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11/26	10:47	11:32	4:14	5:18	
11/27	11:43		5:14	6:13	
11/28	12:35	12:45	6:20	7:10	
11/29	1:41	1:50	7:30	8:08	
11/30	2:45	2:57	8:40	9:04	
11/1	3:46	4:00	9:45	9:59	
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## City council reverses its decision on state aid agreement, beach plan

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

CAPE MAY – Cape May City Council held a special meeting Tuesday and voted to approve the state aid agreement rejected a week earlier by a 3-2 vote.

Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, Councilman Bill Murray and Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca, voted against the resolution approving the state aid agreement, which in part, would allow the state to proceed with a beach restoration project. The Lower Cape Meadows project is a habitat restoration project, but includes beach restoration from the Cove Beach to Cape May Point. The Cove Beach was the point of contention for the council members.

The city inserted language into the state aid agreement calling for the Cove Beach, an extremely popular beach in Cape May, to remain open to the public. There was concern the state would shut down the beach in the event piping plovers or other endangered species nested there. The state rejected the insertion of such language, referred to last week as "Paragraph 25."

On Monday, city council went into closed session for about one hour, and returned only to adjourn until 4 p.m., when they could be joined by

Wichterman. In the closed session meeting, the city had communication with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and obtained a promise to keep the beach open.

"The Office of Engineering and Construction recognizes the city of Cape May's desire for the Cove Beach to remain a municipal beach, which is open to the public and recognizes that Cove Beach is expected be so, subject of

the Cove Beach because of nesting birds. Wichterman seemed cautiously optimistic about the agreement, saying, "I hope when this is completed we don't have more serious problems than we have now."

Wichterman said he was concerned the beach replenishment would result in a sharp drop-off at the water's edge. He said the gradual slope of Cove Beach made it attractive to families with young children.

"I hope we will convey the message to the engineering staff that they should do their best to allay my fears that the beach will become too steep," he said. "This beach has never been refilled with beach renourishment, and I hope we don't mess this up for families."

With that, Wichterman said he intended to change his vote and vote to approve the state aid agreement. His fellow council members followed suit in a 5-0 vote to approve the agreement.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ed Mahaney asked for the resolution to be amended to include the communication from the DEP. Mahaney later thanked council for cooperating on what he said was a complex issue.

Mahaney said the engineering survey for this phase of the project was completed

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–Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman

course to all federal, state and local requirements," said Dave Rosenblatt in an email communication from the NJDEP.

In his email, Rosenblatt says he will follow up with a written letter, which would become part of the state aide agreement. Under the agreement, the city would pay up to but not more than \$214,000 of the \$8 million project.

Wichterman said the communication from DEP the allayed his concerns that the DEP or federal agencies might come in and shut down

## Native Americans speak at school

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

CAPE MAY – In honor of November being American Indian Heritage month, Cape May Elementary teacher Ann Griffith invited special guests to the school for a presentation, informing students about the Native American culture.

Janet "Gentle Wind" Hunnicutt and Matt Pelligrine of the Cape May Point State Park as well as Betty Walkingstick Theobald who brought her granddaughter Emily Gallagher, all came to speak with the students about Native American culture.

Hunnicutt and Theobald both wore traditional American Indian clothing, which they referred to as regalia. Pelligrine wore a buckskin shirt that belonged to one of Hunnicutt's relatives.

Hunnicutt is a descendant of the Choctaw tribe, her mother being Native American and her father, Irish.

"I carry an eagle feather in one hand and a shamrock in the other," she said.

Pelligrine does not have American Indian in his lineage, but he is knowledgeable of the



Cain Chamberlin/Cape May Star and Wave  
Above, Emily Gallagher speaks to students at the Cape May City Elementary School about native American culture and history.

history and intrigued by it because of his job

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### A star, a star...

The sun, which itself is a star, appears to be a star atop this Christmas tree, which was just erected at Congress Hall. The Colorado Blue Spruce, which is nearly 40 feet tall, was transported from its home in North Cape May to its new location for the holiday season.

## Mazurek tells Ward 2 farewell, as his term draws to an end

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
*Cape May Star and Wave*

VILLAS – For the past eight years Councilman Wayne Mazurek served Lower Township's Ward 2.

Now he will be leaving to live out his retirement in the Adirondack Mountains of northeast New York.

During his two terms, he worked with three different mayors and deputy mayors and also four different councilmen.

"I really had to use my people skills," he said.

People skills however were not a big challenge for Mazurek, seeing as he was a negotiator for the New Jersey Education Association for many years in the South Jersey region. The skills he attained from his career also helped when making salary guides and proposals as a councilman. Mazurek said he originally wanted to become a councilman because he felt he could make positive changes in the area.

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## Something will be done about Ponderlodge...eventually

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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VILLAS - Conditions surrounding dilapidated buildings have improved at the former Ponderlodge recently, a Department of Environmental Protection spokesman said, last week, but a simple walk in the park shows they have not.

Last week, DEP spokesman Larry Hajna, when told about a lack of fencing around a pool, said the situation was worth another look. A second look this week showed a large gauge mesh fence had been put up around the pool, and that it was also knocked down in two places. Additionally, plywood was removed from the back of the main building in an apparent attempt to gain access. Finally, an ornamental railing seemed to have been propped up against the building as a kind of makeshift ladder to gain entrance at the second floor.

The area surrounding the deteriorated buildings and athletic courts are also strewn with debris, some of if seeming



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Above, the former Ponderlodge swimming pool not secured and filling with water. Right, the former mansion was left in the condition shown in this photo.





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