City residents ask Mucho-Luckies-backed candidates Baldwin, McIlvaine win with mayor’s endorsement, Meier without

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Lower residents ask for help with unruly juveniles. Holly Estates neighbors detail threats, damages

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VILAS—Some residents of Holly Estates, a North Cape May subdivision offshore Sharpes Bay, have created a petition to the Town Council Nov. 7 with complaints about the behaviors of juveniles in their neighborhood. They “are being abusive,” said one resident, and “quiet and peaceful is just a memory.”

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Mayor Frans Stipp said the council was aware of the situation. He said he discussed the matter with the chief of police. “If there is a problem and Council is aware of it, the state would come out. It’s possible that the state police would come out.”

The council could also meet with the residents to discuss how they could work together.

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occupancy tax revenue increases by $1.1 million

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Cape May residents have paid an increased occupancy tax on their rental properties this season, which has extended the tax to short-term rentals and VRBO and increased the tax from 2 percent to 3 percent.

Occupancy tax, with two more months to be re-examined, came in over budget. Using 2020 census data, 45 percent of residential and vacation rental units in the city have an owner living on the property, a total of 482 units. A total of 12 percent or 350 of the residential units have a full rental season.

The remaining homes are classified by the Census Bureau. These homes are the homes of a resident of the property. In 2020, the Census Bureau and Revenue Advisory Committee of Cape May County only the city would generate more than $2 million from the occupancy tax.

Parking meter revenue for the year total $1,700, with $1,800-$2,000 brought in.

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Seven-gun salute at TRACEN honors veterans

CNDT—Brad Coady, the executive officer of U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, and members of the recruit ceremonial honor guard participate in a Veterans Day ceremony held at the memorial on Nov. 11.

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MTTRAC to ask all owners if they plan to rent homes

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Cape May—The City’s Municipal Taxation and Revenue Advisory Committee (MTTRAC) is creating a form to be mailed to every homeowner asking if they rent their home at any time during the year.

The form, which will need to be passed by the City Council, will be accompanied by a letter explaining the rules regarding rental properties and the new requirement that every homeowner who rents a property provide proof of property lease.

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Hendrickson in her ad stated “questions about our future are not questions, they are challenges that council table, the outcome and our future will be mediocre at best. She questioned the need for complete replacement of the community’s desalination plant.

In Leal’s campaign, two of three council seats had no challengers with bipartisan Tom Conover running for the District One seat.

Three members of the Cape May City Elementary School Board, T.D. Delafield with 83 votes, Edward Connolly with 787 votes and Dwayne August with 727 votes, did not face a challenger in the election meetings.

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