

Bashaw offers social distancing suggestions for season

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY – Congress Hall and Virginia Hotel managing partner Curtis Bashaw offered City Council suggestions on reopening the city for visitors while maintaining social distancing.

Bashaw sent an email to City Council which was read into the record on May 5 by City Clerk Erin Burke. He is a member of the city manager's task force on the reopening of Cape May.

He said at this time the city had the opportunity to collaborate as a community to protect the health of the citizens, employees, visitors and economy. Bashaw said he supported three initiatives:

- Outdoor seating and

open windows. During this time we can all agree that outdoor spaces and ocean breezes are better than isolated indoor spaces. Cape May City already has an ordinance on the books regarding outdoor seating. We should use that ordinance as a base and issue revised directives citywide to allow businesses to leverage outdoor spaces including streets and sidewalks in some areas. Local liquor law restrictions on doors and windows could be adjusted to allow properties to open windows and doors to allow free air flow.

- Slow streets. All over the country from Boston to Minneapolis to San Francisco, municipal leaders are working on slow street programs in order to get pedestrians and bike riders

room to move in a socially distant manner. This means that some streets are closed to vehicle traffic or street parking is prohibited or vehicles must adhere to speed limits of approximately 5 mph, which would allow for bikes, golf carts and pedestrians to mix in. Cape May should identify streets on the Washington Street Mall corridor, Decatur and Jackson streets and along Beach Avenue from Howard to Perry Street to ease pressure on popular areas and allow people the space they need for proper social distancing and allow safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists. This could be instituted during certain hours of the day or for the summer season.

- Manage beach capacity. Gov. Murphy indicated that

guidance would be forthcoming on how shore towns could manage beach capacity. Cape May should remain ahead of the curve in this important process and come up with our own guidelines for beach use. This can be done in several different ways as Gov. Murphy indicated. 1. Parking along Beach Avenue and beach block cross streets could be limited which would tie into the slow streets program as well. 2. Managing daily and weekly beach tag sales according to beach capacity. 3. Calculating the square footage of each beach, deciding on allowable square footage per person to maintain social distancing and calculating an acceptable number of people for each beach. Then beach access could be managed according to those

numbers, perhaps by beach tag checkers maintaining the count of people entering and leaving the beach.

Bashaw said he looked forward to the day when he

could open his businesses in a responsible manner, so that citizens feel safe, employees are back to work and visitors feel welcome.

WCM may loosen outdoor dining rules

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WEST CAPE MAY – Borough Commission introduced an ordinance to temporarily amend outdoor seating regulations for restaurants.

At a May 13 meeting held by teleconference, Mayor Carol Sabo said the ordinance was introduced in anticipation of Gov. Phil Murphy easing restrictions on outdoor seating and restaurant dining. She said the commission believes the next step would be allowing outdoor dining.

The ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Board and the commission will hold a public hearing for the ordinance on May 27. One restaurant owner

commented he was at a disadvantage because his restaurant had no outdoor seating. Sabo said the borough could temporarily suspend rules governing parking lots, which would need to be reviewed by the insurance carrier of any restaurant that wished to participate in that manner, as well as having a hold-harmless agreement with the borough.

She said every temporary site plan would be reviewed by the zoning officer.

“The idea here is flexibility and understanding in an effort to allow a business owner to have the maximum utility of their business the governor allows,” Sabo said.

West Cape May began allowing rentals of 30 days or more on May 15 with short-term rentals of 30 days or less permitted as of May 30. Hotels, motels and bed

and breakfast inns may operate at 60 percent of full capacity as of May 30. Accommodations will be permitted to operate at full capacity as of June 22, unless Murphy rules otherwise, Sabo said.

Borough Commission approved a resolution endorsing the governor extending the grace period on property tax payments to June 1. Sabo said Borough Commission realized the August property tax payment would be more of a concern than the May payment.

“We’re hoping the grace period will be extended for that payment as well,” she said. The borough plans to proceed with street repair projects, Sabo said.

The West Cape May Farmer’s Market will open on Tuesdays beginning June 23. It is a permitted use under current state regu-

lations. Sabo said it is not looking positive for events such as the Strawberry Festival which would not currently be permitted by the state.

OBITUARIES

JANE ANITA
DONECKER BOOTH

Jane Anita Donecker Booth, 90, passed away in Houston, TX, on May 14, 2020.



Booth

She was the daughter of Anita and Richard Donecker of Yeadon, PA, and graduated from Yeadon High School where she was an honor student, sang in the choir, was a cheerleader, and played field hockey. She graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio with a BA in sociology and went on to work for the State of Pennsylvania as a social worker specializing in family welfare and assistance.

Jane married Fred Booth in 1953. They lived in many cities as his career progressed, and she was active in the Presbyterian church, community and church choirs, and various charities wherever they went. Always above all for Jane was her family.

Jane is survived by Fred, her husband of almost 67 years; brothers Robert Donecker and Frederick and wife Susan Donecker; daughters Donna and husband Christopher Gaut of Houston, TX, and Lynn and husband Joe Ferry of Powell, OH; grandchildren Richard and wife Megan Gaut, Christopher and wife Dolores Gaut, Carolyn and husband Jay Kraska, Christine Ferry, and Shannon Ferry; great-grandchildren Roselyn, Vivian, and Elizabeth Gaut; and a large extended family as well as many old and dear friends.

Jane and Fred summered in Cape May Point, NJ, for most of their marriage and loved having family and friends visit to share their love of the shore.

MARGARET CURRAN

Curran, Margaret “Marge”, 89, of W. Cape May passed away peacefully on May 15, 2020.

Wife of the late John “Jack” Curran. Marge is survived by her 10 children, 25 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Marge’s name to your charity of choice.

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To shepherd can be defined as to watch over carefully, to guide, to protect, and to feed, either spiritually or physically. We all probably have at least one earthly shepherd. It may be a parent, a pastor, an educator, or a good friend. Although these people are here to help and give us strength in times of need, they may sometimes fall short of our expectations. However, our Heavenly Father is a perfect Shepherd. We, with our limited knowledge may not understand His ways, or why certain things may happen. Like little children, who don't know why they must be subject to the doctor's vaccination, we sometimes can't see God's plan for us. The Bible tells us all things happen for the good of those who love the Lord, and putting our trust in Him will not eliminate our adversities, but it will help us to better accept them.



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LEGALS

BOROUGH OF WEST CAPE MAY
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #74-20

MODIFYING SHORT TERM RENTAL RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 103 (2020) which declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order 103 (2020) Governor Murphy has issued a series of Executive Orders the purpose of which is to protect the health, safety and welfare of New Jersey residents through efforts to reduce the rate of community spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 108 (2020) which, inter alia, recognized that certain municipalities may have legitimate concerns about an influx of new visitors and the resulting public health concerns as the entire state endeavors to comply with social distancing measures and avoid unnecessary increases in density of individuals and, accordingly, provided municipalities with the ability to impose restrictions with respect to online marketplaces for arranging or offering lodging; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 108 (2020) further authorized the State Director of Emergency Management to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions and exclusions to the restrictions which municipalities or counties have the ability to impose; and,

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order No. 2020-8, the State Director of Emergency Management amended Executive Order 108 (2020) "to allow municipalities and counties to impose additional restrictions in response to COVID-19 on the ability of hotels, motels, guest houses, or private residences, or parts thereof, to accept new transient guests or seasonal tenants"; and WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May adopted Resolution #65-20 which temporarily prohibits rentals to transient guests and seasonal tenants; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #69-20 which amends Resolution #65-20 in order to clarify and include exclusions recognized in Administrative Order No. 2020-8; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor Murphy executed Executive Order No. 133 which authorizes certain passive recreation outdoors with restrictions and further directs "All recreational campgrounds and transient camp sites at campgrounds shall remain closed to the public. Residential campgrounds, which includes mobile home parks, condo sites, and existing/renewing 2020 yearly seasonal contract sites, may remain open."; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020 the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitted a proposal to the Governor Murphy entitled: Proposal for the Safe, Thoughtful and Progressive Reopening of Cape May County in the Time of Covid ("the Proposal"), which was prepared in consultation with the Cape May County-Wide Recovery Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal describes the unique vulnerability of Cape May County's seasonal economy, County infection rate statistics in relation to the entire State, and proposed mitigation protocols designed to emulate the effects of the Governor's stay-at-home order embodied in Executive Order 107 and proposes a phased opening of rental restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May has determined it is in the best interests of the Borough, its residents, property owners, and visitors to provide up to date local direction in response to executive and administrative orders, and other developments relating to Covid-19/Coronavirus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the aforesaid Executive Order No. 108 (2020) and Administrative Order No. 2020-8, it is, on this 13th day of May, 2020 promulgated and declared that the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of West Cape May:

1. Rentals in the Borough of West Cape May for a duration of thirty (30) days or greater shall be permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020.
2. Rentals in the Borough of West Cape May for a duration of less than thirty (30) days shall be permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2020.
3. Hotels and motels, including Bed and Breakfasts, in the Borough of West Cape May may operate at 60% of full capacity effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2020.
4. Hotels and motels, including Bed and Breakfasts, may operate at full capacity effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2020.
5. Any and all provisions of previous resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.
6. This Resolution is subject to all pertinent state Executive and Administrative Orders, and all pertinent County resolutions, and subject to modification by the Borough of West Cape May in accordance with future developments and conditions.
7. This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Carol E. Sabo, Mayor
Peter C. Burke, Deputy Mayor
John H. Francis, III, Commissioner
Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2020
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of full membership of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May, County of Cape May, New Jersey, at a meeting held on May 13, 2020.

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk

LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OR APPEAL

Applicant's Name: MARK PLATZER
Applicant's Address: 8100 BAYVIEW DRIVE
WILDWOOD CREST, NJ 08260
Owner's Name: 8100 BAYVIEW, LLC
Owner's Address: 7111 Maple Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Property Description: Block 820, Lot 2.05
Property Address: 8100 Bayview Drive
Lower Township, New Jersey

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 4, 2020, at 6:00 pm, a hearing will be held at The Lower Township Municipal Building located at 2600 Bayshore Road before Lower Township Zoning Board of Adjustment in the matter of the application by Mark Platzer regarding the property located at 8100 Bayview Drive, Block 820, Lot 2.05. The Applicants seek to

Applicant is seeking to obtain a use variance to construct four single family houses on property zoned for commercial use, together with any other approvals necessitated by this variance application. In addition, applicant seeks all required approvals and relief as to permit the creation of four (4) new lots from existing Lot 2.05. Specifically, the following approvals are sought: major Subdivision approval; if necessary a variance under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-35 for a lot that does not abut a street; as well as any other approvals or waivers deemed necessary by the Lower Township Zoning Board

While New Jersey's Executive Order 103 and Executive Order 107 are in effect, the Division of Local Government Services has issued guidance to ensure continuity of Land Use application procedures, to ensure due process is afforded during Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings and to remind local units to adhere to appropriate social distancing and health measures as they implement this process. In-person attendance at the hearing by the applicant, the Board or the public is prohibited.

Maps and other documents relating to this matter shall be available at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date for inspection. Under the present circumstances, the maps and other documents relating to this matter shall be posted for public review at <http://townshipoflower.org/> free of charge. Members of the public are advised to contact the Board Secretary at 609-886-2005 to receive a hard copy of the plans and application materials by mail or via a secure, public location subject to OPRA and any standard fees or charges. All Application Materials, as required, have been submitted to Lower Township in Digital Format and the usual Paper Format, by the Applicant All parties to the hearing, including the public, must no less than 3 days in advance of the meeting provide to the Board Secretary any additional documents or exhibits to be presented at the hearing. These additional documents and exhibits shall be individually labeled by the submitting party as an exhibit and the Board Secretary shall post the labeled exhibits prior to and for the video meeting. Please contact the Board Secretary at 609-886-2005 to arrange delivery options of the Exhibits and to advise the Board Secretary of your anticipated participation. All Exhibits shall be submitted in Digital Format. When the matter is called, you may present any support or objection which you may have to the granting of the relief or approval sought in the petition. In order to participate in this hearing including the opportunity to comment, you may call +1 (571) 317-3112 for voice connection or to participate by video and audio by way of computer, laptop or smart phone go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/146964997> at the date and time above.

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FRANK L. CORRADO, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Applicant
MARK PLATZER

Board of Education
Lower Cape May Regional School District
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Applicant/Appellant's Name and Address:
ISLAND WEST DEVELOPMENT, LLC
910 NEW JERSEY AVENUE
NORTH WILDWOOD, NJ 08260

Subject Property: Street Address:
9510 PACIFIC AVENUE & 119 E. RICHMOND AVENUE
WILDWOOD CREST (TOWNSHIP OF LOWER) NEW JERSEY

Block and Lot Numbers:
BLOCK 697/ LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

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APPLICANT ALSO SEEKS PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND VARIANCES FOR LOT AREA, FRONT YARD SETBACKS AND DISTANCE BETWEEN BUILDINGS TOGETHER AND ANY OTHER VARIANCES THAT MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY. VARIANCE RELIEF IS REQUESTED AS CONTRARY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 400-17A, AND SECTION 400-15D AREA AND YARD REQUIREMENTS, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

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This Notice is given pursuant to in Compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-11, et seq.

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