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Opportunity may knock at Lower's door

Township included in state's submission for federal funds

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NEWARK — Lower Township has been included in recommendations for Opportunity Zones submitted by the state Department of Community Affairs to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, something that could make the township desirable for new businesses or relocations.

The Opportunity Zones program was enacted as part of the 2017 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and is designed to drive long-term capital investments in low-income rural and urban communities.

"New Jersey is committed to using every tool at our disposal to develop our communities and grow our economy," Gov. Phil Murphy said. "This program provides real opportunity for our state that has the po-

tential to create significant, long-term economic development in the communities that need it the most."

The Opportunity Zones program — sponsored by Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) — is the first new federal community development tax incentive program since the Clinton administration. It provides opportunities for private investors to support investments in distressed communities through participation in Opportunity Funds. Further details on the structure of Opportunity Funds will be released by the Department of the Treasury later this year.

"Every community should have access to the resources needed to realize its full entrepreneurial potential," Booker said. "But barriers stand between too

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Strolling in their Easter best

Cape May held its Easter Fashion Stroll on April 1 in Rotary Park. At top, the Easter Bunny strikes a pose with Vera Bailey, 5, of Sewell. At left, Grace Brockman, 2, Noah Brockman, 5, and Eve Brockman, 16 months, of Rio Grande. Above, contestants in the girls age 4 to 6 category.

Woman dies in crash into house in Lower

ERMA — A 72-year-old woman who lost consciousness and struck a house on Seashore Road on Friday in Lower Township was pronounced dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Police were dispatched to the intersection of Breakwater and Seashore roads for a report of a motor vehicle accident at about 3:39 p.m. March 30. Officers arrived on scene to discover a vehicle occupied by two individuals had left the roadway and struck the house.

The driver of the vehicle, Carol A. Adams, was unconscious when police arrived. Officers and members of

the Lower Township Rescue Squad immediately pulled Adams out of the vehicle to begin CPR. A 91-year-old man was able to remove himself from the vehicle and was evaluated by the rescue squad.

Investigation at the scene revealed the vehicle to be traveling southbound in the 500 block of Seashore Road when the driver lost consciousness at the intersection of Breakwater Road, causing the vehicle to veer off the roadway to the left and cross the centerline before striking a curb. The vehicle

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Man raising funds to pay student lunch debt in township

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CAPE MAY — A local resident has launched a campaign to pay off the debt of students who have been unable to pay for their lunches in Lower Township schools.

When students at Lower Cape May Regional High School can't afford to buy lunch, they are still served and given an IOU. Despite the availability of free and reduced-price lunches, some students have not taken

advantage of the service.

As a result, the school built up more than \$7,700 in unpaid lunch IOUs.

Cape May resident Jeremiah Schenerman decided it was time to help, and set up a Go Fund Me page for the purpose of paying off the students' lunch debt.

"Having a lunch debt is a daily reminder of stress from things outside of your control and a form of embarrassment for students," he wrote on his Go Fund Me page. "I'm raising this money for LCMR District

and other Lower Township area schools to pay off existing student lunch debts."

Schenerman said the Democratic clubs of Upper Township and Middle Township started similar programs and he decided to bring such a program to Lower Township.

He said initially he visited local businesses.

"Business owners told me I should set up a Go Fund Me because it's so much easier than meeting in person and giving a check," Schenerman said.

He said he called Lower Cape May Regional High School's food services director and was provided a figure of \$7,700. That has been reduced to \$5,500 from parents donating and Drew Gandley at the Eat Well restaurant on Town Bank Road donating \$500. Most of the debt is from students who purchase full-price lunches, Schenerman said. He said most of the in-debt students should be receiving reduced-price or free lunches.

Schenerman met with Lower Cape May Regional High School

Superintendent Christopher Kobik on March 29. Money received will be donated to the Lower Cape May Regional Education Foundation, which will earmark the funds to pay off the student lunch debt.

Schenerman said a program needs to be set up to urge the parents who have not handed in the paperwork for free or reduced-price lunches to do so.

"We can reach out to the parents and say, 'We can pay off this

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