

Come for flowers, leave with a book – or two, or three

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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WEST CAPE MAY – Cut flowers, by their nature, are a temporary thing. Books, on the other hand, can hang around forever; especially if you are the type who doesn't throw them away.

Kate Papale, who has been running Kate's Flower Shop in West Cape May for nearly 26 years knows flowers...and she knows books. Papale said she has always been an avid reader having been encouraged to read by her parents. She started bringing books into her shop to help her pass the long winter days in her shop on Park Boulevard.

Then she noticed they were starting to build up on the shelves in her back room.

"I just started bringing in books on the slow winter days and I never took them home," she said. "I had brought in cartons of books."

Papale looked around and realized she had quite a selection of novels in her store and needed to do something with them. She said she never considered throwing the books away, but didn't want to carry them back home, so she started to give them away. She set up a small bookcase in her store with a sign reading, "Please feel free to help yourself to a novel. Summer is here and it's always good to

have a book for the beach." "The point, for me, was I wanted to share. I don't like throwing books away," Papale said. "It's fun for me because it seems to give people pleasure, and it's nice to know people still enjoy turning a page."

According to Papale, some local innkeepers have taken books to hand out to their guests so they could have something to read on the beach.

Papale said she is not accepting donations of books, as that would defeat the purpose of giving them away. Instead, pass the books on to another reader.



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Kate Papale of "Kate's Flowers" is offering free books to one and all. Just don't bring them back!

School looking for strings

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first 90 minutes of school," Jurewicz said.

The Teitelman school starts later than the high school, so the junior high students could receive at least 40 minutes of

instruction with high school students. They would also be able to use high school instruments and receive high school credit.

"They would also be allowed to play in concerts as long as they learn their instrument," Jurewicz said.

Additionally, Jurewicz said, the invitation to play with the high school band is going out to adult members of the community.

"Anyone in the Cape May County community is also allowed in for that 90 minutes...to come in and play with everybody," she said.

Jurewicz said the idea for a school/community orchestra is modeled after the Congress Street Brass Band, which includes high school students and members of the community of any age. She said community members could sit in with the orchestra from the start of school at 7:45 a.m. until the end of the period at 9:15 a.m.

The rules are a little different for community members though.

"Community members must possess their own instruments...and they must be able to play. This is not Lisa giving free lessons," Jurewicz said.

The adults would also be given the option of performing during school concerts if they can fit it in their schedules.

"Hopefully we will get those closet violin players, maybe some former students, and beef up the numbers. I've been a big proponent of getting the kids out to see the world and getting the world in to see the kids," Jurewicz said.

The school isn't just throwing its doors open to the public. Any interested musicians would need to speak to Jurewicz before being invited in to play.

"We need to know who they are," she said.

Jurewicz said she is optimistic and hopeful that she would be able to get, for example, a 70-year-old violin player sitting in a chair alongside a 15-year-old student. She believes her students could learn a lot from the adults, and vice versa.

Jurewicz said she is hopeful the program would work, but if it doesn't the program would not be worse off.

"If it doesn't work, I'll just work with the class I have. We're just throwing a net out there to see if we can catch any fish," she said.

For more information or to sign up as a community member, call Lisa Jurewicz at Mr. J's Music Shoppe at 609-886-4646.

Two CM ordinances killed

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CAPE MAY – Two ordinances scheduled for second reading and public hearing, Tuesday, died for the lack of a second.

Ordinance 185-2009, an ordinance regulating abandoned vessels within municipal waterways was the subject of much discussion two weeks ago when the ordinance was introduced. Critics of the ordinance wanted clarification on whether or not "municipal waterways" included private marinas and

docks. Some also worried about the ordinance having a negative impact on visiting boaters, while others suggested the city tell the state to enforce its statutes on abandoned vessels.

Mayor Edward Mahaney said he thought the ordinance needed further study before it was reintroduced.

Ordinance 187-2009, which would have created two alternate positions on the Tourism Commission board, also died for the lack of a second. Earlier, city council considered replacing two Tourism Commission members – Bob

Steenrod and Mary Stewart and replacing them with new appointments. At the time, Deputy Mayor Niels Favre said he believed Steenrod wanted to continue on the Tourism Commission and should be retained. Council elected to keep Steenrod and appoint Chuck Pritchard as a new full-time member. Council decided to create two alternate positions – one for Stewart and one for Jerry Emery – by way of Ordinance 187-2009. Mahaney said after thinking about it he changed his mind about creating alternate positions.

Ocean Street Beach closed

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tem in place for reacting to such situations – including notifying the Cape May County Health Department.

Cape May County Health Officer Kevin Thomas ordered the beaches around the Ocean Street outfall pipe closed Tuesday after learning of the sewage discharge. The Health Department took water samples on Tuesday, and as of about noon on Wednesday the beaches remained closed pending laboratory results, which were expected later in the day.

Thomas said the closing was a precautionary measure

and standard practice for reducing public exposure to a potentially dangerous threat. The county provided the following information concerning contamination from sewage lines:

"Ocean water samples are being collected and tested for enterococcus bacteria. The recreational beach will open when test results indicate that bacteria levels are within acceptable limits. The maximum estimated enterococcus bacteria in marine waters can't exceed 104 per 100ml.

This year, through the Coastal Water Monitoring Program, a total of 59 ocean and eight back bay recreational sites are monitored

weekly from May until Sept. 7. Beach closings are available by calling the Cape May County Ocean Water Quality Hotline at 609-463-6581 or on the Health Department website at cmhealth.net.

For additional information contact the Cape May County Health Department Division of Environmental Health Services at 465-1212."

MacLeod said the Health Department closed beaches for swimming from the stone groin near Henry's restaurant to the other groin near the arcade. He said the beaches could still be used for other purposes.

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