# Carpenters Lane improvements continue

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CAPE MAY – The city recently received a letter announcing Cape May would receive an additional \$400,000 through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Program for American Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

The letter, dated Feb. 24, says the city is required to make a 15 percent match, or \$60,000.

According to City Manager Bruce MacLeod, Cape May already received \$500,000 through the program, which is being used to make ADA improvements to the beach-front, the Franklin Street School and several blocks of Carpenters Lane. The city was required to provide \$75,000 in matching funds. MacLeod said the bulk of the grant is being used for Carpenters Lane improvements. However, the Franklin Street School will receive a ramp for handicapped accessibility and the beachfront will also see improvements for accessibility. MacLeod said work has

already begun in the 500 block of Carpenters Lane



Cain Chamberlin/Cape May Star and Wave Above, construction on the south side of Carpenters Lane at the intersection of Decatur Street began last week in order to make ADA improvements.

Memorial Day

At the March 6 city coun-

will allow work to continue

on Carpenters Lane and

make ADA improvements

from Perry to Jackson Street. MacLeod said Axios Inc.

might or might not be the

company used for the addi-

tional improvements, depend-

ing on the bid proposals.

between Decatur Street and Ocean Street. The contractor for the project is Axios Inc., of Northfield. MacLeod said all four corners of the intersection at Decatur will be leveled out to eliminate any trips and falls that could cause personal injury. Sidewalks will also be widened to make more space for individuals in wheelchairs. Work is expected to be completed before

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Tony Macrie said Cape May Seashore Lines was not going to put up out-of-service signs. Macrie also said the railroad was not delaying the project "The project is not delayed," he said. "We had a major

meeting with all the offi-cials involved on March 3 in Rio Grande and everyone is happy." Macrie said the railroad is

going to temporarily install railroad crossing signs, which he called crossbucks – signs with big Xs indicating a railroad crossing. He said eventually the intersections would

would allow the intersections to open, and he would have explained that to the town-

came in and installed con-crete crossing ahead of the road work.

"We were in and out long before they started the road.

from NJ Transit on Monday, but he was hoping they would revoke Macrie's rights to use the rails in Lower Township.

Voll listed other complaints against Macrie and Cape May Seashore Lines, including what he referred to as stiffing local volunteer organizations, discarding old ties along the tracks in piles, and storing old railroad cars south of the Cape May Canal.

"We want them removed," Voll said.

Voll said his main concern is the crossings, that they are safe for children on school buses.

Voll said there was a time, when he was in Middle Township government, that he was once a big supporter of Macrie and the railroad; but that has changed.

"Everything he said he was going to do he didn't," Voll said.

Macrie said Cape May Seashore Lines is planning to come to Cape May this summer, but their schedule is not vet approved by NJDOT. He said he expected to be able to announce the schedule in about a month.

# Medic -

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"I had a meeting sev-eral weeks ago with Lou (Raniszewski, Acting Director of Emergency Medical Services), and said we'd like to have a medic unit located in Lower Township so there is a quicker response working in conjunction with the Lower Township Rescue Squad," Voll said. Voll said rescue squads

often have to meet up with medic units on the road, which means the paramedics have to come from other municipalities to meet with LTRS ambulances. With a station located in the township the response time would be improved.

"Especially in summer when we need paramedics, they have to come out of North Wildwood or Cape May Court House," he said. Voll said Lower Township

Council is on board with the request for a medic station.

"If just one life is saved as a result of having the medic unit closer, it makes our efforts well worth it," Voll

Voll also wishes to remind residents of the free adult health and safety fair today. He said the township is providing this as an opportunity for low-income residents to get a health check-up. He said some residents probably don't go to the doctor because they don't have the money.

#### **Adult Heath and Safety Fair**

Lower Township Council and Genesis Health Care will be having an Adult Health and Safety Fair in the Township Hall Meeting Room, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, on Wednesday, March 14 from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., which includes no cost basic health and safety checkups. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free check up on your health, and safety issues. Our Public Safety Community, Police, Fire Safety, and the Rescue Squad will participate to discuss any safety concerns. Refreshments will be provid-ed – door prizes from local restaurants.

The fair will include: Blood said. "We deserve a unit in Pressure Screening, Blood Sugar Screening, Balance Screening/Fall Prevention, our township, and will keep pursuing it until we are suc cessful." Hearing/Vision Screenings,

Pharmacy Consultations, Medicare, Medicaid, Information, Nutritional Advanced Directive/POA Information, Fire Safety Bureau, Lower Township Police, Lower Township EMTs, Senior Citizen Call Program, and much more. Sponsored by North Cape, Victoria Manor, and Victoria Commons Centers | www. genesishcc.com.

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unit.

Tax -

2012. VanHeeswyk said last year the commissioners consolidated what she called any loose capital and consolidated the funds. She said the borough doesn't have a lot of capital projects in the works, but they also removed some items from the capital budget.

"One thing we took out of capital completely is the budgeted capital for replac-ing computers," she said. "It was easier to purchased computers out of current budget without long term financing.'

VanHeeswyck said the last time computers were purchased they were probably over \$2,000 each, and some of those were 10 years old before they were replaced. She said the cost of computers has come down, and it's no longer practical to pay for them over the term of a bond. She said unless the borough is faced with a major expense, they try to fund out expenditures out of the current year's budget. VanHeeswyck said the commissioners have been looking at the budget very carefully. Personally, she said, she takes the attitude that it's not the borough's money they are spending, but the taxpayers. "Since I have been there, I consider myself fiscally

extremely conservative. First of all, it's not the borough's money. The borough's money comes directly out of the taxpayers pockets. When I approach everything I do I look at it from that standpoint. I feel I am a trustee of their money, " vanHeeswyk said.

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have been described as "low-moderate income duplex units." According to Mayor Ed

Mahaney, they are comparable to those with a market value of approximately \$400,000 per

In addition, the article incorrectly stated that the city of Cape May would receive \$2.2 mil-

lion from Garden State Preservation Trust, and borrow \$2 million from Cape May County for the purchase of land in Sewell's Point. The city's portion is being covered by a \$2.2 grant from NJDEP Green Acres, a \$2 million grant from the Cape May County Open Space Fund,

and \$200,000 from the City of Cape May's Open Space fund, to cover the \$4.4 million land

At last week's meeting, Henderson also questioned a \$50,000 expense for Public Works, saying he did not get an explanation of what the amount was for, and was told he would not receive an explanation.

Mayor Carl Schupp said Henderson is aware of everything the borough spends.

"Every month we have a bill list. Every product we

increase last year and I'm sure they will carry over into this year.'

The borough also increased its rental fees last year, which Schupp called a one-time jump in income. Likewise, he said the borough would probably not see a tax rate

decrease for years. Henderson's final objection to the 2012 budget was a fouryear plan to pay for beach renourishment.

"The problem is it's a plan and not a requirement," he said.

Henderson said he didn't want a future administration to put off paying for beach renourishment in four years because the money was needed for something else.

the top of the pole "Why would we delay the project? It benefits all of us,' Macrie said. Voll had not heard back In the Star and Wave March 7, 2012 article, "Application to Army Corps could result in more development in ECM," referred to 14 "low-income" family homes. The homes should

acquisition. The Star and Wave regrets the error.

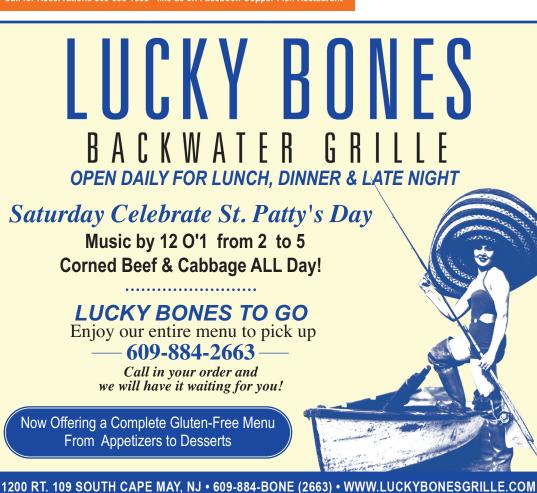
be outfitted with a more elaborate warning system. "These crossings are getting state of the art flashing lights and gates - very safe," Macrie said. Macrie said the crossbucks cil meeting, MacLeod said the additional \$400,000 grant

ship manager. According to Macrie, in February 2011 the railroad



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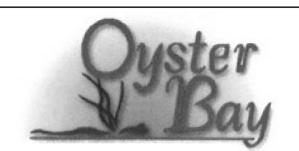
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Mahaney said the men signified a new era that will support the present fire department and volunteer staff. "We have been fortunate

"We had an outstanding had so much more construc-tion activity," Schupp said. "Our permit fees took a big enough to employ four new firefighters/EMTs in the

career fire department to ensure the continued first class, professional services that the city has rendered for decades," Mahaney said.



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spend money on is on the bill list. Every month we have a treasurer's report. John has access to every bill public works has had," Schupp said. Schupp said the state does not allow municipalities to budget more than spent for those line items in the previous year's budget. The bor-

ough can budget for anticipated revenue increases, as it did with rental licenses and construction fees.

year last year because we

The Point will elect a new Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, May 8. All three Commission seats are available. The term of office is four years. Four individuals have filed petitions for the May 8 election, including van-Heeswyck, Robert Moffatt, George Stanger and Leonard Gramlich.

Lower Township and Cape May will hold municipal elections in November. West Cape May's next scheduled municipal election is May 2013.

"We've always been fortunate to have local individuals step forward and have that commitment to a very unusual and stressful lifestyle, wanting to make sure the city is safe at all times.'

Also at the March 6 ceremonies, Firefighter/EMT Michael Eck was promoted to lieutenant after years of experience in the fire department and service to the community

Fire Chief Jerry Inderwies Jr. said he was fortunate to work with the five men and hopes they enjoy and embrace their 25 years of service to the fire department as he has.

They're an excellent group of individuals," Inderwies said. "I've seen the work they do. It works, it saves lives.

Mahaney gave the firefighters a chance to say a few words following the oaths they had taken.

"It's definitely an opportunity that I think everyone is excited to have and we all worked really hard for this," Gay said.

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