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## Cape May picks Lear as mayor in landslide victory

### Hendricks tops Mullock for seat on City Council

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CAPE MAY — Chuck Lear won the Nov. 8 mayor election here with a healthy margin of votes over incumbent Mayor Edward Mahaney.

Unofficial totals until certified: Lear: 895, Mahaney: 499. Lear garnered 67 percent of the vote to Mahaney's 33 percent. Lear showed a decisive victory in District Four, which includes Village Green, with 142 votes to Mahaney's 66 votes.

The race was closer in District Three, which includes Victorian Towers, with Lear receiving 177 votes to Mahaney's 130 votes.

Mahaney is concluding his second term as mayor. Lear, who served on the city's police force for 37 years, campaigned on giving citizens a bigger voice at council meetings and listening to the input of the city's many talented and experienced residents. It was his first run for council.

Lear promised during his campaign, if elected, the governing body would act as a five-person council rather than a mayor-dominated council. He said the city manager would handle much of the day-to-day business of the city.

Patricia Hendricks, in

her second run for council, defeated newcomer Zack Mullock by a narrow margin. Initial results from voting machines on election night were too close to call. A total of 249 mail-in ballots were counted to determine Hendricks' final victory.

Unofficial totals until certified: Hendricks: 689, Mullock: 628. Hendricks garnered 52 percent of the vote to Mullock's 47 percent.

In District Three/Victorian Towers, Mullock led 160 votes to Hendricks 123. In District Four/Village Green, Hendricks received 109 votes to Mullock's 88 votes.

Hendricks campaigned for more open government such as opening the financial records of Convention Hall to determine whether it turns a profit or loses money, an issue in which Lear concurs. She also stated Convention Hall should be open for more use by community groups.

Hendricks also called for the city to help finish restoration of the Franklin Street School.

On election night, Lear, Hendricks, two members of the media and campaign staff for Mullock waited in City Hall Auditorium for returns. No results were available at 8:30 p.m., 30

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Commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Cape May lower the flag to half-staff Friday in honor of Veterans Day. See more photos on A2.

## Coalition to fight vet homelessness

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — In a county with limited gainful employment and expensive housing, a committee featuring representatives of 40 organizations is assisting veterans with basic needs and trying to prevent homelessness in their population.

The organization, Civilian Veterans Advisory Committee (CVAV), is an independent nonprofit group.

"We were instrumental along with DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 44 establishing the committee in February of 2013 with an eye toward helping Cape May veterans in three specific areas: transporta-

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tion, access to VA benefits and homeless prevention," said Carol Cohen, executive director of American Red Cross Southern Shore Chapter.

She said CVAC was modeled after American Red Cross long-term recovery during Hurricane Sandy.

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requests are properly vetted and then see among the CVAC members who had funds that would help folks through this emergency," Cohen said.

CVAC is not meant to compete with Social Services, she said. One of CVAC's strongest partners along with the American Red Cross is Catholic Charities' Ready Vet Go program, Cohen said.

She said each group on the committee collaborates

to see what it can provide for the veteran in need and CVAC tries to fill in any gaps. Cohen said a client came to them who was vetted by their employment counselor and was starting a job.

"He drove a very old car that was in disrepair which was actually going to get him to his job," she said. "CVAC paid for the car to be fixed."

CVAC sees a number of clients whose VA benefits will soon begin or who has recently begun a new job but hasn't received their first paycheck. She said the committee vets the cases to make sure the client will become sustainable and its work will help the client

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The Nov. 13 super moon as viewed at St. Mary by the Sea retreat in Cape May Point. The full moon was the closest and brightest of 2016, and will not be this close to Earth again until 2034.

## Beach access path project progressing in Lower Twp.

By JACK FICHTER  
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VILLAS — Work is progressing on the construction of 33 beach access paths in North Cape May and Villas by the Lower Township Public Works Department.

In December 2015, Township Council approved a contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald to design improvements to 30 beach access paths from David Douglass Park in North Cape May to Ocean Avenue in Villas and apply for a Coastal Permit for Maintenance Permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that had lapsed.



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A beach access path at Emerson Avenue in North Cape May.

The project places a soil aggregate called "I-5" to cover beach paths. The aggregate is comprised of angular-shaped sand, silt and clay particles and can

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