. A county Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit responded to the scene to assist in the investigation and further search the vehicle. The vehicle was taken to the Lower Township Police Department, pending a search warrant by the Lower Township Police Detective Division. Straub was taken to the Lower Township Police Department for booking and processing. He was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a weapon, certain persons not to possess a weapon and obstructing the administration of law enforcement. He was charged on a warrant authorized by Judge Thomas Hillegass with no bail. Straub also was lodged in the Cape May County Jail.

hippies but to kids," Hanlon said.

She called the THC-infused food industry kid-friendly and potent.

"It's not 3 percent THC, which is what makes you hallucinate, makes you get really high. It's a little more than 95 percent THC. It's very, very strong. It's in gummy bears, it's in oils, it's in sodas; this is what is flooding Colorado right now," Hanlon said. "This is their recreation, this is what they do."

It is unknown whether the THC-infused products have contaminants because it is still illegal at the federal level, she said, and the Food and Drug Administration is not examining the products.

Social issues in Colorado

Hanlon said since commercialization of marijuana in Colorado, the state has become No. 1 in the nation for use by those 13 to 16 years old.

"It's so accessible, so sexy, it looks so beautiful and it's strong," she said.

Despite legalization in Colorado and Oregon, a huge black market for marijuana still exists, Hanlon said.

"There's a gray market because now it's in all these retail shops where you can buy it legally and sell it illegally on the gray market," she said.

A current legalization bill in New Jersey has no cap on the amount of THC in a product, according to Hanlon. A waxy derivative substance sold in Colorado has a 99 percent THC level.

"You light it up and inhale it and you're stoned out of your mind," she said.

Hanlon said in Colorado, 50 percent of marijuana sales are edibles. She said there is more crime and homelessness around marijuana stores, noting it is a cash business.

She said since recreational marijuana was legalized in Colorado, the arrest of black people has increased 58 percent. There are more pot shops in Colorado than Starbucks and McDonald's combined, Hanlon said.

"I love this county. I loved promoting you. I know that you bring billions of dollars into the state. This will change the landscape of Cape May County as you know it," she said. "I want you to be aware of it and I want you to get ahead of it and I want you to talk to your legislators so you control how your county is going to look and the kind of environment you're going to raise your families in and the kind of tourists you want to attract," she said. "This is not what they expected in Colorado, but once you let that genie out of the bottle, it's very hard to let it back in."

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ecutive director of the state Office of Travel and Tourism, appointed in 2010 by former Gov. Chris Christie.

Employers in Colorado are having difficulty finding employees who can pass a drug test, Hanlon said. She said there are occupations in which it is not permissible to test positive for THC for public safety issues.

A key issue for tourism is feeling safe at a location, Hanlon said.

"People don't feel safe in Colorado any more. It smells, there is a homelessness, crime is up," she said. "It changed the landscape as they know it."

State Sens. Robert Singer and Ronald Rice have sponsored a bill to decriminalize it as opposed to commercializing it, Hanlon said.

While Murphy promised legalization in his first 90 days of office, it has not happened yet, Hanlon said. She said towns and counties are passing ordinances to ban marijuana stores. Pete Cammarano, Murphy's chief of staff, was formerly in the cannabis industry, she said.

"I have such a problem with this. I think it's such a conflict of interest that he founded the Jersey Cannabis Association and now he's our chief of staff," she said.

Joe Faldetta, a clinical alcohol and drug counselor and a certified prevention specialist with Cape Assist, a substance abuse prevention and treatment agency, said the amount of money marijuana brings in during the course of four years is actually exceeded by societal costs.

He questioned whether employees would be permitted to smoke pot on their break. Faldetta said a Breathalyzer can determine

whether someone is under the influence of alcohol but marijuana remains in a person's system for a month.

Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sutherland said as an appointee of the governor and head law enforcement officer for the county, he could not take a policy position on the issue. He said there is not a standard, reliable test to show marijuana intoxication.

"From a practical point of view, the edibles are going to be the biggest challenge to us in law enforcement and we're already starting to see packaged edibles appearing in our schools that are coming from out West," he said.

He said students could be sitting in the lunchroom consuming items with THC.

"They literally could be making transactions in the lunchroom. We have no way of knowing that," Sutherland said. "Kids trade food all the time."

"There's a lot of things we're going to be faced with that's going to make our job more difficult. Whatever the outcome is, whether it's legalized or not, we're going to have to adapt to it," he continued.

He called decriminalization of marijuana a "no-brainer." Sutherland said the definition of a Schedule 1 drug does not apply to marijuana based on current legislation in New Jersey. One of the criteria for a Schedule 1 drug such as heroin is that it serves no medical purpose.

"We've already determined that it serves a medical purpose," he said.

Sutherland said it would be easier on law enforcement and court systems if marijuana were decriminalized and removed from being a Schedule 1 drug.



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The City of Cape May, New Jersey will hold a public hearing on July 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Cape May City Auditorium, City Hall, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey 08204.

The purpose of the hearing is as follows: (1) to explain federal and state guidelines, (2) to review eligible and proposed program activities, (3) to consider proposals for an application under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and (4) to receive citizen comments and recommendations.

Total funds available: \$6,414,712

At least 70 percent of the funds available must be used for activities that primarily benefit people of low and moderate income. None of the funds requested will result in displacement or relocation of people.

Eligible activities include:

1. Acquisition of real property;
2. Acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities;
3. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas;
4. Clearance, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings;
5. Special projects to remove architectural barriers which restrict accessibility of the elderly and handicapped;
6. Provision of public services;
7. Activities necessary to develop:
 - a comprehensive community development plan; and
 - policy planning management capacity to enable the recipient to more effectively administer the program.
8. Payment of reasonable administrative costs;
9. Activities carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.

The City of Cape May is considering a Public Facilities application in an amount of \$400,000 for replacement of lead service laterals within the public water system throughout the City.

All citizens are encouraged to offer comments at the public hearing or by writing to the City of Cape May, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ 08204 ATTN: Neil Young, City Manager. Within ten days following the public hearing, written comments may also be sent to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, NJ Small Cities CDBG Program, P.O. Box 811, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0811, ATTN: Administrator.

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