

Marker

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"To make a difference in the life of youth is the most rewarding opportunity anyone has," Marker said. "It's something I've always been proud of. We have officers who work here who came through the (school) district and now work here."

Marker said those individuals grew up in the community and have an important connection to Lower Township. He said his personal belief is there should be a working relationship with the community - a true partnership of the community and police working together.

"That has always been an important aspect of my career," he said. "We can work together to make it an even safer place to work, grow up and retire. Lower Township is a great community and I want it to continue to be for generations."

Marker will inherit a tight budget from outgoing Police Chief Edward Donohue, one in which there is funding for fewer officers than in the past. Marker said this would

continue to be an important issue and one he will continue to discuss with Township Manager Mike Voll and Lower Township Council.

"I've already begun a working relationship with manager and council. We have ongoing dialogue as far as the importance of proper funding and the goal to provide the most efficient law enforcement services as well," Marker said.

Marker said in today's economic climate he would like to focus on doing things smarter and more efficiently with the cooperation of the community.

He said he would encourage citizens who want to help to contact the police department concerning its Neighborhood Watch Program. He said the LTPD sponsors Neighborhood Watch and has materials available to volunteers who would like to lead such a program on their block.

"We do have officers out patrolling, but we also ask citizens to look out for their neighbors, to look out for those who are more vulnera-

ble. This requires citizen participation," he said.

Marker has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and is a Certified Public Manager in the State of New Jersey. He attended the Camden City Police Academy, and completed the West Point Command and Leadership Program. Marker has attended many supplemental courses throughout his career.

Marker said having his badge pinned on by his father was a very personal moment in his life.

"Surely it meant a lot to me, it's something I'll always remember, and I'm sure it meant a lot to him as well," Marker said.

He said it was also a great honor to see the meeting room in Township Hall filled with well-wishers from all parts of the community.

Marker was appointed acting chief on July 6, while details of his contract are being worked out. Once the contract is settled, the "acting" designation will be dropped.

USLA

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local business in the following weeks.

"It does generate an economic boost to the city in an after flow type situation," he said. "It carries on through the fall and winter."

Zebrowski was not positive as to whether ESPN would be here this time around, but there will still be a great deal of electronic and print media attention paid to the competition. He said last year's competition at Huntington State Beach in California was featured in 137 newspapers.

Mogck said there would be a significant amount of beach tags sold during the competition, which would also bring a boost to the city economy.

Competitors will not have to purchase tags, however, and will instead be wearing red wristbands to separate them from the rest of the crowd and let the Beach Patrol know that they are in the competition.

According to Lt. Harry Back of the Beach Patrol, the first day of the championships will consist of only the junior competitors, which has never been done before. Back is in charge of the junior program and said there will be around 600 juniors and 800 or more adults involved in the competition.

"We are going to try it out and see how it works," he said. "It's nice because it puts complete focus on the kids for the first day."

Mogck said 50 to 80 volunteers will be used for the championships, which has never been a problem in the past.

"Cape May is good - there are a lot of volunteers," he said. "You don't get that in a lot of places."

Mahaney said another event, which should draw in publicity is the annual Cape to Cape Challenge Cup held on Aug. 6, the final day of the USLA competition. The sailboat race sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club and Lewes Yacht Club in Delaware, runs from Cape May to Lewes, Del.

"Those two events on the same day should really help us," Mahaney said.

Boat

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stable with the mast up. He said that body style also created a lot of speed.

"It was scary," he said. "I ended up keeping the mast because it was great for just paddling."

Henderson has always been very modest about his skill and said there are far more talented boat builders around than he, but his boats still attract a lot of attention when on display, such as the one he donated.

"Doing it in a reasonable time and meeting your budget is the difference between an amateur and an expert," he said. "Anyone can spend a lot of money and get it right eventually."

Henderson said he found his love of boats as a child when he would visit this area, and was always fascinated by the smaller wooden styles. He said it is such a challenging craft to master, because everything is curved, rather than linear like building a house. He said each plank is unique and needs to be set appropriately, although he also loved the fact that mistakes can be fixed when using wood, as opposed to plastic.

"The charm of wood is that it's repairable - in case of mistakes," he said.

Henderson said he attended the Westlawn School of Yacht Design in Connecticut and

learned about designing and drawing out plans for boats. He finished the curriculum and has since put it to good use. But he made it clear that he doesn't build the boats to sell - it's just a hobby he has always enjoyed.

Henderson and his wife, Nancy, both wish people in today's day and age would appreciate the true beauty of wooden boats.

"People often don't appreciate any skilled craft you do - the labor and material that goes into it," Nancy said.

Nancy said there have been numerous times when she would go out into the shop and help Henderson with the building process. He said some parts of the building process really benefit from having four hands involved as opposed to two.

"I've become sort of the shop assistant," she said.

When assisting Henderson in his building, Nancy said it's so fascinating to watch the boat develop through each process. He said they are commonly made from cedar. He said he builds the framework and then lays the planks over top, covering them with lightweight, four-ounce fiberglass cloth for flexibility. The final step is coating the boat in a spar varnish. He said he uses cedar because that type of wood swells when wet, forcing the seams together and making the boat more durable. The boat he donated to the Civic Club, however, was made of poplar plywood, which made the vessel lighter and easier to transport.

He said there is a common misconception that wooden boats are heavier than plastic. He said has made boats that weighed as little as 25 pounds. He said this makes it

extremely easy for two people to transport the boat.

Henderson has many sources of inspiration when choosing a design for the boats he builds. He said several of them were inspired by Nick Schade of Guillemot Kayaks, a world-renowned boat builder whom Henderson has met at boat shows in the past. A kayak Henderson built based off one of Schade's designs has become his personal favorite. The boat he recently donated, resembled an Iain Oughtred design. Henderson said Oughtred is an Australian who lives in Scotland and has created beautiful boats for decades.

Henderson said he also built a Petrel design boat, another one of Schade's specialties. He said that particular boat was only 20 inches wide with a very small cockpit, which can only fit someone with up to a size 11 shoe, and even that can get uncomfortable. He featured the boat at a show in Mystic, Conn., a very popular area for boating. He said the design is fairly unique because instead of being a jagged edge, it is rounded where the deck meets the hull.

"It's a very distinctive design," he said.

His next venture is a tandem kayak, which he called a "baby-bootlegger" or "micro-bootlegger" design made to serve as a racing boat. He said many of the boats he has built were inspired by a design that has already been done, but he does sometime make his own modifications to separate them from the rest.

Henderson said he has never altered Schade's designs.

Henderson plans to continue building boats, but has no intention of making them to sell.

"I've always been into woodworking - boats are the most fun," he said. "But I just want to keep it as a hobby, because when you do it for money it tends to turn into work."

LT manager says 'Call me'

LOWER TOWNSHIP - Week in and week out, readers can find complaints about Lower Township in a public forum of another community newspaper. The hope is township residents will happen to read the public announcement of ongoing problems and be embarrassed into taking action.

Township Manager Mike Voll said it doesn't have to be that complicated, and is urging residents to pick up the phone and call him.

"We are appealing to the residents of Lower Township to contact the manager's office if you have any complaints or request of municip-

pal services," Voll wrote in a press release.

He said this is the time of year when the township receives a lot of complaints about code violations. He said the manager and council are interested in addressing citizen concerns, but they need to hear from people. He said rather than calling in complaints to a local newspaper, citizens should call his office.

"The bottom line is if you have an issue, I get paid to take care of problems. If I don't know about it I can't address it," Voll said. "So I'm saying, here is the phone number for the manager. We really want to know if there is

a problem. If we don't know, we can't take care of it."

Citizens can address complaints to the manager by calling 609-886-2005 ext. 132, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, or email manager@townshipoflower.org.

"If we hear from you, we will get back to you. Lower Township is a great community, and we are always striving to make it better for our residents," Voll said.

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Porgy

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across people who need medical assistance, but this recent incident was a little too close for comfort, given the seriousness of the wound. He bought the Porgy IV about seven years ago and usually takes 8-hour trips on the ocean. On this particular trip, he was in the right place at the right time.

He said the Porgy IV has been running steady this summer, taking multiple trips out to sea with a good number of passengers each time.

"We've been fairly busy this summer," he said. "Hopefully we won't come across anymore injuries like that."

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