



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

November 10, 2016

*From The City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey*

### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE:**

During the “off season,” after the busy summer has come and gone, our municipal employees carefully and meticulously plan for the year ahead. Part of that effort includes creating a fiscal budget for the coming year, which the City’s Administration is currently in the process of doing. This month, each City department head will present their budgetary requests to my office, and then I will officially present the budget to City Council after the New Year. At that point, Council will review the budget, schedule Public Budget Workshops, and ultimately introduce and adopt the new budget during a regular City Council meeting in the first quarter of 2017.

The Administration is also in the process of finalizing a draft of our 5-year Capital Plan, following the public council workshop held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Once the draft Capital Plan is reviewed by City Council, we expect it will be adopted in December.

Following more than 18-months of hard work, our Master Plan Re-Examination process is nearing completion. The most recent draft of the Master Plan Re-Examination Report is now available on the home page of Sea Isle’s municipal website, [www.seaislecitynj.us](http://www.seaislecitynj.us). The Sea Isle City Planning Board is expected to review and possibly adopt the latest draft during their December meeting. For more information about this important process, read the Master Plan Re-Examination section of this newsletter.

Please join us tomorrow, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. for Sea Isle’s annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, where we will honor all of our nation’s veterans with words of praise, a wreath ceremony, and a special presentation from the South Shore Stitchers, who will give handmade “Quilts of Honor” to several local veterans. If you can’t be with us tomorrow, I hope you will take the time to honor our veterans in one way or another wherever you are. After all, without the brave men and women who served in our nation’s armed forces, there would not be a United States of America.

There’s always something fun going on in Sea Isle City – and November is certainly no exception. Later this month, don’t miss the Chamber of Commerce & Revitalization’s Girls Weekend on November 18, 19 and 20, which will feature special offers at participating businesses throughout town. While you’re enjoying all the bargains during Girls Weekend, be sure to check-out the Ambulance Corps’ annual Autumn Arts & Craft Show on November 19 and 20 in the public school gymnasium, where a wide variety of unique, handmade items will be on sale. Then, join us at Excursion Park during Thanksgiving Weekend for this year’s Holiday Extravaganza on November 25 and 26.

For a complete list of events and holiday activities, go to Sea Isle’s Visitors Website, [www.VisitSICNJ.com](http://www.VisitSICNJ.com).

I hope you are enjoying the autumn season and all this wonderful weather!

Smile...You’re in Sea Isle!

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

## **CITY COUNCIL'S MESSAGE:**

Because Election Day fell on Tuesday, November 8, our next City Council Meeting is scheduled one-week later than usual (our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15). The November 15 meeting promises to be a busy one, with numerous Resolutions on the Consent Agenda and the introduction and first reading of an ordinance that will address architectural options for new construction properties being built on corner lots.

As always, if you want to review the agenda for any upcoming City Council meeting, you can do so on the Friday prior to each meeting by visiting the City's municipal website, [www.seaislecitynj.us](http://www.seaislecitynj.us). Meeting agendas are listed on City Council's home page, where you will also find additional contact info for Council members and the minutes from past meetings.

For your reference, the remaining City Council meeting dates for 2016 are November 15, November 29, December 13 and December 27.

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars now for the Chamber of Commerce & Revitalization's annual Holiday Extravaganza on Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend – and then plan to spend the holiday season here in Sea Isle City.

Best regards from the members of City Council,

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## **MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION UPDATE:**

On October 11, the Planning Board continued their Public Hearing on the Master Plan draft. The focus of the October 11 hearing was citizen comments made during the September 12 meeting and also any additional comments from board members and citizens regarding any part of the current Master Plan draft. There were some changes recommended to the current draft on October 11; and this week an updated draft has been placed on Sea Isle's municipal website. We encourage all citizens to review the updated draft of the Master Plan Re-examination. If any citizen would like to make additional comments, they can do so during the Planning Board's regular meeting on Monday, November 14. The current goal is to adopt the Master Plan Re-examination on December 12, 2016, after the Planning Board hears any additional citizen comments. The Planning Board will then forward the Master Plan Re-examination to City Council for their consideration.

## **PROJECT UPDATES:**

### **Utility Reconstruction, 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Streets**

On March 26, 2015, City Council awarded a bid to Garden State General Construction in the amount of \$431,353.40 for the utility reconstruction of 36<sup>th</sup> Street & 37<sup>th</sup> Street, from Cini Street to Landis Avenue. As of this date, all work has been completed. Due to the inclement weather over the winter, the area did not have sufficient time to settle, therefore paving waited until fall. On October 25, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Jerry & Son Excavating, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, in the amount of \$270,907. On November 2, 2016, a

preconstruction meeting was held. Work will begin towards the end of the month on the concrete, when all road opening permits are secured.

### **Utility Reconstruction, various streets**

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

- 47<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade – substantially completed.
- 49<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Promenade – substantially completed.
- 65<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue – work has commenced again.
- 65<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.
- 69<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Central Avenue – substantially completed.
- 76<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to Pleasure Avenue – substantially completed.

Work to install new sanitary main, sanitary laterals, new water main and water services on 47<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, and 65<sup>th</sup> Streets, from Landis to Pleasure, and 69<sup>th</sup> Street is completed. The work has begun on 65<sup>th</sup> Street, from Landis to Central and is currently in the dewatering process.

### **Roadway reconstruction program – various streets**

On March 15, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc., of Bridgeton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$299,437.50 for road reconstruction at the following locations:

- 44<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – completed
- 46<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – completed
- 56<sup>th</sup> Street from Landis Avenue to the Promenade – completed
- Roadway elevation on selected areas of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Venicean Road – completed

This project is being closed out.

### **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 has placed fill on the north side of the causeway to an average height of about 6.5-feet, which is 2-feet higher than the eventual height of the completed roadway. The additional 2-feet, which will be removed prior to the next construction phase, is surcharge to compress the underlying layers of soil. The goal is to obtain as much settlement as possible prior to paving on top of the new fill.

The current plan is to start paving of the north side this coming fall. 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.

On September 13, at the City Council meeting, County Engineer Dale Foster led a presentation updating City 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](http://www.seaislecitynj.us) (click the link in the "City News" section on the home page).

## **Streetscape Improvement on Landis Avenue**

On September 8, 2015, City Council awarded a bid to Think Pavers Hardscaping, of Swedesboro, NJ, in the amount of \$796,648.33 for streetscape improvements on Landis Avenue, from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to 39<sup>th</sup> Street. This project includes various aspects of beautification, which include new sidewalks, paver crosswalks, traffic striping, lighting, sod, stone mulching, various tree plantings & tree grates, benches and bike racks. The block from JFK to 40<sup>th</sup> Street was previously completed as part of the JFK Gateway Project. This project has been completed.

## **Utility Reconstruction**

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

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

A preconstruction meeting took place on October 21, 2016 and the contractor is securing all necessary road opening permits. Work will commence shortly.

## **Outfall Repairs**

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Larsen Marine of Ocean View in the amount of \$90,047 for repairs to the Outfall located at 4516 Park Road. Work will begin when all necessary permits have been received.

## **Bulkhead Construction**

On October 11, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Larsen Marine, of Ocean View, in the amount of \$191,617.50 for bulkhead construction at 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Streets. Work continues on 91<sup>st</sup> Street. Since this work can only happen when the tide is low, this project continues. Upon completion, the company will move to 90<sup>th</sup> Street, with street end and sidewalk work to follow.

## **Public Works Maintenance Garage – 80<sup>th</sup> Street & Central**

On March 23, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Archetto Construction, of Vineland, NJ, to replace the roof, siding and insulation at this location. The large exhaust fan for the building has been installed. The final items related to this project are completed.

## **Venicean Road Check Valve**

On April 26, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to RTW Construction, Inc., of Southampton, NJ, in the amount of \$67,590.00 for the Venicean Road Check Valve Chamber Installation. The work for this project is expected to start within the next month.

## **Storm Sewer Improvements - Kneass Street**

On July 12, 2016, City Council awarded a bid to Garden State Construction, of Clermont, NJ, in the amount of \$414,903.69 for storm sewer improvements from 38<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> Street along Kneass Street, and running westward from Kneass along 38<sup>th</sup> Street to the bay. The materials needed are on site and work continues with concentration on 38<sup>th</sup> Street and the bay, when completed work will continue toward 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:**

Sea Isle City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, at Veterans Park, Landis Avenue and JFK Boulevard, where Mayor Desiderio, City Council and others from the community will honor all of our nation's military veterans. For more info about Sea Isle's Veterans Day Ceremony, please phone 609-263-4461, ext.1245.

## **HOLIDAY BEACH TAGS:**

Holiday Beach Tags go on sale beginning November 15 for \$20 each at the City Hall Tax Collectors Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER:**

This month, the Ocean City High School Drama Guild will present "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at the school's Hughes Performing Arts Center, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City. Evening performances of this classic comedy will take place at 7:00 p.m. on November 17, 18 & 19; and a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance will take place on November 19. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. For more info, please phone the OCHS Box Office at 609-399-1290, ext. 1442.

## **ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB POINSETTIA SALE:**

Don't miss the Sea Isle City Italian-American Club Women's Auxiliary 2016 Poinsettia and Wreath Sale, which will feature high-quality plants, wreaths, grave blankets, pine roping, bows and other seasonal items. The event's "Preview Sale" will take place at the Italian American Club (next to the Sea Isle Bridge) on Saturday, November 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then, customers can pick-up their orders on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more info or to place an order, phone 609-374-2721 or email [elvisotto@comcast.net](mailto:elvisotto@comcast.net). Proceeds from the Poinsettia and Wreath Sale benefit the Italian-American Club's charitable efforts.

## **OCTOBER 2016 POLICE REPORT:**

1. Investigations Conducted: 13
2. Adult Arrests (Criminal, Disorderly Persons, Ordinance, DWI): 7
3. Juvenile Arrests: 0
4. Motor Vehicle Summons Issued:
  - Moving Violations: 15
  - Parking Violations: 2
5. Public Service Calls:
  - Assist Public/Motorist: 16
  - Medical Calls: 35
  - Property Checks: 734
  - Alarms: 31
  - Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 3
  - Escorts/Relays: 1
  - Walk-In Complaints: 2
  - School Bus Escorts: 138
  - Motor Vehicle Stops: 50
  - Fingerprint Detail: 1
  - 9-1-1 False Alarms: 18
  - Lockout Assists: 1
  - Domestic Violence Calls: 0
  - Animal Calls: 10
  - Check Resident's Well Being: 7
  - Messages Delivered: 2
  - Investigations: 9
  - Disturbances: 0
  - Thefts: 2
  - Warrants/Subpoenas: 1
  - Fights: 0
  - Noise: 4
  - Fire: 2
  - Crowd Control: 0
  - TOTAL: 1,067
6. Code Enforcement Violations: 0

The information above was provided by the Sea Isle City Police Department.

## **VENDORS WANTED FOR CRAFT FAIR:**

Sea Isle City's Volunteer Ambulance Corps will host their annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 & 20, in Sea Isle City's Municipal Gymnasium at 4501 Park Road. Vendors are needed for this event. For more information, please phone Donna Raffa at 609-780-4400.

## **FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING:**

During the months of October and November, Sea Isle City's Water Department will flush-out fire hydrants throughout town. Annual hydrant flushing is required by State law and ensures that hydrants and the water distribution systems are functioning properly to provide the proper drinking water quality (thus providing adequate water flow when needed). Residents can expect very little disruption in their water service - if any. However, low water pressure and possible water discoloration may occur. In the event of discoloration, simply allow water to run from the tap for a short while until clear. For additional info, phone 609-263-6000 (ext. 11) or email: [dteefyjr@seaislecitynj.us](mailto:dteefyjr@seaislecitynj.us).

## **BEACHCOMBER GUIDES NEEDED:**

For more than a quarter century, Sea Isle City's Beachcomber Guides have led award-winning eco-tours on the beach 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 next 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](mailto:mariannesnyder233@gmail.com).

## **SIGN-UP FOR EVENT CANCELLATION ALERTS:**

Smart Phone Users can register for event cancellation text messages by texting "sicalert" to "84483" -- and anyone can sign-up for event cancellation text messages and email alerts by going to the Sea Isle City Visitors Website ([www.VISITSICNJ.com](http://www.VISITSICNJ.com)) and clicking the "Rained Out" link on the home page. Once signed-up, you will receive alerts whenever a local concert, festival or other outdoor City event has been cancelled, postponed or re-scheduled.

## **TRASH & RECYCLING INFO:**

**Reminder:** “America Recycles Day” is on November 15.

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

1<sup>st</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> Street = Wednesday  
45<sup>th</sup> to 70<sup>th</sup> Street = Monday  
71<sup>st</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> Street = Tuesday

**Monthly Bulk Trash Collections (October through May):**

1st to 44th Street = 1st Thursday of each month  
45th to 70<sup>th</sup> Street = 2nd Thursday of each month  
71st to 94<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.seaislecitynj.us), or phone City Hall at 263-4461.