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get back to my legal roots. The surrogate's office is quasi-judicial and it's such an important office because you're dealing with people at their most vulnerable," Sheppard said.

In March, the Cape May County Republican Committee chose Sheppard to be the surrogate candidate over two other attorneys.

Now that she's the Republican surrogate candidate, Sheppard is hitting the campaign trail, speaking to voters about the surrogate's duties and her professional legal background.

"I don't think people realize how important that position is. If you have to go to the surrogate's office, you're not having a very good day. You need the right personality in there, somebody who's

willing to be compassionate and understands the law and understands people. I think I have those qualities," Sheppard said.

She said she's willing to hold a debate with her opponent.

"I'll be happy to discuss any issues anywhere," Sheppard said, adding the surrogate is the only legal position the voters select.

If Sheppard wins the election, the county Republican committee will select her replacement on the freeholder board. That candidate will likely be inaugurated in January 2013, when the new surrogate takes office.

She said her term as freeholder expires December 31, 2013. Whoever is filling in her unexpired term would likely run in the November 2013 election for a full term on the freeholder board.

Sutherland has lived in

Ocean City since 1990. He and his wife Yolanda have two children, Charlie and Lauren.

A 1989 graduate of Widener University, Sutherland has an office in Linwood. He has practiced law in Cape May and Atlantic counties for 22 years.

He said for the last 15 years, his main focus has been estate law, where he acts as a "troubleshooter" for those writing wills or getting wills probated or preparing power of attorney and living wills.

"When people go to the surrogate's office, if their papers are not in order, there's not a lot the surrogate's office could do to correct it, and the people unfortunately have to hire attorneys to fix those things," Sutherland said. "The surrogate's office in Cape May County is very well run."

When Hentges announced his retirement, the Cape May County Democratic Party began searching for surrogate candidates. Sutherland was interviewed and the county's Democratic committee selected him in March.

Sutherland said his legal experience in estate law would be an asset as surrogate.

"It's not a political position, really. It's not a position where you're going to fight for someone's rights. It really should be looked at as an interview by the voters of who's the most qualified to serve as surrogate," Sutherland said. "With all of my experience, I'm the most qualified candidate."

Sutherland is a member of the Ocean City Historical Preservation Commission and on the board of U.S. Life Saving Station 30 and a previ-

ous member of the Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission and the nonprofit Disability Resource Center.

He worked with a local group to draft a public referendum and ordinance on permitting BYOB in Ocean City, which was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls in May.

During his campaign stops, Sutherland asks voters if they know the function of the surrogate's office.

"It's an office in the county that almost everyone's going to have to deal with at some point or another because of a family member or friend. If you want to probate a will, that's where you go. If you have a guardianship application, that's where it's filed," Sutherland said. "Unfortunately, the first time people discover what the office is, is when they have to go there the first time."

Sutherland said if elected, he'd perform public outreach educating the public on the surrogate's office and how to prepare documents ahead of time.

"I would be more of an outreach and say to folks if they have a power of attorney they should look at it and see if it's up-to-date and if they don't have one, they should," Sutherland said.

He said the voters should approach their choice as a "job interview" between the candidates' qualifications.

"It's really just a role as to serving the public," Sutherland said. "I would like the opportunity to get across to the voters and the citizens that they should research the candidates thoroughly before making their decision."

Jazz

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of the jazz festival not as a regional festival, but as a world-class festival with something for everyone to enjoy. He said Convention Hall will be the main stage for the three-day event, set up to give it an intimate 500-seat jazz club style.

"We're lucky we have Convention Hall back, so the main shows will be there," he said. "On both Friday and Saturday night, the room will be set up bistro style. Table service, wait staff, drinks, great music - it will be a true

jazz club experience."

Other venues include Carney's, Cabanas and Martini Beach, Aleathea's at the Inn of Cape May, The Boiler Room at Congress Hall and SeaSalt at the Ocean Club Hotel. The festival will feature meet-the-artist receptions, wine tastings, brunches and hands-on educational outreach.

The first Exit 0 International Jazz Festival will feature headliner Ramsey Lewis and his Electric Band, who will take the stage at Convention Hall on Saturday night at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Other art-

ists include Nicholas Payton, who Kline said is one of the world's premier trumpeters, Mark Murphy, Claudia Acuna, Christian McBride and Inside Straight, multi-Grammy winning drummer Ulysses Owens, the Orrin Evans-led Captain Black Big Band and many more.

Kline said a primary focus of the festival is to make it appeal to people of all ages, but particularly the younger crowd.

"We want to get a younger audience into the club, so we're offering a weekend club pass (Boogie Board Pass), which was never done before," he said. "We really hope to partner with some radio stations and get the word out about these club

performances."

He said a performance that will likely intrigue young and fresh minds is Henry Cole and Afrobeat Collective, the first official act of the festival appearing at Cabanas at midnight, Nov. 9 (Thursday night).

"To me, he's basically the James Brown of Nigeria," Kline said. "If you're in Cabanas on that night and you're not dancing, you don't have a pulse."

He said the New Orleans-based Stooges Brass Band, congo-player and vocalist Pedrito Martinez and DJ Soul Sister of the WWOZ radio station in New Orleans will also appear throughout the weekend. Kline said a jazz festival doesn't typically have

a disc jockey in the lineup, but DJ Soul Sister has a large collection of funk, R&B and soul that should interest the younger generation. He said her Saturday appearance at the Boiler Room beginning at 11 p.m. will be broadcast live over her radio station and on the web.

"Essentially, three hours of this festival, on Saturday night, are going to be going out worldwide over the internet, which is really exciting for Cape May," Kline said.

For those who want the full experience at the Exit 0 International Jazz Festival, Kline said there is the premium pass or "Longboard Pass," available for \$250, which is a ticket into every musical event throughout the week-

end. Premium Pass tickets are on sale now at Cape May Convention Hall or by calling 609-884-9565, or clicking on the ticket logos on the festival site - www.exit0jazzfest.com. A complete lineup of artists, times and venues can also be found on the website.

Congress Hall and its sister hotels, The Virginia and Sandpiper, are offering specially priced hotel packages on the home page of the festival site. Discounted Festival tickets are included in the Hotel Sponsor Package. Kline said additional hotel, guesthouse, and bed and breakfast deals will soon be announced.



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**Bites**

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Steenrod said on the day of the attack, she heard screaming and barking outside. When she realized what was happening, she ran to assist and tried to separate the two animals. She said the pit bull mix never bit her, but she did sustain a bite-like injury when trying to pry the dog's mouth open to free the puppy.

She said she is grateful city council and Animal Control are working together on the

matter to keep animals and people out of harm's way.

"Any ordinance that can be passed to better protect animals and the people would be great," she said.

Fiocca said the city needs to show zero tolerance for animal cruelty and has a moral obligation to make sure residents and their pets are protected. She said a puppy or any other dog should not be chained up for eight hours per day.

**Fire**

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Inderwies said Tuesday's fire was investigated by the Cape May Fire Department, the Cape May Police Department, the Cape May County Fire Marshal, the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey

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27	6:39	6:57	12:12	12:30	
28	7:24	7:41	12:57	1:18	
29	8:05	8:21	1:38	2:03	
30	8:43	9:00	2:16	2:46	
1	9:19	9:38	2:53	3:27	
2	9:55	10:16	3:28	4:07	
3	10:31	10:54	4:02	4:47	

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New Moon, Sept. 15  
First Quarter, Sept. 22  
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Apogee, Sept. 7  
Perigee, Sept. 18

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