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A nor'easter brought high seas and gusty winds to Cape May and all of southern New Jersey on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23-24, causing isolated power outages and minor coastal flooding. The storm was generated by low pressure moving north off the coast of North Carolina.

Nor'easter brings strong wind, minor flooding to Cape Island

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — On the one-year anniversary of Winter Storm Jonas, an unnamed nor'easter brought strong winds and high tides to our area, but paled in comparison to the named storm in 2016. A wind gust of 63 mph was recorded in Cape May before noon Jan. 23.

Some power lines sparked and tree limbs fell on Cape Island and Lower Township. Surfers in wetsuits caught waves at Cape May's cove beach on the high afternoon tide. The Cape May-Lewes Ferry canceled all bay crossings Monday due to strong winds and rough seas. The Cape May County Park and Zoo closed for the day.

Lights flickered but power outages were mostly isolated to individual neighborhoods. Anchored boats bobbed like corks in Cape May Harbor.

The nor'easter was based on low pressure moving north off the North Carolina coast. High tides occurred around 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday. The moon phase did not contribute to the higher tides. Rain amounted to 1.5 inches in most locations. Storm surge averaged 3 feet above normal.

A strong-wind warning was in effect Monday for sustained winds of at least 40 mph.

Lingering minor tidal flooding occurred during Tuesday morning's high tide. Winds had subsided but cloudy skies remained.



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Sailboats bob up and down among the heavy seas in Cape May Harbor on Monday and Tuesday. At least two broke loose and are adrift near the Fisherman's Memorial.

City hires two promoters to book hall gigs

City Council to review, approve every contract

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — The city has contracted with two music promoters to handle entertainment bookings this summer for Convention Hall.

At a Jan. 17 meeting, City Council approved a professional services contract with Rose Relations: Robert Rose and Spy Boy Productions: Michael Kline, who is known locally for the Exit Zero and Cape May Jazz festivals. Both are local firms. According to his Facebook page, Rose has booked shows into Ocean City's Music Pier and the Landis Theater in Vineland.

By resolution, council authorized the city manager and director of marketing for Convention Hall to negotiate, and to bring to council for review and approval contracts with Rose Relations and Spy Boy Production to provide booking services for Convention Hall entertainment during the 2017 season.

The resolution stipulates that any contract proposal brought before council for review and approval shall include:

— A commitment by the contractee to act as exclusive booking agent for the city of Cape May 2017 Summer Concert Series held at Convention Hall.

— Contractee shall represent the city in negotiations with professional entertainment acts, agents and representatives for the purposes of performing at Convention Hall for concerts in the 800-seat venue.

— Submission of a written estimate that is all inclu-

sive for each performance including costs for: transportation, accommodations, meals, sound, lighting, backline (rented musical instruments and amplifiers) promoter's fee and any additional costs associated with said performance.

— The booking agent or an appropriate designee will be required to be in Convention Hall on night of show for all on-site coordination with performers and their agents.

— The booking agent shall submit a schedule for day-of-show itinerary, (backline, sound and audio load in, band load in, pick up times, sound check, meals, etc.) no later than 24 hours prior to show start time.

— The booking agent must ensure all backline, sound, lighting, audio and band instruments and materials are removed from the facility by midnight on night of shows, unless a prior agreement has been made with Convention Hall management for the secure storage of said items for upcoming concerts.

The city will review estimates and submit written approval prior to booking confirmation. The city will be responsible for all ticket sales through the city's Seat Advisor Box Office system (SABO).

The city will be responsible for staffing the box office and "will call" prior to and night of show.

In addition, the city will allow 20 complimentary tickets per show for the booking agent to use for purposes of fulfilling artist complimentary requests as

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Lower promotes three officers to sergeant

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VILLAS — The Lower Township Police Department promoted three officers to the rank of sergeant Jan. 18.

The officers received their oaths of office from Mayor Erik Simonsen during a Lower Township Council meeting.

A number of Lower Township police officers, as well as personnel from other departments, were on hand for the ceremony.

Sgt. Edward Edwards is a 23-year veteran of the department. He earned an

associate degree in criminal justice from Becker College in Worcester, Mass., and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Stockton University. Prior to being hired as a full-time officer with the Lower Township Police Department, Edwards served as a Class II officer with the Cape May City Police Department from 1991-92. He has worked in both the detective and patrol divisions at the Lower Township Police Department. His assignment as sergeant will be in the patrol division.

Det. Sgt. Douglass Whitten was hired in September

1994. He earned his associate degree in criminal justice from Atlantic Cape Community College and continued his studies toward a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Rowan University. Whitten received the Academic Achievement Award upon graduating from the Cape May County Police Academy and had the highest score in the state on the police promotional exam. Whitten is a past recipient of the Lower Township Police Department Outstanding Achievement and Commitment Award. He has been certified by the

Division of Criminal Justice in community policing and crime prevention and is an instructor in defensive tactics, self-defense, expandable baton, patrol concepts and fair and impartial policing. His assignment as sergeant will be in the detective division.

Sgt. Kevin Lewis is an 11-year veteran of the department. He earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Andrew Jackson University. Lewis has 29 years of service in the New Jersey Army National Guard, where he

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Edward Edwards was among three officers promoted to sergeant during the Jan. 18 Township Council meeting.

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