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7/25	8:22	8:37	2:12	2:03
7/26	9:02	9:15	2:51	2:44
7/27	9:39	9:51	3:27	3:23
7/28	10:16	10:26	4:02	4:01
Last Quarter	7/4			
New Moon	7/11			
1st Quarter	7/18			
Full Moon	7/25			
Apogee	7/1,28			
Perigee	7/13			

Special election, special meeting

CAPE MAY – Municipal Clerk Diane Wheldon announced Tuesday that the special election on two parking ordinances will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The special election is being held as the result of a petition for referendum on Ordinances 2010-200 and 2010-201, which expand parking meters and create back-in angled parking on Beach Avenue.

Special Meeting

On Tuesday, Wichterman also asked for a special meeting next week to begin work on a scaled down Convention Hall.

3-2 vote kills \$3.15 million bond ordinance



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Every seat was taken at Tuesday's Cape May City Council meeting, as property owners/taxpayers wished to be heard regarding the construction of a new Convention Hall. Many urged council to reject a bond ordinance for an additional \$3.15 million need to complete the project as designed. Council did, by a 3-2 vote.

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The \$3.15 million bond ordinance before city council, Tuesday evening, needed four votes – a supermajority – to pass on second reading.

It came up one vote short, as the three council members sworn in July 1 voted against the ordinance.

Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. and Councilwoman Terry Swain voted for the ordinance in the 3-2 vote.

Mahaney said the \$3.15 million in additional funding was

needed for the Convention Hall project because the \$13.65 million was the lowest responsible bid.

expressed why she supported the ordinance and the current project. Swain chided some people for being afraid to

proposed hall was not big enough for Cape May's future.

"I believe in Cape May's past, present and future. My family has lived and worked here for over 100 years. I believe in this community," she said.

But she said the Convention Hall issue had become divisive, pitting residents and homeowners against tourists.

"I hate the word 'tourist,'" Swain said. "They are visitors, as most of you were once."

She also thanked past administrations that invested money in properties that are now the home to non-profits in the city, and the volunteers who put in countless hours supporting the efforts of those non-profits.

Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, who ultimately voted against the ordinance, said he learned a lot about the

"I don't believe you put me in office to say 'You decide,'" he said.

Wichterman said he asked the architect how much of the drawings could be used if the project was scaled down, and he was told 40 to 60 percent. He also said the Department of Environmental Protection said the city would not have to go back for a CAFRA permit to build on the existing footprint. He said if city council approved a smaller project it could be completed by Memorial Day 2012.

Councilman Bill Murray was more conservative in his estimate, saying he believed the new Convention Hall could be completed by the summer of 2012. Murray went through a timeline, which included getting new bid specifications out by March 2011 and construction beginning by June next year. He said he believed the new hall could be completed by July 2012.

Murray said when he was campaigning people were worried about the cost of the project. Since then, the concern shifted to the size of the project.

"In my opinion, the present design is probably too big for our town. It's got to be scaled down for our needs," he said.

He said when voters approved the current project in a November 2008 referendum the project did not intrude 24 feet onto Beach Avenue. He also said, like Wichterman, he did not want to shirk his duties as a councilman, so he was not in favor of putting the question out to referendum. At the same time, he said the project had to be moved forward.

"I don't think we can wait

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'In my opinion, the present design is probably too big for our town.' – Councilman Bill Murray

"The cost is not \$10.5 million, it's \$13,650,000," Mahaney said.

With two no votes already cast, and the bond ordinance technically defeated, Swain

speak their minds while accusing others of using scare tactics to defeat the ordinance. She said while some wanted to scale down the project she was afraid the

project in nine hours of closed sessions; that he knew things the public didn't know. He also said he would not be in favor of putting the bond ordinance out for referendum.

Prevention is the summer's biggest, healthiest tip

By **KRISTEN KELLEHER**
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Crutches will sink on the beach. Higher activity levels and 100+ degree weather can put seaside visitors at higher risk for injuries in the summer, resulting in increased sprains, breaks and cuts. Outwit summer ailments with a preemptive care, and eliminate wasted beach days in the emergency room.

"Prevention goes further than anything," said Theresa Campo, a nurse practitioner with Shore Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department. "You see lacerations, fishhooks, sunburns...and then you get the common cold and things you see all year round."

After a beach or bicycle scrape, controlling the bleeding is an essential first step for treating the wound. Shore Memorial Hospital recommended compressing the wound until bleeding stops, and then treating the cut with soap and water to ease exam-

inations for stitches. For fishhook incidents, Campo urged lacerated victims to go to their local emergency room to be treated for infection.

"With sunburns, obviously prevention is key," said Campo, who encouraged visitors to develop sun-savvy habits and apply sunscreen a

half-hour to 45 minutes before going outside and re-applying often. She urged looking into additional preventative steps, such as the UVSunSense wristbands, which monitor a user's exposure to ultraviolet rays. The product is

meant to be used in conjunction with a sunscreen of 15 SPF or higher, and fades to a light pink to remind users to reapply sunblock or a pale yellow to alert them to get out of the sun.

"It turns colors as you're exposed to the sun," said Campo, who had recently heard of the product at a conference. "It tells you when

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Free speech allows political info outside post office

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH** and **JOHN ALVAREZ**
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CAPE MAY – A pair of Lyndon LaRouche supporters

cil candidate Shaine Meier said he supported free speech and people's right to protest, but he found the message and depictions displayed by the LaRouche supporters to be

said.

Sheehan the first time the LaRouche supporters appeared there were complaints, so they sought the City Prosecutor Frank Corrado, who has argued First Amendment/free speech cases to the Supreme Court.

"This is a textbook example of First Amendment rights," Sheehan said.

Sheehan said Cape May doesn't have an ordinance regarding protesting, and Corrado advised them one would have to be very well-crafted to be Constitutional.

"And even if had an ordinance that was Constitutional, and we required a permit, we can't censor the content," Sheehan said.

Sheehan said the city can regulate how loud the protestors are, perhaps the times, and they can be prevented from blocking a sidewalk, but other things are not protected. According to Sheehan, someone complained about the Nazi Swastika appearing on some of LaRouche materials, and Sheehan said that is

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Supporters of Lyndon LaRouche speak to passersby and hand out literature, finding both support and opposition for their views. Despite complaints about their presence, police say they have a Constitutional right to free speech – particularly political speech.

offensive and unpatriotic.

Another person questioned whether or not the group had the right to do what they were doing in front of a federal building without a permit.

Cape May Police Captain Robert Sheehan said what Billington and Mallory were doing falls under the category of political speech.

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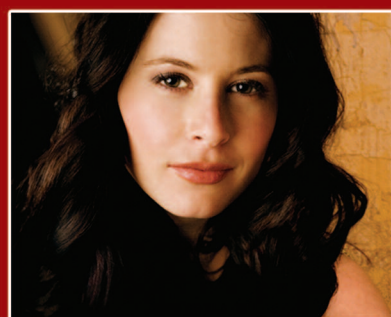


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