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Beach Safety Committee to host experts

DEP, Army Corps, Stockton to share knowledge

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CAPE MAY — Representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Stockton University will attend a special meeting to address the city's beach slope and injuries to bathers.

The special meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Convention Hall. City Manager

Bruce MacLeod said the city's Beach Safety Committee requested a meeting that would include representatives from agencies that regulate modifications made to beaches. The meeting is open to the public, he said.

Scheduled to attend are Dwight Pakon, Randy Wise and Richard Pearsall from the Army Corps, as well as Chris Constantino and Glen Golden from the state DEP Bureau of Coastal Engineering.

Stuart Farrell and Kimberly McKenna of Stockton University's Coastal Research Center are scheduled to attend as well as Tom Thornton and Katie Walton of engineering firm Mott McDonald.

The meeting will be available on Livestream as well as a video recording made to enhance the ability to see any PowerPoint presentations made by the participants, MacLeod said.

"We're allotting at this

point a two-hour interval," MacLeod said. "Hopefully we'll be able to gain information and have an opportunity to ask questions if need be within that two-hour framework."

During public comment at an Aug. 16 City Council meeting, Dennis DeSatnick, a member of the Beach Safety Committee, said for more than 10 years his family has been requesting information

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Agencies may not know of all surf zone injuries

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CAPE MAY — Questions were raised at a meeting last week of the city's Beach Safety Committee as to whether the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state Department of Environmental Protection had received information from

Cape May officials on the number of injuries to bathers in the surf zone.

The committee met Aug. 19 in preparation for an Aug. 25 public meeting with officials of the Army Corps and DEP.

Beach Safety Committee member Dennis DeSatnick

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Coast Guard honors fallen recruit Redd at graduation

CAPE MAY — A recruit who passed away while attending basic training was honored Friday during the graduation ceremony for his recruit company at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May.

Seaman Recruit Aaron Redd became an honorary graduate of recruit-company Delta 193.

Redd joined the U.S. Coast Guard on June 28 and reported to Training Center Cape May that same day. According to his family, joining the Coast Guard was a dream of his.

In a statement issued by Redd's parents, "Aaron fulfilled his dream of becoming a Coast Guardsman. He wanted to save lives. At 21, he found his purpose, his drive." "Today we are proud to have designated Seaman Recruit Aaron Redd as an honorary graduate of Delta 193," said Capt. Owen Gibbons, commanding officer of Training Center Cape May. "We commend him for having the desire to serve his country and to join our service. He, and his family, are forever part of our Coast Guard family now."

On Friday, July 1, Redd collapsed after completing the 1.5-mile run portion of his initial physical fitness assessment. Coast Guard medical personnel, who



U.S. Coast Guard photo

Franklin and Eileen Redd, parents of Coast Guard Seaman Recruit Aaron Redd, stand to be recognized Friday, Aug. 19, during the graduation ceremony for recruit company Delta 193 at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May.

were already on scene as part of the training center's safety protocol, immediately rendered first aid before transporting him to Cape Regional Medical Center in Cape May Court House. There Redd received medical treatment up until he died.

Following Redd's death, his heart was donated to a person in need of a transplant through the Gift of Life program.

"Not only is Aaron a Coast Guardsman, he saved a life; as his incredibly strong, beautiful heart now beats

in another," according to the statement issued by the Redd family.

The causes and factors surrounding Redd's death are currently under investigation.

Training Center Cape May is the Coast Guard's only enlisted basic training program, and more than 83 percent of the service's workforce receives basic instruction here to become Coast Guardsmen. The recruits are trained in everything from firearms familiarization to basic water survival.



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The Taxpayers Association of Cape May honored Dennis and Anita DeSatnick as its citizens of the year during a ceremony Aug. 19.

Dennis, Anita DeSatnick citizens of year for 2016

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CAPE MAY — The Taxpayers Association of Cape May named Dennis and Anita DeSatnick citizens of the year at a ceremony Aug. 19.

Taxpayers Association President Kate Wyatt read a biography of the DeSatnicks highlighting their civic involvement in Cape May.

Dennis DeSatnick was born in Philadelphia and spent every summer in Cape May at his parents' rooming house on Stockton Avenue, previously called the Owl's Nest and now known as the Sea Holly Inn. His mother filled up a galvanized bucket with ocean water at the beach and that was the start of his beach days, Wyatt said of DeSatnick.

He graduated from John

Bartram High School in Philadelphia and from Crowder Junior College in Missouri before graduating from Cheyney University with a degree in education. He taught fifth grade at W.C. Bryant Elementary School in West Philadelphia for three years, the same elementary school he attended as a child.

DeSatnick taught fifth grade in Middle Township for eight years. In 1980, he began working full time for the newly formed business DeSatnick's Window Fashions.

His service to Cape May is well noted, Wyatt said. DeSatnick was a member of the Cape May Volunteer Rescue Squad for seven years and a member of the Cape May Beach Patrol for 15 years. He is currently chairman of the Lifeguard Pension

Committee and custodian of funds for the Clete Cannone Scholarship Fund.

DeSatnick joined the New Jersey Masons serving as Worship Master in 1980. He held a state position as District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th Masonic District for seven years.

Anita DeSatnick is a native of Cape May. She followed her dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher after graduating from The College of New Jersey, formerly Trenton State College.

"This dream started in fifth grade when her teacher, Libby McGonigle, recognized the dream and encouraged her to read to the kindergarten children at the 'old' Cape May Elementary School," Wyatt said.

Anita DeSatnick taught

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Mayor calls police on photographer who is a vocal supporter of Sheehan

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CAPE MAY — When Werner Tedesco set up his tripod and camera on the back deck of Convention Hall on Aug. 11 to take a photo of the crowd assembling on the beach at sunset to watch the movie "Jaws," he said, he never figured he'd be questioned by police.

Tedesco has become known in Cape May for his landscape, ocean and sunset

photographs.

"I was trying to get the movie screen, the crowd, the ocean to the left, the skyline of our city to the right and the sunset behind it. I was doing a panorama shot," Tedesco said. "I was taking six shots. I was going to put them together, which I have."

Tedesco said he arrived at the beach with his wife and children to watch "Jaws" but first wanted to take a panorama photo as the sun

was setting. He said he took a few test shots from along the ocean and moved to the back deck of Convention Hall, behind the screen.

"The next thing I know, I look down and I notice the mayor is at the screen and he is staring at me," Tedesco said.

After he took a few photos, Mahaney continued to stare at him, he said.

According to Tedesco,

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