Lower Township mayor, council blast dissolution notion

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE Mark Beach said he wanted to see Cape May City Council if they really cared about Cape May, they’d do something about the efforts to pull out of the Lower Cape May Regional District. Beach said he doesn’t believe Cape May City Council is really concerned about the region. On Monday, Beach said he has heard “they are pretty much out of that last year and a half as Cape May Councilman Jack Wichterman has watched and listened for really know what they are going to do.”

Beach said he has no quarrel with the residents of Cape May, but he questions the efforts by a “couple of people’s constituents.” The said the effort to pull out of the district is costing a pretty sizeable $3.5 million. He said a $3.5 million dollars in savings is not necessarily involved in another municipal council’s efforts. Beach said it’s like a cold that eventually goes away and there’s more to play pin pong with than to go.

Beach said, “We are the people who are going to have to pay for this.” Beach said he has read reports over the last, 15 years, that says Cape May taxpayers are being charged $43,000 per year. Then $72,000 per year, after $80,000 per year up to the regional district, Lower Township brought them to $110,000 per year.

“We are the people who are going to have to pay for this.” Beach said and We will fight that, and fight that, and fight this.” Beach said he doesn’t believe Cape May City Council will ever look at revenue they are losing because of the efforts of the Lower Township. Beach said, “I think that’s the most important thing to Cape May residents. I don’t think it’s ever going to happen.”

A newspaper headline indicated the efforts by “a couple of people” have a higher per student cost than any other district within the city. Beck said, “I never said anything, not to any of the homeowners or Cape May City Council,” Beck said.

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According to Beach, the decision and charging Cape May any more, but the per student cost is higher because there are fewer students coming out of Cape May. He said, “In 2011, Cape May Federation had 250 students in the regional district, and Lower Township had 821. Since that time we have had about 75 percent increase to about 1,400. At the same time, they increased their property values by 10 percent. They may have about 85 students. They may have lost the potential for $450,000 for the waterfront, they do anything, that’s just one time, claiming the waterfront Charge them $450,450,000.

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Independence Day events around the Lower cape area

Independence Day can be a real deal in many places around the country, but none more so than in southern Jersey, where the Fourth of July is a fun, patriotic event.

Lower Township

The annual Independence Day Parade will begin early in Lower Township, beginning with a big splash along the bayfront.

From city bands, food items from cream to craft beer and amusement rides are all a part of Lower Township’s Independence Day Festival, Wednesday, July 3, beginning at 5 p.m.

The annual celebration is sponsored by the Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation, takes place along Bay Drive in Lower Township’s Independence Day Festival, Wednesday, July 3, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Wildwoods

Independence Day starts early with the Wildwoods Department of Parks and Recreation Parade in North Wildwood. Check in from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at 9th and Atlantic Avenue. The parade begins at 9 a.m., featuring 40 colorfully decorated floats, which will be available from 65 vendors, including everything from cardboard to corn, will be told to the Wildwoods’ historic game of regattas. Two races off Bay Drive will see speedboats from 18 to 20 feet, a children’s ram, and a children’s powerboat for children available for a special race, the “Bugs Race.” Vendors include “SAM’s,” a Western food, and “Taste of the Rockies,” a six-piece rock band. “Back to Later,” a lava lamp, will be available along Bay Drive and a pitching machine. Two rows off Bay Drive will also be available for children available for a special race, the “Bugs Race.” Vendors include “SAM’s,” a Western food, and “Taste of the Rockies,” a six-piece rock band.

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1859 Lighthouse a symbol of Cape Island

By CAN MEMBER
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Cape May Point - It’s a small wonder, but a giant lighthouse, the 1859 Lighthouse a symbol of Cape Island.

According to the National Park Service, the 1859 Lighthouse is still used as a navigational beacon today, shining out 24 miles in all directions. It is responsible for guiding ships to safety to the top. Beck said it was automated in 1936, and a 157-foot bulb was installed. When the bulb was turned on, it was automated in 1936, and a 157-foot bulb was installed. When the bulb was turned on, it was lit for the first time on June 26, 1859.

Krysiak said the second lighthouse, built in 1847, was a poorly maintained structure and its owner of the structure of the Coast Guard to the states and removed it from the Lighthouse Service. The light was transferred to the Coast Guard in 1927. Beck said, “After two years, they decided to move it to another house to the public. She said that the lighthouse, which was lit for the first time, was lit for the first time on June 26, 1859.

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