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Rio Grande teen charged with drug possession

During the investigation of the driving infraction that led to

the stop, it was discovered that the driver of the vehicle, Paul

E. Henon, 18, of Rio Grande,

was in possession of marijuana.

scene and charged with pos-

Henon was arrested on

VILLAS — Lower Township police Ptlm. Robert Fessler and Special Officer Michael Harkin arrested a Rio Grande teenager during a motor vehicle stop at about 1:30 a.m. May 2 on Bayshore Road and Ridgewood Avenue in Villas.

Budget

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The 2015-16 budget totals \$32.5 million, an increase of 2 percent over last year. The local tax levy is increasing by .4 cents for a total of \$20.3 million.

Mallet said the budget's "other revenue" line is increasing by 55 percent from \$298,918 to \$463,265 due in part to an energy savings improvement plan rebate. Construction began on a \$2.8 million energy savings improvement project anticipated to reduce costs by \$3.5 million over a 15-year period. Upgrades include new LED-powered indoor and outdoor lighting, room occupancy sensors, high-efficiency heating and air conditioning with a

building management control system. Following union nego-

tiations, the school district changed from the State Health Benefits Plan to Direct 15, which saved \$145,000, Mallet said. A switch from state health benefits to a health insurance fund saved \$120,000, he said.

Staffing continues to be re-duced through attrition, with four teachers and staff members not being replaced upon their retirement.

Mallet said beginning in

Roseann Avenue was full of

have the study completed with

a report to council by August.

the outfall pipe from Roseann

Avenue into Cox Hall Creek was 75 percent under water.

when the township spends

money to alleviate flooding on

Roseann Avenue, he wants to be assured it fixes the problem.

Edward Sherretta said he

spent \$16,000 to solve some

problems on his property. "I think it's time for the

township to step up to the plate," he said. "This is some-

place they allowed to be con-

structed and you know the pipe

has been a problem and it's

years ago show a lot of the land

Beck said maps from 50

"There was water in there,"

Beck said some of the prob-

lem could be rainfall and

drainage issues and some may

time to fix it.

was on islands.

be groundwater.

he said.

Roseann Avenue resident

Mayor Michael Beck said

Resident Jim O'Reilly said

Sray said it was his intent to

potholes.

Roseann Avenue

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line is filled with material that limits the capacity of storm

"A question was whether that material would be able to be disposed of at the county landfill," Sray said. "To delandfill," Sray said. "To de-termine that, we have to do material testing on samples throughout the pipe which we have to forward to the MUA prior to any disposition on their landfill."

He said an area of about 150 acres drains through a pipe in the Bayshore development on the west side of Bayshore as well as the Schooner Landing development on the east side.

Roseann Avenue resident Sally Yerk said she was concerned the study has dragged on for three years. She said she had pictures of her home from 1983 that show 6 inches of water behind her house.

"It's not gotten better, most of the people in our area have sump pumps," Yerk said. "We don't have basements, that's for our backyards.'

She said the 200 block of



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a CDS in a motor vehicle and other violations related to the driving infraction. After processing, Henon was released on his own recognizance.

2012, the district began purchasing 60 percent of its electricity from the neighboring solar energy farm along with using the Alliance for Competitive Energy Ser-vices for a savings of \$50,000 per year.

Under expenditures, instructional costs are up 2.6 percent with capital expenses up 64 percent for purchase of laptop computers and servers and a number of maintenance projects, he said.

State aid has been relatively flat for the past three years, he said, increasing from \$9.5 million last year to \$9.7 million this year, or 1.8 percent.

Another resident said the housing development never should have been approved.

Roseanne Avenue resident Paul Yerk said the street has

been sinking for years. Brian O'Connor, a county GIS specialist and chairman of Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority, said the flooding problem was not with the tide gate at Cox Hall Creek, which drains into Delaware Bay. He said the gate works well and has been open since Hurricane Sandy. O'Connor said the 48-inch

pipe that sends water into the bay is not wide enough. He recommended cleaning out the Roseann Avenue trunk line and getting the water into Cox Hall Creek.

A culvert is needed under Clubhouse Road to speed wa-ter flow, O'Connor said.

Beck said he was not 100 percent sure the township could solve all of Roseann Avenue's flooding problems. O'Connor said the township

does not maintain storm water drains.

"You leave leaves on the street and all that stuff turns to grit," he said.

A resident suggested using check valves on storm drains since during heavy rain, water was coming back out of storm drains. He said he believed water was coming back from Cox Hall Creek since the outfall pipe was under water. Sray said use of check valves **AART's** T Cape May Taxi www.capemaytaxi.com CALL 898-RIDE local and distance
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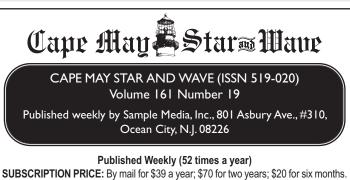
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