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LOCAL EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WILL BENEFIT RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

SEA ISLE CITY, NJ – Matthew Baldini, 17, of Boy Scout Troop 76, has officially completed his Eagle Scout Project. A Sea Isle City native and student at Ocean City High School, he created a detailed pamphlet, titled *Sea Isle City Accessible To All*, that will help residents and visitors with disabilities enjoy the resort more easily.

Sea Isle City Accessible To All outlines the ADA accessibility levels of local businesses, public facilities, churches and more. The informative booklet, which is now available at the Sea Isle City Welcome Center, City Hall and elsewhere around town, also includes details about special City services, and it has QR-Codes that directly link mobile device users to the City's Business Directory and Ordinance Site.

On August 2, the future Eagle Scout presented 2500 copies of the pamphlet and a display rack to the City during a brief ceremony inside the Welcome Center, where Mayor Leonard Desiderio, members of City Council and other City officials gathered to congratulate him for a job well done.

Realizing that facilities and businesses sometimes change, Matthew also presented a check for more than \$1,000 to the City, which will help sustain the brochure's accuracy for the next five years.

"My Eagle Project is designed to benefit visitors and residents alike who need information on accessible businesses in Sea Isle," said Matthew. "It has been both a challenge and a great experience working with my family, fellow scouts, and the community in completing this project. I want to thank everyone who helped make this project a success, and I strongly urge anyone who needs information on accessibility to use this great resource – it's even on Sea Isle City's municipal website."

To download a digital copy of the *Sea Isle City Accessible To All*, visit www.seaislecitynj.us and click the "Links" tab on the home page. To learn more about Boy Scout Troop 76, phone 609-263-5370.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Image: City Officials) On August 2, Matthew Baldini, 17, of Boy Scout Troop 76, delivered his Eagle Scout Project to the Sea Isle City Welcome Center, where numerous City officials gathered to congratulate him. Shown (from left) are Tourism Representative Diane Merson, Chief Financial Officer Paula Doll, City Clerk Cindy Griffith, Councilman John Divney, Business Administrator George Savastano, City Council President Bill Kehner, Matthew Baldini, Mayor Leonard Desiderio, City Solicitor Paul Baldini, Chief of Police Thomas D'Intino, and SICPD Captain Thomas McQuillen.



(Image: Brochure) Matthew Baldini, 17, of Boy Scout Troop 76, is shown inside Sea Isle City's Welcome Center displaying his Eagle Scout Project with (from left) City Council President Bill Kehner, Councilman John Divney, his mother Heather Baldini, his father Paul Baldini, and Mayor Leonard Desiderio.



(Image: The Baldini Family) Matthew Baldini, 17, is shown with his parents, Paul and Heather, while presenting his Eagle Scout Project to the City of Sea Isle City on August 2. The Baldini family has a long history of scouting – Matthew's older Brother, Paul, Jr., and his father are also Eagle Scouts.



(Image: Check Presentation) Future Eagle Scout Matthew Baldini, 17, is shown presenting a check for \$1,036 to the City of Sea Isle City on August 2. Accepting the check are (from left) Councilman John Divney, Council President Bill Kehner, Mayor Leonard Desiderio and Chief Financial Officer Paula Doll.



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