MAC hosts Halloween happenings

Walk the grounds of Cape May's original "haunted house," the Physick Estate, an annual community drive to protect the estate and its rich history. Participants will also enjoy a tour of the historic residence. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., entry is free with admission to the Physick Estates. Call for more information.

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West Cape HPC details expansion of historic district

Homes added on Broadway, Stevens Street, Sixth Avenue

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Midd letown's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) gained final approval for an expansion of its historic district. The commission, which had previously approved an expansion of the district through the western section of Union Street and Second Avenue, found that a significant number of buildings north of Fifth Street would be included in the expansion.

The new district, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, will include homes on Union Street west from the historic district along one side of the street and another on Fourth Street. The expansion of the historic district was requested by the city's Historic Preservation Board as a result of the city's new historic district ordinance.

The expansion of the historic district will not affect the existing National Historic Landmark District. However, the new district will include homes on Union Street west from the historic district along one side of the street and another on Fourth Street.

The character of the new district will be very much like what is already found in the historic district. The borough's Victorian and Edwardian wooden houses will be included in the expansion of the historic district.

The borough's Historic Preservation Board (HPC) was formed in 2008 to protect the borough's historic resources. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the borough council.

The board's mission is to identify and preserve properties of historic, cultural, and architectural significance. The board is responsible for reviewing applications for new construction and alterations to existing buildings.

The board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the borough hall, 220 E. Broadway, Cape May. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input on proposed projects.

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