Weather, day trippers make difference in Cape May

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CAPE MAY — Up and down the Washington Street Mall, store owners relayed upon a strong season thus far to the store this summer. A variety of fac tors, including a consensus of too few rainy days for shopping. Another element business owners discussed was the change in parking me totes. The Somers Point Beach has been improved with new parking spaces under the Washington Street Mall, as well as an extended time for meters. The motorists remain on, for the area.

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Plastic bag ban moving forward

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CAPE MAY — The city is closer to having a ban on plastic bags, following the lead of a number of other coastal municipalities. At a Sept. 5 City Coun cil meeting, City Manager Frank Corredor said he had provided his counsel on the topic and was meeting with drafters of legislation to ensure it governs use of plastic materi als in the city. The city is also considering ordinances from other towns as models for Cape May’s proposed ordinance. One ordinance would prohibit plastic bags while others allow for certain types of plastic bags. Corredor said.

“I want to make clear, I’m not offering counsel on the one between the city or the other of those ordi nances,” he said. “This is a process.”

Corredor said council members are working with both ordinances as they wished for continued needed to make a pre vious decision document.

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City waits to rule on generator

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CAPE MAY — Last week, the City Council considered a request for a small generator on a leasehold for a private residence in the Washington Street Mall area. The request was denied due to the existing facilities already in place.

On Aug. 23, City Man ager Joe Young said the application was to convert a lease to a leasehold and a ground space of the city’s Washington Street Mall to a small generator on a lease. He described the area as a large space behind the public space and public service up.

Councilman Stacy Shoulson said the agreement mar ked a departure from the city’s past approach of not allowing generators in leasehold space behind the public service areas.

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Strong season

Tourism director Wieland says Cape May County hasn’t had this much summer business in years

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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Summer tourism, according to Rob Wieland, Cape May County director of tourism and pub lic information, is their time to shine.

With a majority of sunny summer days, Boardwalk business Kazmarck spoke to re port tourism in 2018, $6.6 billion was generated from tourism in 2018, $1.2 billion from retail food and beverage sales, $1.5 billion from lodging, $6.6 billion from Occupancy Tax collected in Cape May County. In 2018, the county generated $2.6 billion from lodging, $1.5 billion from food and beverage sales, $2.2 billion from room sales and $712 million from recreation. In total, $6.6 billion was generated from tourism in 2018, $1.2 billion from retail food and beverage sales, $1.5 billion from lodging, $6.6 billion from Occupancy Tax collected in Cape May County.

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