Reproductive rights march today on Promenade

Local businesses supporting ‘Ban Off Our Bodies’ protest of Roe v. Wade reversal

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CAPE MAY — The U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24 is a day that will live in infamy for our county and future generations of Americans. As the new reality of living in the post-Roe/Post-Act era begins, people are looking for ways to protect bodily autonomy that has been taken away.

Perigee Moon Tattoo of West Cape May is hosting a “Ban Off Our Bodies” march for reproductive rights at 5:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, on the Cape May Convention Hall. The march will begin at 5 p.m. and head toward the Cove. The public is encouraged to bring signs and songs to the event.

“Come out and march with us, take an hour or two off in the evening and march with us,” Perigee Moon owner Kirsten Fichter said. “Bring your mounts, everyone you can.”

In addition to the march, Perigee Moon is holding a raffle to raise money for the National Abortion Fund of America. The raffle includes three $100 gift certificates and one $100 gift certificate for tattoos at Perigee Moon, as well as donations from local businesses, including Out There Coffee, O’itura’s Coffee House, Guardian, Flying Fish Studio, Bad Cat Farm and others.

“There will be other businesses donating, but we can’t wait to see everyone there.”

The love raffle drawing will be held at the end of the event. $100 per ticket, proceeds will be donated to local organizations.

The mission of the National Abortion Fund of America is to build power with members to remove financial and logistical barriers to abortion access by connecting people to necessary resources and organizing and advocating for the intersections of racial, economic and reproductive justice,” said<em> special to the Star and Wave</em>

Preparing for launch

The Desatnick Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports those living with spinal cord injuries, held the Around the Cape Paddle, its annual fundraising event, on July 17. The course started and ended at the Fisherman’s Memorial on Cape May Harbor following a loop past Cape May beaches, Cape May Point and up the Cape May Canal.

Wind farm impact study sought at hearing

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SCIAM CITY — A public hearing held by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on the proposed Ocean Wind 2 turbine project off the coast of New Jersey last week drew more than two hours of public comment.

Thurman Shut, a very little addressed detail in the actual bill at hand — the potential effects of the wind farm. Instead, the hearing was dominated by union members and officials who support the wind farm because of the jobs they say will be created.

“Is our priority as a union” to center people who have been denied healthcare, and preserve our tree canopy, “I think it’s an effort at one time,” Yeager said. “We should cover everything at one time,” Yeager said. “I think it’s an effort at one time,” Yeager said.

City police: Bike riders are ignoring traffic laws

By JACK FICTHER
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CAPE MAY — Visitors to Cape May might be surprised to see a growing number of people riding bicycles, even as the police department is asking everyone to wear helmets and follow bicycle safety rules.

Police Chief Dakon Fetherolf, who spoke with members of the Cape May Police Department’s Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee on July 18, said that the police department is asking everyone to address bicycle safety issues.

The police department has been taking an active role in promoting bicycle safety and is working with local groups to help promote it.

If city problem is no one is paying attention to the laws, people are still riding their bikes through town, they’re still coming the wrong way,” said Fetherolf.

It is difficult to educate people who are in town on urban roadways to ride safely, he said. “I think it’s an effort at one time,” Yeager said.

He added that he is working with local groups to help promote it.

A bicycle and a golf cart can have to obey the same laws as a motor vehicle,” he said.

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Pool construction reducing West Cape tree canopy

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WEST CAPE MAY — Increasing numbers of residents are building swimming pools and, in the process, removing trees in their yards, a town that values living in a natural environment.

During a Borough Commission meeting July 5, Mayor Carol Sabo called pool installations a major concern and said property owners require the removal of trees. Property owners could request permitting and license from the pool.

Sabo said there may be a need to provide a protection area around another portion of a pool, but frequently, people are damaged, which will reduce the number of trees there.

Two years ago, Cape May City Administrator Kurt Forchheimer staged a tour of pools because of land conservation and environmental effects. She said the city of West Cape May was a pool owner who wanted to explore similar legislation. Sabo asked if a pool basin would infringe on property rights.

“Is it our priority as a commission to protect and preserve our tree canopy?” she asked. “That is our priority. Our objective is to provide the best environment for interpreting the land for the good of everyone.”

Sabo said she wanted to make sure that people can enjoy the beauty of the land and protect the health of the environment.

Instead, the township supports the proposed Ocean Wind Management (BOEM) on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or DEIS. The first was last week. The second is at 1 p.m. today (July 25) and the third is at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 28. (For comments, go to BOEM.gov or call 1-866-708-7080.)

The project’s impact on property rights?” said Sabo. “The project has been extended, saying the window for the public comment period is now 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 26. (To continue reading the voluminous comments, go to BOEM.gov or call 1-866-708-7080.)

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Yeager also said that there are many ways to address bicycle helmet laws while riding a bike.

“Everyone must obey all traffic laws while riding a bike,” he said.

Yeager said a speed limit of 25 mph, which we are all used to and make the place a large lot safer.”

He said council needs to do a series of meetings to discuss county-owned roads.

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