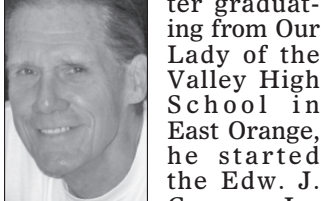


OBITUARIES

EDWARD J. CREENAN

Edward J. Creenan, of West Cape May and Jewett, N.Y., passed peacefully at home Sept. 25, 2018.

Born in Newark, Ed lived in Elizabeth for 30 years. Sometime after graduating from Our Lady of the Valley High School in East Orange, he started the Edw. J. Creenan Insurance Co. in Essex County, which he left to attend Manhattan School of Music to study percussion. He graduated from Kean College with a degree in music in 1980.



Ed played music professionally for 50 years and taught music privately and in various schools including Hamilton School in Elizabeth, St. John Vianney School in Colonia and St. Michael School in Union. He encouraged his students to perform and delighted in their musical successes. His relationships with his former students brought him real joy.

Ed had a strong sense of self and will and knew how he wanted to live. He cared passionately for the environment and spent as much time outdoors as he could, skiing at Hunter Mountain and biking and stand-up paddleboarding in Cape May. He enjoyed restoring his homes.

He will be missed by his loving family, including his wife of 35 years, Katherine (nee Petervary); stepson David (and Julie) Heras; grandchildren Victor and Elizabeth Heras; brother John (and Rita) Creenan; four nieces and nephews; many grandnieces and

grandnephews; sister-in-law Ruth Liss; the Aiken/Bryan family; the many music students he mentored in his 50 years of music education; his skiing buddies; and his Havanese, Joey. He was predeceased by his sister, Judy Schneider, and his parents, Thomas and Molly Creenan.

Funeral services were held privately. Ed would have encouraged contributions to Doctors without Borders. To share condolences, visit spilkerfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM JOSEPH JACKMAN III, 61

William Joseph Jackman III, 61, of the Erma section of Lower Township, passed from this life Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

Born in Brookhaven N.Y., "Capt. Billy Jack" was a commercial fishing vessel captain and seaman for more than 40 years, working the waters from New Bedford to South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Jackman; son Keefe Jackman; and daughters Anna Jackman, Elissa Rose Wurster and Emma Redmer. Bill was known as "Poppy" to five grandchildren. He is also survived by his loving mother, Anna Hassner Fadrowski, three siblings and extended family siblings.

After a three-year struggle with cancer, his family and many friends hope he has found peace.

A memorial is scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Road in North Cape May. Those who wish to make a charitable donation in lieu of flowers may do so at cancer.org. To share condolences, visit evoyfuneralhome.com.

Planning Board

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and open space pedestrian access ways abutting the quads and semi-detached dwellings," he said.

He said structures not permitted in the setbacks include fences, and heating and air conditioning units should not be allowed in the front yard. Recommendations include treating fences as structures.

"Over the years, fences have sprung up whether they are permitted or not. Whether they ever got approval or not is subject to debate, but it's become an issue that there's a proliferation of fences," Hurlless said.

Another Village Green issue: additions to attached homes with quad units often built in unusual configurations due to setback requirements, which often do not match the abutting structure and are not aesthetically pleasing, Hurlless said. He said the issue was found particularly side-by-side duplexes.

"If the owner on the right wants to do an addition, it's not in line with the structure, it's offset because there are code requirements for fireproofing," he said. "It's requiring a 5-foot offset."

He said if both owners would agree to construct additions at the same time and construct a firewall, it would not be an issue. Second-story additions in Village Green can be no higher than 20 feet, the lowest height requirement in Cape May, according to Hurlless.

Additions are being built on the back of units and are not visible from the street, Planning Board Chairman Bill Bezaire said. Board member Dr. Scott Maslow suggested a standard be created for additions in Village Green.

Board member Patricia Hendricks said representatives of the Village Green Association would like relief from the height restriction because many homeowners wish to expand their house rather than having to sell.

Bezaire said in some cases one side of a duplex would

add a second floor and the other would not, which did not present a good appearance. Hendricks suggested obtaining information on the original zoning for Village Green.

A comprehensive re-examination of standards for the C-1 district, Washington Street and the mall primary business district was suggested. Availability of off-street parking in that area is extremely lacking and the ability to develop new parking is difficult due to no land availability, Hurlless said.

The lack of workforce housing has also been cited as concern, he said. Hurlless said the area is pedestrian-friendly and lends itself well to apartments located over businesses.

"The ability to convert unused areas above commercial uses has been curtailed by a lack of parking," Hurlless said. "Relaxing or eliminating the parking requirements for apartment uses in this district should be investigated."

Bezaire said the idea should "go one step further and eliminate the need for parking requirements on the mall." Maslow said eliminating the requirement would make a dense area even denser.

"We also have to look at what it gives us in additional housing," Hendricks said.

She questioned the affordability of apartments created in the mall area. Maslow said many apartments would probably have multiple tenants, all with cars. He suggested offsite parking for apartment dwellers.

Hendricks said second-floor apartments would have to be retrofitted for safer egress in the event of a fire. She said a number of fire escapes would be visible on Carpenter's Lane and the city would have to deal with encroachments.

Hurlless said parking requirements are stopping renovations and use of apartments located above stores on the mall.

Bezaire said parking requirements are one space for every 200 square feet

of retail area plus one for every full-time employee on the largest shift. Restaurants require one parking spot for every four seats plus one for every employee on the largest shift.

Board member Mike Jones said local employers cannot find places for their employees to live. He said empty space above some stores is being wasted due to the parking issue.

"What better place to put the workers than right there where their jobs are?" Bezaire said.

Board member Robert Elwell said he was not sure the city should add to the uptown parking problem. Hendricks said such apartments would appeal to millennials. Elwell said he does not believe the apartments would remain as workforce housing but become expensive rentals.

"The apartments are going to get grander and nicer," he said.

The board estimated about 12 apartments could be created on the mall. Some one-story retail stores could consider adding a second floor.

Hurlless said additional construction of second floors could be prohibited, allowing what is existing to be used for apartments. He said an ordinance could allow the apartments without a parking requirement.

The board will continue discussion on the topic at a future meeting.

Also under consideration, a comprehensive re-examination to address standards of all commercial districts, evaluate and update the uses by right for new and trending uses such as distilleries and breweries and other tourist-compatible uses, Hurlless said.

Also under discussion: lot size and lot area currently do not exclude wetlands or buffers from density or lot yield calculations, he said. Hendricks asked why the city would want to change that item.

Hurlless said the board has had applications in the past that were approved using the total land mass and deriving density from that figure.

"So even though there was wetlands, even though there was tidally flowed area, that total land area was used to determine the overall density," he said.

Bezaire said in some cases, a lot may not be buildable if wetlands and buffers are not included in the calculation, in particular lots on Lafayette Street that abut the creek. Hurlless said if the city changed the regulation, it would have to be sensitive to Yacht Avenue, which has homes that overhang the water.

Hurlless said issues were raised if a developer would take advantage of tidally flowed waters and increase density, allowing the building of additional houses because wetlands are on the property. Based on discussion by the board, he said there seemed to be no impetus to change the regulation.

Another issue for the master plan re-examination, all residential districts area and bulk regulations should be revised to eliminate the ground floor in the minimum floor area requirements. Hurlless said the standard prevents the building of too small of a house. The city requires a minimum house size of 850 square feet or 840 square feet, depending on the zone.

"What I want to say is the first floor, the first main floor, has to be a minimum of 840 or 850 square feet," Hurlless said.

He said in some cases there is a small entryway into the house to the main floor. Bezaire suggested just having a minimum habitable floor area for a house, regardless of which floor it is located. He suggested a first floor should be a minimum of 850 square feet. Hurlless said the intent was to keep houses comparatively sized, so something is not built that is out of character with the neighborhood.

Hurlless said his original recommendation was to take out the term "ground" and substitute "habitable." He said he would examine the ordinance and bring it back for further discussion.

LOCAL BIRTHS

Cape Regional Medical Center

Delilah Joan Bryant, a daughter, to Jacquelynn DiCola and Kyle Bryant, of North Cape May, on Oct. 12, 2018.

James Everett Mullock, a son, to Justine and Zack Mullock, of Cape May, on Oct. 16, 2018.

Area Worship Services

The following worship services are planned for the southern Cape May County area this week.

Allen AME Church - 715 Franklin St., Cape May. Sunday school 10 to 10:45 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-2626.

Beadle Memorial Presbyterian Church - 506 Cape Ave., Cape May Point. Sunday service 10 a.m.

Beth Judah Temple - Spencer and Pacific avenues, Wildwood. Saturday service 9:30 a.m. For Friday night service at 6:30 p.m. or other services, contact Rabbi Ron at (609) 522-7541 or visit bethjudahtemple.org.

Bethel United Methodist Church - 386 Route 47, Green Creek. Sunday service 9 a.m. Visit greencreekumc.org or call (609) 889-0474 or (609) 522-4054.

Calvary Chapel - 596 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m., Children's ministry and nursery provided. Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-5821 or visit cccape-may.org.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church - 100 Dias Creek Road, Cape May Court House. Sunday worship services 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend, 7 p.m. at Boardwalk Chapel, Wildwood. Call (609) 522-8489.

Cape Community Church - 1159 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 465-2338.

Cape Island Baptist Church - Columbia Ave. and Gurney St., Cape May. Sunday school (all ages) 9:30 a.m. Morning worship service 11 a.m. Celebrate the Family 5:30 p.m. first Sunday of month. Call (609) 884-3917 or visit cibcnj.org.

Cape May Beach Sunday School - Clubhouse Drive between Folsom and Elwood Roads, Town Bank. Services 9:30 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Call (609) 408-0022.

Cape Bible Church - 1812 Bayshore Road, Villas. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9:30 a.m. Tuesday group fellowships 7 p.m. Call (609) 889-2264 or visit capebiblechurch.wix.com/villas.

Cape May Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses - Seashore and Town Bank Road, Cape May. Sunday: Public meeting 10 a.m. Watchtower 11 a.m. Call (609) 884-8611.

Cape May Lutheran Church - 509 Pittsburg Ave., Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m. Bible study Tuesday 10 a.m. Call (609) 884-2181.

Cape May Point Union Chapel - 317 Cape Ave., Cape May Point. Sunday service 11 a.m. Thursday praise and worship 10 a.m. Call (856) 785-2652.

Cape May United Methodist Church - 635 Washington St., Cape May. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. (adults), 9:30 a.m. (youth). Call (609) 884-3792.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - 803 Hand Ave., Cape May. Sunday service 9 a.m. Call (609) 465-2558.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church - 780 Seashore Road. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 884-4065.

Court House Church of Christ - 102 E. Pacific Ave., Cape May Court House. Sunday services 10:30 a.m., Bible class 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Call (609) 465-2840.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) - 123 Fishing Creek Road, North Cape May. Sunday service 10:15 a.m. Sunday school 9:15 a.m. Call (609) 886-2448.

Episcopal Church of the Advent - Washington and Franklin streets, Cape May. Sunday services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Weekday services Thursday at noon. Call (609) 884-3065 or visit capemayadvent.org.

First Assembly of God Church - 1068 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sunday worship service 10:30 a.m. Adult bible study Wednesday 7 p.m. Youth ministry Wednesday 7 p.m. Call (609) 884-2424 or visit capemayfirstassembly.org.

First Presbyterian Church - 500 Hughes Street (Corner of Hughes and Decatur), Cape May. Sundays: Traditional worship service 9 a.m. with choir and organ. Coffee hour 10 a.m. Adult forum, 10:15 a.m. All questions welcome; there are no wrong answers. Celebration service 11 a.m. with jazz and gospel ensemble. Call (609) 884-3949 or visit cmfirstpresbyterian.com.

Good Samaritan Baptist Church - 307 Townbank Road, North Cape May. Sunday services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult bible study Wednesday 6 p.m. Call (609) 425-2467.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church - 1220 Bayshore Road, Villas. Sunday service with communion 10:30 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9 a.m. Church office hours 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Food pantry 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (609) 886-2141 or visit holyspiritvillas.com.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Atlantic and Poplar avenues, Wildwood. Sunday worship services 8 a.m. (spoken) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional). Sunday school during 10:30 service. Communion offered during both services. Call (609) 522-5000 or email lutheransinwildwood@gmail.com.

The Lighthouse Church - 1248 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House. Saturday service 6 p.m. Sunday services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (service with interpretation for hearing impaired). Children's church and nursery at all services. Call (609) 465-6690 or visit tlccma.org.

Macedonia Baptist Church - Corner of Lafayette and Franklin streets, Cape May. Bible study Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday service 11 a.m. Call (609) 884-3512 or visit macedoniacapemay.com.

Maranatha New Covenant Church - Breakwater Road, Erma. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school noon. Evening service Wednesday 7 p.m.

Marianist Family Retreat Center - 417 Yale Ave. Cape May Point. Call (609) 884-3829 or visit capemaymarianists.org.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church - 525 Washington Street Mall, Cape May. Daily Mass at 11 a.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call (609) 884-5312.

Revolve Church - 3860 Bayshore Road, Unit 10, North Cape May. Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit revolvechurchnj.com.

Rio Grande Bible Baptist Church - 1107 Route 47, Rio Grande. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday school (all ages) 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer service 6:30 p.m. Call (609) 886-9494.

Society of Friends - Seaville Meeting, 3088 South Shore Road (Route 9), 10 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

St. Barnabas by the Bay Episcopal Mission - 13 West Bates Ave., Villas. Sunday service 8 a.m. without music and 10 a.m. with choir. Church school and nursery 10 a.m. Adult education 9:15 a.m. Worship and healing service Thursday 10 a.m. Call (609) 886-5960 or visit saintbarnabasvillas.org.

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox - 321 St. Demetrios Ave., North Wildwood. Orthos 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. and Holy Communion 11 a.m. (Oct.-May). Orthos 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 522-0152 or visit stdemetriosnj.com.

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church - 680 Town Bank Road, North Cape May. Sunday service 10 a.m., Saturday service 4 p.m. St. Raymond's, Bayshore Road and East Ocean Av-

enue in Villas, Mass 8 a.m. Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday. Spanish Mass 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (609) 884-1656.

Saint Peters by the Sea Episcopal Church - 102 Lake Drive, Cape May Point. Sunday morning services for 2018 season (May 27 to Sept. 30) 9 a.m. without music and 11 a.m. with music. Call (609) 374-1387 or visit spscmp.org.

Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene - 446 Seashore Road, Cape May. Sundays: Worship service 11 a.m. Sunday school (all ages) 10 a.m. Wednesdays: Family dinner 5:45 p.m. Caravan children's program 6:45 p.m. Youth group 7 p.m. Adult bible study 7 p.m. Call (609) 886-6196 or visit seashorecommunitychurch.com.

Tabernacle United Methodist Church - 702 Seashore Road, Erma. Sunday worship service 9:15 a.m. and Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Call (609) 884-3574 or visit tumc-erma.org.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore - At the corner of Pomona Road and Liebig Street in Gallopway Township. Sunday service 10 a.m. Call (609) 965-9400 or visit uucjsj.org.

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