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story of discussion of a proposed 16,000 addition to a church in North Carolina, which might impact the town's NHL status.

"Twenty-eight designations have been withdrawn since January 2009," Powick said.

Powick cited the loss of Cape May hotels, plastic railings on the Promenade, the vinyl light standards at the city entrance and the proposed demolition of the Beach Theatre as some of the reason she is concerned about

losing NHL status.

Harry Bellangy said demolitions had caused Cape May to be put on a watch list as a town where historic structures were threatened, particularly after the demolition of the Christian Admiral. He said Cape May is no longer on the watch list, but he was concerned about the approved design for the new Convention Hall.

"The design is more suited for a shopping center than for a National Historic Landmark," he said. "I hope this latest affront to our

unique historic status does not result in the loss of our National Historic Landmark status."

Jay Schatz did not have a high opinion of the design, saying people he knows have compared it to a mausoleum.

Resident Hugh McCauley questioned whether or not the city had followed the law concerning historic properties, and asked if the HPC members had received copies of the drawings of the new structure.

HPC chairman Maryann Gaffney said they received

them two weeks before Monday's meeting, and they had been supplied with a letter from the National Parks Service outlining their requirements.

"I feel we've complied with everything," Gaffney said.

McCauley and others said the HPC review of the project should have come at the beginning, not at the end, when the old Convention Hall has been demolished, a contract for pile driving is close to being awarded, and construction is slated to begin by May 1.

The entire HPC said they approved of the project, even though they weren't completely satisfied.

"I'm not thrilled with the way it looks, but it's a good try, a great effort," member Andrew Fontaine said.

Member Warren Coupland said he wished the design had been presented earlier.

"It would have resulted in a more historically sensitive design," he said.

However, member Corbin Cogswell said the Secretary of the Interior standards say the design of new construc-

tion should not mimic historic structures.

Carroll said the letter they received from the National Parks Service indicated they should go slowly and act carefully, but he believed that would mean starting over.

"We're losing a lot by not having it now," he said. "The city's done the best job it could."

Clemans concurred saying the city needed Convention Hall to be "up and functioning."

Witness

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teenth year an exhibit like this has been set up and every year it takes on a different subject or topic dealing with African American history. Last year, there was a tribute to African American jazz and blues artists.

This free admission exhibit starting Jan. 15 will be open Saturdays and Sunday until Mar. 27. It will also be open on Presidents Day (Feb. 21). From Apr. 1-17, the exhibit will be open daily. The public is invited to enjoy light refreshments at an opening reception that will be held at the Carriage House Gallery on MLK Day. Matthews said for exhibit hours, call 884-5404 or 800-275-4278.

Cape May Churches involved with the exhibit are the Allen A.M.E. Church, Macedonia Baptist Church and the Franklin Street Methodist Church. There are also churches from Wildwood, Ocean City and Whitesboro contributing as well.

Matthews said there is a free panel discussion on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. She

said Bishop Edgar Robinson of the Christ Gospel Church in Whitesboro will be facilitating the event.

"Bishop Robinson is very committed and enthusiastic about these events," she said.

Pastors and elders of the participating churches will discuss the contents of the exhibit and the impact of declining youth, adult and family membership on the growth and sustainability of the black church.

"We want to get people in to see the exhibit before the panel discussion," Matthews said.

She said once the exhibit is closed up at the Carriage House Gallery on Apr. 17, it will be moved to the West Cape May Borough Hall where it will be displayed from Apr. 18 to Aug. 31. From there it will be taken to the Martin Luther King Community Center in Whitesboro from Sept. 2 to Oct. 7.

Matthews said the exhibit has been very successful in past years with high attendance and she hopes this year is no different.

M.L. King program and potluck supper

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Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The local community prepares for an annual tradition held in honor of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – the Community Potluck Supper.

According to Bernadette Matthews, executive director of the Center for Community Arts, there will be a presentation by guest speaker Rev. Harold Harris from the First Baptist Church of Woodbine, followed by the potluck supper.

The Macedonia Baptist Church will provide a musical selection.

Matthews said the she did not recall how long the program, which includes the potluck supper, has been going on.

"It's been quite a while," she said.

This year the Youth Arts Program (YAP) from CCA is going to be presenting key figures form the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

They will be joined by the

Jack and Jill of American Foundation, which Matthews said is an African American organization that started in the 1930s seeking to bring parents and youth together to build characters through service.

"CCA work with them on a regular basis on their projects, and they are coming here as a service project," Matthews said.

"And Rev. Harris will be speaking on how to continue the legacy of service that Dr. King spoke about," Matthew said.

According to Matthews, the program and supper has not always been full, but last year it was aided by the Congress Hall Choir, which is formed for the Christmas holiday and July 4. Matthews said she is hoping a greater number of community members will turn out for the event.

Visitors are asked to bring a covered dish as their participation in the potluck supper.

The Martin Luther King Program and Community Pot Luck Supper will be on Jan. 15 in Lyle Hall, of the Cape May Methodist Church. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the supper. For information, please contact Center for Community Arts at 609-884-7525 or www.centerforcommunityarts.org.



Loss

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new trash removal and recycling service, Blue Diamond. Burke said the Waste Management trash removal service previously used by the borough cost over \$90,000 for trash removal alone, but with Blue Diamond the combine cost for trash removal and recycling service costs only \$73,200.

Kaithern said commercial pickup would continue.

"There is still some commercial trash removal done by the borough, which remains the same as always," she said.

Kaithern said he was actually never a part-time employee but was a temporary full-time employee. Due to the lack of manpower during the winter storms and for other borough maintenance, she said he was hired to stay permanently.

"When you have a snow storm, you really need that manpower," she said. "We bit the bullet and took on that fourth man."

"There's no lack of work for our guys to do," Kaithern said. "He's been invaluable as a full-time employee."

Municipal prosecutor named

West Cape May has also appointed a new municipal prosecutor, Josh Donohue who will be taking over for Frank Corrado. Corrado will remain the borough solicitor. Burke said it will not be a big change since Donohue is a member of Corrado's law firm, Barry, Corrado, Grassi and Gibson.

New hire questioned

West Cape May resident Thomas Douglass had questions concerning the fourth Public Works employee who was part-time and who was hired as full-time in the fall. He said he didn't understand how it was saving taxpayers money, especially when the borough is paying for more man-hours.

Bill blocking fishing fee gets approval

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Sen. Jeff Van Drew to create a free state registry for saltwater recreational fishing and prevent residents from having to pay a \$15 federal fishing fee received final approval today in the Assembly, sending it to the desk of Governor Chris Christie.

"New Jerseyans are already over-burdened with taxes

and fees," said Senator Van Drew, (D-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland). "At a time when residents are struggling to pay their property taxes, their electric bills and other household costs, it will be nice to be able to say New Jersey is still a place where people can go out on the ocean, and they can throw a line in the water for free."

The legislation, A-823/S-1122, was crafted in response to a federal law – the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, reauthorized in 2007 – that directed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a National Saltwater Angler Registry Program. The purpose of the new registry was to create a national database to identify saltwater anglers that could be surveyed by the NOAA for research purposes. Congress also authorized the NOAA to begin charging a fee – subsequently set at \$15 – to cover administration costs associated with the registry beginning in January of 2011.

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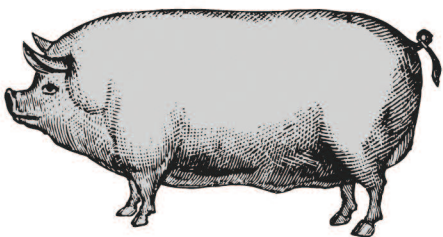
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