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CAPE MAY — Warren Coupland, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, said at the city council meeting on June 6 outlining the damage that could be done by pile driving near historic buildings and suggesting a method that would produce less harmful vibrations.

Coupland said he had additional information from a federal study about the impact of pile driving near historic buildings.

The Historic Preservation Commission believes that pounding or slaming piles is providing extra stress to historically important properties, not only commonly such a problem and mirrors falling off but to the foundation and other interior framework that people can’t see," Coupland said.

According to the chart, damage to modern buildings falls into three categories. Independent studies have been undertaken on impact to historic buildings. Damage occurs in three places where the platen is being damaged and mirrors fall from walls, according to Coupland.

Councilman Michael Monzo presented City Council with a draft of an ordinance to regulate outdoor seating primarily at hotels. The proposed ordinance would include a review by the city manager.

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Parks progressing despite rain

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The new parks are being built within the Lafayette Street Park, where the dog park has been completely restored.

Testing for leaks. The pedestal and granite cover piece are being assembled at the public works yard. Below, work is moving ahead at Lafayette Street Park, where the dog park has been completely restored.

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