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Outdoor seating panel to tackle lack of parking

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By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — City Council has expanded the role of the Outdoor Seating Committee to include determining the feasibility and location of a parking garage or lot to ease Cape May's lack of parking spaces.

The committee was tasked with creating recommendations for City Council to regu-

late seasonal outdoor dining. A number of restaurants and hotels have added outdoor seating that does not appear on their mercantile license application or site plan.

At an Aug. 2 council meeting, a resolution was unanimously approved to include expanding the duties of the committee to determine the feasibility and location of a parking garage or additional lot in the city. Mayor Edward

Mahaney said the resolution was the result of discussion at the Outdoor Seating Committee's last meeting.

"In that discussion, I thought there was a tremendous free flow of information amongst the public and private members of the committee and it was felt that the outdoor seating resolution had a large part to do with the availability of parking and it was felt that there were some parking op-

tions that we could look at in concert with the outdoor seating resolution and also ways we could fund it beyond just a public/private partnership," Mahaney said.

He said funding mechanisms include expanding the city's Parking Trust Fund and a permitting fee for seasonal outdoor dining seats. Mahaney said it was felt the committee had the expertise to determine the feasibility and viability of

locating new parking areas or a structure in the city.

"This would provide needed off-street parking not only for businesses but for the general public including those that may benefit from the outdoor seating," he said.

At a July 26 meeting, committee member Curtis Bashaw said the sooner more municipal parking is created the

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Cape May holds 84th annual Baby Parade

'Elvis' drove a pink Cadillac in Cape May's 84th annual Baby Parade, possibly to the Heartbreak Hotel, on Friday, Aug. 5. Elvis was portrayed by Kevin Kohlman, 4, of Brick Township. Above left, Adeline Yerk, 4, of North Cape May, sails the Good Ship Lollipop. Middle left, Dinny Woerner, 6, of Sewell, was Recycle Man. Bottom left, Jessie Hurd, 4, as a cook and Jessica Hurd, 9, as a stack of buttered pancakes. Below left, the All-American All-Stars featured friends from North Cape May and Millville. Below right, Grace Brockman, 15 months, and Noah Brockman, 3, had an Arabian Beach Day.



Hudson, Idaho and Iowa to get new water main

By BETTY WUND
Special to the Star and Wave

VILLAS — Iowa, Idaho and Hudson avenues will be added to the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority's Roseann Avenue water main-replacement project.

During the MUA Board of Commissioners meeting Aug. 3, Executive Director Mike Chapman said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the additional streets and Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers is preparing the plans. The project will use the Lower Township Roseann Avenue Flood Control project street openings to replace water mains in the area. The additional cost is covered by the contract with Remington Vernick & Walberg, he said.

According to Chapman and Marc DeBlasio, of Remington Vernick & Walberg, the East Villas Phase 1 water main project is moving faster this summer because

the contractor has brought in a larger crew. Tampa Avenue and Miami Avenue water mains are almost completely installed, DeBlasio said, adding that the contractor has been assisting the township by hauling storm debris away where it may hold up construction.

"They are doing a fantastic job. They are accommodating to the residents, letting residents use closed roads. Maps have been sent out so that meters can be placed where wanted," Chapman said.

The engineering plans for the East Villas Phase II project are being readied for USDA approval, he reported. With approvals, the second part of the East Villas project can move forward once the first phase is completed.

DeBlasio also reported that the installation of a sewer pipe across Route 109 for the Wissahickon project

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Rotary Park grand opening set for Aug. 12

CAPE MAY — The city will hold an official grand opening ceremony for the refurbished Rotary Park starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.

Mayor Edward Mahaney said City Council would attend along with a few dignitaries. A concert will follow the opening ceremony and light refreshments will be served, Mahaney said.

"We will just honor the community for their participation in this major project both through their strong support of the project, their willingness to work on this project, their financial support of the project and their devotion to arts and culture," he said.

Mahaney said concerts in

the park are scheduled six nights a week until the end of the summer season and that some bands booked earlier in the summer are rescheduled for August because the park was not finished.

Councilman Roger Furlin said initial concerts in Rotary Park were well attended.

"What really stuck me is it just brings back the feeling of old Americana," he said.

Furlin said Cape May is becoming quite a cultural center with Equity theaters, Convention Hall concerts, free concerts in Rotary Park, Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities music festival and a symphony concert at Congress Hall on Memorial Day.



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An official grand opening celebration at Rotary Park in Cape May is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.

Beach-safety videos created to prevent injuries in the surf

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The city ordered the production of four beach safety videos — each featuring a member of the Cape May Beach Patrol — in an attempt to reduce beach injuries. Three of the videos were premiered at City Council's Aug. 2 meeting.

Lifeguard Samantha Haines tells viewers of the Beach Patrol's warning flag system. Lifeguard Kate Delenick offers beach safety tips ranging from remembering which beach you are located at to advising swimmers not to stand with their backs to the waves.

"It's very easy to get knocked down and injured

by a wave you don't see coming," Delenick states in the video.

Haines advises swimmers never to dive down head first into a wave because the sand beneath the is always changing, which can take a deep spot to a shallow spot.

A third video offers body surfing and boogie boarding tips, emphasizing a bather placing their arms outstretched in front of their head as they dive into a wave.

According to Mickey Coskey, of Seven Mile Publishing, the city's public relations firm, the videos were produced by Atlantic Coast Productions of Northfield

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