



E-NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2017

From The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

It's difficult to believe that January has come and gone. No doubt February will fly by just as quickly. Before we realize it, spring will have arrived and soon after we'll be welcoming the summer. As I mentioned before, our City employees and the local business community are diligently preparing for the approaching seasons, and plans are being made to ensure that everyone has a wonderful 2017. Clearly, we have a great deal to look forward to here in Sea Isle City!

On February 14, I will present Sea Isle's 2017 Budget to City Council and deliver my annual State of the City Address. All this will take place during the regular City Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall. Later in the week, City Council will host a Budget Workshop at 9:00 a.m. on February 16.

On a more personal note, I want everyone to know that I have begun to grow a beard. When people ask me why I am sporting new facial hair, I explain that I am not doing so to keep the chill of winter at bay or to be fashionable. Instead, I am using the beard as a physical "segue" of sorts that allows me to mention an upcoming event that is near and dear to my heart, which I hope everyone will support: a fundraiser on Friday, March 10 for Shriners Hospital. So, if you see me around town and you mention my beard, I will most likely respond with the phrase "I'm so glad you asked..." More info about the fundraiser for Shriners Hospital will be coming your way in the weeks ahead.

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

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CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:

During the Administration Reports portion of the January 24 City Council meeting, City Engineer Andy Previti outlined a Flood Mitigation Study that is currently underway in Sea Isle City. The study will:

- Identify drainage basins in the City – including those that exhibit recurring flooding issues.
- Identify the agency responsible for maintaining the storm water system including outfall structures (City or County).
- Assess causes for flooding.
- Identify possible solutions (dikes, check valves, storm water pumps, etc).
- Integrate local problem areas and possible solutions into regional plans.

City Council and the Administration will inform the public as the Flood Mitigation Study's findings are made available.

The Administration also reported that Chief Financial Officer Paula Doll conducted a Bond Anticipation Note Sale in the amount of \$8,195,000.00 on January 4. The note was sold to TD Bank at a rate of 1.24% for 9 months. Additionally, it was announced that Mayor Desiderio's annual Budget Presentation and State of the City Address will take place during the February 14 City Council meeting. The presentation of the budget will be followed by a Budget Workshop on February 16 in Council Chambers, which will be open to the public.

Ordinance 1599 was introduced and had first reading on January 24. This ordinance was written to revise the general ordinance and allow setback encroachments for architectural features commonly referred to as "bump outs" for new construction on corner lots. If passed, Ordinance 1599 would not affect Floor Area Ratio (FAR), it simply would allow developers of corner lots to have some flexibility regarding bump outs, thus allowing for more attractive architectural designs.

Ordinance 1598 had its second reading and public hearing on January 24. This ordinance was written to amend construction code fees, escrow fees and the timing of payments.

Each of the resolutions on the January 24 Consent Agenda were approved, including:

- Resolution 014, which approved an Alcohol Beverage Control application from the Commodore Club that will allow that organization to extend their interior service area by utilizing a former utility closet. Note: The utility closet is within the club's existing building and will not change the foot print of Commodore Club.
- Resolution 017, which authorized the advertisement for bids for beach concession, ice cream & water concession, a service contract for a beach tag mobile app and credit card processing for that app, and to furnish, install and maintain leased coin operated viewing binocular machines.
- Resolution 018, which authorized a contract with Garrison Architects for \$29,500 for architectural services for the former Sea Isle City Public School facility.
- Resolution 022, which authorized a contract with Center Stage Entertainment LLC for \$87,850 for the city-sponsored concerts that will take place on Saturday nights this summer.
- Resolution 024, which authorized a grant application that would fund the reconstruction of Pleasure Avenue from 53rd to 73rd Street.
- Resolution 026, which approved a raffle application for Bishop McHugh Regional School's annual Casino Night.

During the Pending Business portion of the January 24 meeting, Councilman Divney led a discussion about the Master Plan Re-examination – specifically how the Planning Board has requested that the City move forward with several items listed on the Re-Examination draft prior to adoption (each of which is not related to the housing element portion of the Re-Examination). The items suggested to be moved forward include changes to parking requirements, improvements for recreation and open spaces (including the former public school building, and creating launch and storage sites for kayaking), economic development and storm water management. During this discussion, a motion to have the Administration prioritize these specific items was made and seconded. Additionally, Councilperson Tighe suggested that a sub-committee be created for this process.

Our next City Council meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, in Council Chambers. The Budget Workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 16 in Council Chambers.

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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PROJECT UPDATES:

Road Reconstruction, 36th & 37th Streets

On October 25, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Jerry & Son Excavating, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, in the amount of \$270,907. On November 2, 2016, a preconstruction meeting was held. Driveway and curb work on 36th Street is almost complete including ADA access prior to the street paving. Work has resumed completing the concrete improvements on both 36th and 37th Streets and will be completed in the next week.

Utility Reconstruction, various streets

On October 27, 2015, City Council awarded a **contract** to RTW Construction of Southampton, New Jersey in the amount of \$744,713 for utility reconstruction at the following locations:

47th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade – substantially completed.

49th Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade – substantially completed.

65th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue – substantially completed.

65th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.

69th Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue – substantially completed.

76th Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.

Work to install new sanitary main, sanitary laterals, new water main and water services on 47th, 49th, and 65th from Landis to Pleasure and 69th Street is completed.

Sea Isle Boulevard

The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at their May 13, 2014 meeting, awarded a \$12.7 million contract to South State, Inc. for the Sea Isle Boulevard Improvement project that will raise the roadway by approximately 4.5-feet and otherwise reconstruct Sea Isle Boulevard.

Traffic has been diverted to the south side of the boulevard; and the contractor placed fill on the north side of the causeway to an average height of about 6.5-feet, which was 2-feet higher than the eventual height of the completed roadway. The additional 2-feet, which was removed in preparation for paving, was surcharge to compress the underlying layers of soil. The goal was to obtain as much settlement as possible prior to paving on top of the new fill.

The current plan is to complete paving of the north side prior to the summer season.

The entrance to the northbound parkway has been reconfigured in order to provide room for eastbound vehicles to travel around vehicles making a left turn onto the parkway entrance. Motorists are advised to be aware of the revised traffic patterns in the construction zone and the reduced speed limit.

During the September 13 City Council meeting, County Engineer Dale Foster led a presentation updating Council and the public about the project and upcoming schedule of activities. The Power Point presentation that was shown at the council meeting is available to view on the City's website, www.seaislecitynj.us (click the link in the "City News" section on the home page).

Utility Reconstruction

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to F.W. Shawl & Sons Construction in the amount of \$1,003,025 for utility work to various streets as listed below:

79th Street – Central to Roberts
Landis Avenue – 73rd to 72nd
Landis Avenue – 74th to 76th
78th Street - Landis to Central
78th Street – Central to Roberts
81st Street – Central to Bay End
66th Street – Landis to Central
68th Street – Landis to Central
71st Street – Landis to Central
73rd Street – Landis to Central
76th Street – Landis to Central

Work continues on the 100 block of 78th Street. Work has now begun on the 100 block of 68th Street. Work will begin shortly on Landis Avenue between 72nd Street and 76th Street, so please be aware of future detours in this area.

Utility Reconstruction, 38th Street

On November 15, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to RTW Construction, of Southampton, NJ, in the amount of \$272,992 for utility work on 38th Street between Central Avenue and Kneass Street. Work is nearly completed in the 200 block of 38th Street. Work to install the new sanitary main in the 300 block is nearly completed. After the "Polar Bear Plunge" the Contractor will complete the installations of new sanitary laterals in both the 200 and 300 blocks.

Outfall Repairs

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Larsen Marine, of Ocean View, in the amount of \$90,047 for repairs to the drainage outfall located at 4516 Park Road. Work will begin following the contractor's completion of bulkhead work at 90th St.

Bulkhead Construction

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Larsen Marine, of Ocean View, in the amount of \$191,617.50 for bulkhead construction at 90th and 91st Streets. Work on the 91st Street bulkhead has been completed and the 90th Street bulkhead is substantially completed. Storm sewer replacement at 90th Street is completed. Repair to the road-end at 91st Street is completed, and is under way at 90th Street.

Venicean Road Check Valve

On April 26, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to RTW Construction, Inc. of Southampton, NJ in the amount of \$67,590.00 for the Venicean Road Check Valve Chamber Installation. The new valve chambers

with check valves are installed, and restoration to the concrete and roadway is under way. Work should be completed the week before the “Polar Bear Plunge.”

Storm Sewer Improvements-Kneass Street

On July 12, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Garden State Construction, of Clermont, NJ, in the amount of \$414,903.69 for storm sewer improvements from 38th to 40th Street along Kneass, and running westward from Kneass along 38th Street to the bay. Work on this project is substantially completed.

Dealy Field Lighting Installation

On December 27, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Delta Line, of Egg Harbor Township, in the amount of \$233,000. This project will install lighting to the little league field which will be completed by the end of March. Delivery of materials and start of work is expected to be on February 6.

MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION UPDATE:

During the January 24 City Council meeting, Councilman Divney (the Planning Board’s liaison) presented Council with a list of recommended items from the Master Plan Re-Examination that the Planning Board feels should be addressed now – rather than waiting for the adoption of the Master Plan after the Housing Element portion is completed. Of the 45 recommendations in the current draft of the Master Plan Re-Examination, several items fell into this category, including...

Parking:

- Evaluate satellite parking lots
- Increase requirements for residential and mixed-use parking

Parks, Recreation & Open Space:

- Recommend a professional facility study be performed on the former Public School Building (this should have a high funding priority)
- Demolish the Old Fire House on West Jersey Avenue and use that space to augment recreation or parking
- Perform a study to determine the feasibility and funding for a kayak and paddleboard launch and storage area at Dealy Field – and also adding a boardwalk along the bay for educational nature trails

Storm Water Management:

- Prepare a comprehensive Flood Control Plan in partnership with the County to address flooding issues
- Work with Federal, State and County government to address bay flooding solutions

Economic Development:

- Formalize a designated person, who will work directly with the business community and Chamber of Commerce to achieve common goals

City Council members were in agreement to move forward with these recommendations, and they plan to form a committee in order to prioritize the aforementioned items and ensure any action needed will occur.

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POLAR BEAR WEEKEND EVENTS:

The Crowning of the 2017 Polar Bear Royal Family takes place Friday, February 17, at LaCosta Complex, JFK Boulevard and Landis Avenue. The Prince and Princess Contests (for ages 12-16) occur at 7:30 p.m. (info: www.seaislechamber.com or 609-263-9090), and the King & Queen Contests (for ages 21 and over) is at 9:00 p.m. (info: www.lacosta-seaisle.com or 609-263-3611).

The Polar Bear Plunge Costume Contest will start at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 18, at LaCosta Complex. Contestants can pre-register online or in person on the day of the event (info: www.lacosta-seaisle.com or phone 609-263-3611).

The 2017 Polar Bear Plunge happens at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, on the JFK Boulevard Beach. Admission is \$25 per person, and proceeds benefit city-wide events sponsored by the Sea Isle City Chamber of Commerce & Revitalization (info: www.lacosta-seaisle.com or 609-263-3611). Post-Plunge Party starts at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and the Costume Contest Awards Ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m. (both at LaCosta Complex).

The Mike's Seafood Polar Bear 5K Run / 1.5-Mile Fun Walk for Autism begins at 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 19 on the Promenade. Proceeds from this event benefit Autism charities (info: www.polarbearrunwalkforautism.com or 609-602-5734).

The First Annual Polar Bear Plunge Cornhole (Baggo) Tournament will begin at 3:00 p.m. at LaCosta on Sunday, February 19, featuring prizes, a complimentary buffet and more (info: www.philadelphiacornholeleague.com or philadelphiacornholeleague@gmail.com).

Jitney service will be available on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.; and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more info about Polar Bear Weekend, go to www.VISITSICNJ.com.

SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH FEBRUARY 12:

The Ocean City High School Theater Boosters will host a "Broadway on The Bay" Brunch fundraiser on Sunday, February 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at The Lobster Loft Restaurant, 42nd Place and the Bay in Sea Isle City. This event will feature a delicious meal and performances by members of the O.C.H.S. Theater Guild. There will also be raffles, a live auction and more. Tickets cost \$25 each (tickets for children age 3-10 are \$10 each; children under 3 are free). Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Proceeds benefit the Theater Booster Scholarship Fund. For more info, please contact Colleen at groovygirlz4209@gmail.com or (609) 374-2721.

CASINO NIGHT FEBRUARY 25:

A Casino Night fundraiser benefitting Bishop McHugh Regional School will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, at LaCosta Lounge, 4000 Landis Avenue in Sea Isle City. The evening will feature Las Vegas Style Casino Gambling, Raffles and a Silent Auction with great prizes. Tickets cost \$40 each, which includes a buffet dinner, gaming money and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Bishop McHugh's Main Office (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). For more info, please phone (609) 624-1900.

QUIZZO NIGHT MARCH 3:

Saint Joseph Church will host a Quizzo Night on Friday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Auditorium, located on Central Avenue at 44th Street. Tickets cost \$10 each, which includes an evening filled with memory-testing questions-and-answers. Complimentary pizza and soft drinks will be provided, and childcare will be offered for children age 4-10. Tickets will be on sale during weekend masses at Saint Joseph Church or by phoning Marie at 609-263-3812. Seating is limited – so get your tickets soon!

CLOTHING DRIVE MARCH 4:

The Ocean City High School Theater Boosters will host a Clothing Drive on March 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their school (please use the school's 6th Avenue entrance). Donations of clothing, shoes, bedding, books, luggage and other items will be welcome. For a complete list of items being collected, please contact Colleen at groovygirlz4209@gmail.com or (609) 374-2721. Sea Isle residents can bring their donations to Groovy Girlz on Landis Avenue from February 21 to March 3 (please phone ahead to arrange a drop-off time). This event benefits the Theater Boosters and Boys & Girls Club of America.

FREE RABIES CLINIC MARCH 4:

The City Clerk's Office will host a Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in the former Sea Isle City Public School Building at 4501 Park Road. Sea Isle City residents can purchase 2017 Sea Isle City Dog Licenses at the Rabies Clinic as well.

Dog Licenses are now due for all dogs living in Sea Isle City. Dog Licenses cost \$5.20 each for dogs that are spayed/neutered and \$8.20 each for all other dogs. Dog Licenses can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of City Hall, 233 JFK Boulevard, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more info about Dog Licenses or the Rabies Clinic on March 4, please phone 263-4461, extension 1216.

BEACHCOMBER GUIDES ARE NEEDED:

Do You Love The Beach? If so, consider Becoming a Beachcomber Guide! For more than a quarter century, Sea Isle City's Beachcomber Guides have led award-winning eco-tours that have educated and delighted thousands of families. The Beachcombers are in search of volunteers to lead their one-hour tours, which take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (late June to late August). New Tour Guides will be fully oriented and trained by experienced Beachcombers. If you have a couple of hours to spare each week this summer - and you are passionate about our local eco-system - consider joining the Beachcombers! For more info, please phone 215-805-9277 or email mariannesnyder233@gmail.com.

STAY FIT & ACTIVE:

- **Yoga:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Lodge, 300 JFK Boulevard, \$10 per class (www.njBeachYoga.com or 609-602-3398).
- **Sit-and-Be-Fit for Seniors:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 2:45 p.m. in the former Public School, 4501 Park Road. No fee, but photo ID is required (609-263-0050).

- **Total Body Fitness for Adults:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Lodge, 300 JFK Boulevard. \$5 per class or \$40 for 10 classes (609-263-0050).
- **Youth Basketball (Pick-Up):** Mondays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Municipal Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road.
- **Co-ed Adult Basketball (Pick-Up):** Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Municipal Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road.
- **Men's Basketball:** Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Municipal Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road.
- **Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Municipal Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road.
- **Over 40 Men's Basketball:** Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Municipal Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road.
- **Open Gym:** The City's Municipal Gymnasium is open to the public from Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about any of these activities, please phone the Recreation Office at (609) 263-0050.

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO:

The "Winter" Curbside Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule is currently in effect, with one collection each week on the following streets:

1st to 44th Street = Wednesday
 45th to 70th Street = Monday
 71st to 94th Street = Tuesday

Monthly Bulk Trash Collections (October through May):

1st to 44th Street = 1st Thursday of each month
 45th to 70th Street = 2nd Thursday of each month
 71st to 94th Street = 3rd Thursday of each month
 Brush = 4th Thursday of each month

Don't Forget: The City will not collect carpeting or other construction materials, propane tanks, tires or batteries. Sea Isle City is a Single Stream Recycling Community, which means residents can combine all of their recyclable materials (paper, cans, glass and plastics) in one curbside collection bin. Recycling is not just a good idea...it's the law in Sea Isle City.

Sea Isle City's Trash and Recycling Depot, located next to the Bridge on JFK Boulevard, is open seven days a week (7:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.). The Depot will be closed on holidays (except New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day). The Depot will accept drop-offs of trash and recycling, however Bulk Trash is not accepted at that location. **Free Refrigerator Magnets** with a complete list of Sea Isle City's year-round trash and recycling information are now available at the Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue, and at the Welcome Center, 300 JFK Boulevard. For additional information about Sea Isle's trash and recycling regulations, please phone 263-6000, ext.14.

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ORGANIZATIONS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A.A.R.P. CHAPTER 710: Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-1453)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month (September to November and March to May), 2:00 p.m., Welcome Center Meeting Room (263-7758 or 263-3914)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 76: Meetings take place on Fridays, 5:30 p.m., former Public School Gymnasium, 4501 Park Road (263-5370).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Parish Auditorium, 132 - 44th and Central Avenue (263-6171).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & REVITALIZATION: Meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall (263-9090).

COMMODORE CLUB: 3700 Boardwalk, on the Promenade at The Spinnaker (263-4440).

DEMOCRATIC CLUB: (263-3656).

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (March to November), 7:00 p.m., Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue (263-2081)

GARDEN CLUB OF SEA ISLE CITY: Meetings take place on the 1st Thursday of the month (March to June and September to December), 7:00 p.m., Community Lodge (263-3331).

GARDEN CLUB OF TOWNSENDS INLET: (263-3002)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM: 4800 Landis Avenue (www.seaislemuseum.com or 263-2992).

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., 309 JFK Boulevard (263-0700).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meetings take place on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Parish Auditorium, 132 - 44th Street (263-1271).

PLANNING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166)

REPUBLICAN CLUB: (263-1176)

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Meetings are held in the former Public School Building, 4501 Park Road, March 8, May 3, and October 4 (609-263-0050).

SCHOOL BOARD: Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in the former Public School Building, 4501 Park Road, on May 10, June 28, September 13 and November 8 (263-6142).

SEA ISLE CATS INC.: Visit the Crooked Tail Thrift Shop, 4208 Landis Avenue, for meeting times and dates (609-972-5887)

SEA ISLE CITY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION: Meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m., Community Lodge (263-6817 or www.sicta.org).

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE: Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. (March – November), Public Works Building, 3905 Central Avenue.

TOWNSENDS INLET YACHT CLUB: 87th Street & the Bay (609-263-2503 or www.tiyachtclub.com).

TOWN WATCH / TOWN PRIDE: P.O. Box 17, Sea Isle City, NJ (263-8348).

TOURISM COMMISSION: Meetings take place in the Sea Isle City Welcome Center, 300 JFK Boulevard, 10:00 a.m., May 12 and October 13 (263-8687).

V.F.W. POST 1963: 301 JFK Boulevard (609-263-1711 or www.vfwpost1963.com).

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB: Meetings take place every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Community Lodge (263-8149).

YACHT CLUB OF SEA ISLE CITY: 4487 Venician Road (263-7282 or www.ycsic.com).

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Meetings take place on the 1st Monday of the month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., City Hall (263-1166).

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have questions or concerns, there is no need to wait for an upcoming City Council meeting to express your thoughts. You can contact the head of any City Department to obtain the answers you need. For a complete list of contact information, visit our Municipal Website, www.seaislecitynj.us, or phone City Hall at 263-4461.