HUD, Housing Authority OK holding up park
City cannot advance Lafayette Street facility, police station without deed notices

By JACK FICTHER
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CAPE MAY — Development of Lafayette Street Park continues to linger and the city still has a few more hoops to jump through before finding out whether it can build a police station on a section of the property that was purchased in 2022.

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MTRAC suggests city hire a firm to track rental units

Panel believes many ignore annual license requirement

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CAPE MAY — The City’s Municipal Taxation and Revenue Advisory Committee (MTRAC) has recommended City Council hire a firm to track rental units.

District Attorney Van Walsum said the city was not realizing 10.6 percent new mercantile licenses from the annual mercantile license.

The city sent out a letter to property owners in February of this year requesting a “soft approach.”

“Overall, it is required to contribute $8 to the city’s general fund and $25 to the parking fund,” said the letter. “Forms differ for different licenses as defined below.

The largest increase, 45, was a result of rental licenses for less than 1,000 square feet. Van Walsum said adding that May Cape held 125 new dwelling units in 2022.

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City wants to recognize Black community’s role
Seeking to amend landmark status

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West Cape looks to control parking near dispensary

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WEST CAPE — With the county’s only cannabis dispensary expected to open in a few weeks on Sunset Boulevard, homeowners in the neighborhood of the Foro Tract are concerned their streets will be become parking lots for the business.

During a Borough Commission meeting Sept. 5,乔治・迪克 said the city’s consultant made it, I feel like I’ve improved it, I feel like I’ve improved it, I feel like I’ve improved it, I feel like I’ve improved it, I feel like I’ve improved it.

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Surf’s up as Hurricane Lee passes out to sea

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Large, strong waves topped the shore Sept. 15 as Hurricane Lee made its way toward the Mid-Atlantic states.

Just before the storm hit land in Texas, Lee’s winds topped 50 mph and the storm grew to be a Category 4 hurricane.

Lee, which was once known as Hurricane Irene, continues to be a major threat along the East Coast as it moves out to sea.

“Surf ’n Turf” is a popular contest during the volleyball tournament, which takes place near the mouth of the Cape May Bay.

The waves were strong enough to knock over some people and vehicles.

“We’re definitely going to do all we can to protect people, even if it means putting our own lives at risk,” said Mayor Bezaire.

Dick said the police department needs times lines painted in the street in order to write parking tickets. He said they would evaluate how far the corner parking would be prohibited.

West Congress Street is a concern because it became jammed when it was flooded with water.

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