Statewide drought watch in effect for New Jersey

By JACK FRIEDER
CAPE May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — If you haven’t been water ing your petunias, they probably perished along with portions of your lawn. We’ve had a few hit-or-miss showers, the area is in a drought watch.

State Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Shawn M. LaTourette issued a statewide drought watch as of Aug. 9. Gov. Phil Murphy’s administration is urging residents and businesses to conserve water as persistent dry and hot conditions continue to stress supplies throughout the state.

LaTourette’s declaration of a drought watch is the first in the state’s three-stage drought advisory system. The watch is intended to make public awareness of the stress supplies throughout the state.

According to the city’s water conservation regulations, watering of lawns, plants and gardens is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. between May 15, and Sept. 15.

Outdoor watering of lawns, plants and gardens is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. until such rain sensor devices are installed or until a new play structure, Welsh said.

“Two spring rockers would be installed on the park, a frisbee and a dinosaur, which would be a new play structure, Welsh said.

“The structure would have large and small slides and monkey bars with accessible access. Welsh said a rocker for those in wheelchairs would be created as well an inclusive orbit and a swing. We want to make sure that want and loud music is not going anywhere, Welsh said.

The park also would have many places to sit with stmes that move and chairs that are accessible.

“A sensory spot would be created that may be enjoyable for children on the autism spectrum. Welsh said the park would have a handicap accessible restroom either of modular construction or one designed by an architect. The building would include a storage.

She said a new basketball court would be constructed along the existing basketball courts with benches and a new fence would be installed to keep hawks out of the water. The park would have low voltage lighting along its paths.

The city would be planted with some sensory stimulation gardens for children to touch and smell the plants.

Welch said the park would accommodate inclusion, she said.

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Kiwanis Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
DIRE STRAITS
LEGACY BAND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
MARC COHN

ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 8PM
Call 609.884.9565 or visit CapeMayCity.com

TICKETS: $50

609 - 770 - 8311

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