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27th Annual Cape May Halloween Parade Oct. 24

CAPE MAY – Cape May's 27th Annual Halloween Parade will begin off at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24 from Lyle Lane and the Rotary Park. Registration begins at 1 p.m., judging and parade formation start at 2 p.m. and the parade steps off at 3 p.m. The Parade ends at Emlen Physick Estate where trophies will be awarded for best costumes. Additionally, Trick or Trick on the Mall will also be held Oct. 24 from noon to 2 p.m. City-wide Trick or Treat will be Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. For information call Cape May Civic Affairs 884-9565.

To move the election to November, or not

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The voters of Cape May will decide on Nov. 2 if they would like to elect their municipal officials on the first Tuesday in November, moving it from the second Tuesday in May.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, Ordinance 211-2010 was prepared making the change. Council approved the ordinance on Sept. 21, but it only becomes effective subject to voter approval. Councilman Bill Murray, who supported

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–Larry Muentz, Cape May voter

the ordinance when it was introduced, said because the move would extend the term of council members he wanted to let the voters decide.

However, it appears because the initiative was not met with opposition it has faded from the public eye. Fire Chief Inderwies initial-

ly said he did not recall the ballot question, saying he hadn't received the sample ballot, but on second thought recalled the issue of moving the election.

“I personally agree with it. It saves the city about \$30,000 and increases voter turnout,” he said.

Larry Muentz, of Alexander's Inn and Restaurant, also said he hadn't seen anything about the ballot question, but saying he didn't know what issues were out there since the parking meter issue was resolved. Reminded of the question on

moving the election day, Muentz first replied, “Machts Nichts,” a German expression suggesting something is meaningless.

However, Muentz finally said he would rather keep it in May.

“You would save some money (by moving the date) but out of a \$15 million budget...?” he said. “And (keeping it in May) gives voters a better opportunity to focus on local issues, rather than Obamacare, etc.”

He said even if a November municipal election would

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Better energy sources the aim of commission

This is part of a series the Star and Wave has been doing to inform the public on what the various boards and commissions do in the Cape May community.

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The Environmental Commission may be considered just an advisory board, but according to Chairman Charlotte Todd it has “tenacity” and makes sure the city of Cape May is as environmentally sound as possible.

The city and other groups, such as the planning board take recommendations from the Environmental Commission before making a final decision on something concerning water resources management, air pollution control, waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection or environmental appearance. The commission is also involved in the process of choosing whether to develop on a private or publicly owned open space.

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Harvest Time and Halloween Colors

As Halloween and Thanksgiving approach, everything is coming up pumpkins. Shown above are decorations on the Washington Street Mall. Sunny weather over the weekend made the colors vivid. See more photos on page A12.

New Peter Shields owners preparing for their first off season in historic Cape May

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – All Jeff Gernitis and his sister, Cathy Pelaez ever wanted was to retire from their successful careers and buy a big house on the Jersey shore to relax and wind down with their families. Half of that came true when they bought the Peter Shields Inn, but the relaxing and winding down never really happened.

The two siblings are now running the business after purchasing it in June. They officially opened for business July 4 weekend, at the peak of the summer season when Cape May welcomes thousands of visitors.

“We originally just wanted to buy a nice house and settle down,” Gernitis said, “but it



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Sister and brother owners of the Peter Shields Inn, Cathy Pelaez and Jeff Gernitis look at operating in the off season in Cape May.

somehow grew into this.” The two are still very happy with their decision to buy the

property and run the business together especially with, according to Gernitis, “the

best front porch view in town,” referring to the ocean view.

“We're both loving it, the guests are remarkable,” Pelaez said. “It's great welcoming so many people with different personalities and backgrounds.”

Gernitis and Pelaez still have the majority of the original Peter Shields Inn staff on board.

“The staff was wonderful and we've really enjoyed getting to know them,” Pelaez said. “They are very open to our visions and ideas for the inn.”

Growing up in New Jersey, Gernitis and Pelaez came to the shore often as children. As they grew older they started coming to Cape May more

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Dogs could be on Cape beaches in the winter

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – City Council introduced an ordinance that would allow dog owners more freedom to walk their pets on the beachfront.

Presently, the City Code prohibits a person from taking a dog on the Washington Street Mall, boardwalk, beach and promenade under any circumstances, whether or not controlled by a leash. The new ordinance would permit

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City looking at \$500K in ADA work

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The city of Cape May plans to apply for matching grants amounting to \$500,000 to continue improving handicapped access in the city.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod said on Tuesday the city had the opportunity to apply for the grants offered through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. He said there are three target areas in need of

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BOE RFP for PPA for s-u-n power

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN Cape May Star and Wave

ERMA – The Lower Cape May Regional School District is putting out a request for proposal on a power-purchase agreement (PPA) with the owner of a neighboring property, hoping to use the 7.5 acres for stand-alone solar panels.

The solar panels would generate 1.77 megawatts of power, or 20 percent of the district's needs.

The zoning board approved the use of these solar panels on the property Oct. 7 and the school is interested in using

the energy they will generate. Anthony Catanoso of the Solar Energy Alliance, who is responsible for the project said it would be constructed by Trinity Solar based in Freehold, Monmouth County.

The project still awaits New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection approval, which Catanoso anticipates by Nov. 1.

“It's not guaranteed but we are hopeful,” he said.

The Solar Energy Alliance, created by Catanoso and associates thought this would benefit the school, the surrounding community, and the company.

“We heard the high school was looking for alternative sources of power, and my family owns the only piece of property that logistically makes sense,” Catanoso said.

District Superintendent Jack Pfizenmayer said the school does not have a lot of excess land to do their own solar project, so a PPA with Catanoso is very beneficial, environmentally and economically.

“We want to save money for everyone,” he said, “the school, taxpayers, everyone can benefit.”

Pfizenmayer also mentioned that the use of another

property would also save the hassle of retrofitting the school roof for solar panels.

A school administrator, Chris Kobik said that the district has not done any estimates on geothermal or wind energy but solar is very economical and it could help lower the buildings yearly average energy cost considerably.

“It makes sense, because the school really only operates during the day when the sun is out, so solar is a good option,” Pfizenmayer said.

The campground nearby

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