Consultant helps Cape May get all four wells online

received approval from the state Department of **Environmental Protection** (DEP) to put Well #6 back in operation.

'I want to thank our Water Department for all their hard work. When we first came into office in January of this year, two of our four wells were not functioning," Mayor Zack Mullock said. "Over the previous two summers, the city was forced to purchase water from Lower Township because we were unable to meet the needs of our residents and visitors. Water is one of government's most basic functions; we moved running."

CAPE MAY — The city this issue to the top of the new City Council's list of priorities."

According to a news release, after a couple of months of finger-pointing between the engineer, the installer and the manufacturer, the city engaged an independent consultant, Dennis Gaughan.

enced well driller. Dennis immediately began working through the problems, potentially saving the city millions," Mullock said. "This is the first time in

'We called in an experi-

years that the city of Cape May is fully operational with all four wells up and

city's water department, in particular Rob Cummiskey and Joe Mendo for doing a wonderful job.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude, the mayor said.

Cape May recently received a \$400,000 grant for the installation of a dedicated 12-inch raw water main from Well No. 8 to the desalination facility to provide greater operational flexibility and improved resiliency on the raw water supply system. The city also recently completed a \$1 million project bringing a water transmission line directly from the wa-

"Fixing the wells was the first step. At the same time we have begun planning for the future to make sure we provide the finest water possible to our citizens,' Mullock said.

He added that the city has hired an engineer to prepare a conceptual site and integration plan showing alternatives for the expansion identified in a previous needs assessment. Preliminary cost estimates for each conceptual site plan alternative will be a part of the report.

"We have already made ter plant, across the tidal the necessary changes to

was first completed it was tion," Mullock said.

Mullock thanked the marsh and into the center tv's water department, in of town. fund the project and have applied for multiple grants. the envy of every municipality. We look forward to When the desalination plant returning it to that posi-



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CMPD gets new police cruiser: Electric bike

May Police Department has a new cruiser after Cape Island Bikes donated an electric bicycle to the

department. Owner Tom Roth has been a longtime resident of Cape May with lineage dating back for well more

than 100 years.
"The Cape May Police Department, the Fire Department, the government, the administrators, all of Cape May have been great to us," Roth said, noting that's why he and his wife, Anita, chose to donate the bike. "They have been very helpful to us in dozens of circumstances, so me being in the business, not only in the electric bike rental business, but I'm also in the wholesale end of the business, it made sense for me to give back a little bit to the town that

I love so much. Roth donated a Haven Power Flow Step Over with a max speed of 20 MPH and a range of 40+ miles depending on the and size of rider.

Joe Volpe, manager at Cape Island Bikes, was available to provide a riding lesson to Chief Dekon Fashaw and the Cape May City Bike Patrol.

enough to give us that bike this year and we appreciate all of that," Fashaw said. "Tom is a Cape May hero. This will go greatly against our fight to learn about the electric bikes and to help enforce elec-

and electric vehicles continues to grow in Cape May, and with that has come more awareness for the safety of visitors. "I'd like this new elec-

"Tom has been gracious tric bicycle to be used for our Police Safety Patrol to help share with other electric rides the importance of safety and to comply with traffic regulations as far as stop signs, traffic lights, and the safety not to interfere with regular

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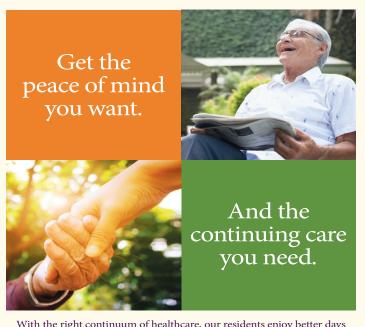


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