

# Fight

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"A number of mothers had complained (about drug trafficking) and we formed this team. I see our mission not as fighting drugs, but as ringing a bell to bring attention to the problem. It does no good to pretend the problem is not here," Beck said.

Beck said they have met with school administrations in the Lower Cape May Regional School District, he has gone to Trenton with Deputy Mayor Norris Clark and Laurie Johnson of Family Promise, and they met with the Deputy Commissioner of Health and Human Services. "They said they (HHS) are seeing what we are seeing," Beck said.

Beck said at the county level, the township has had total cooperation from Cape May County Prosecutor Robert Taylor. Pat Devaney from county Human Services has been attending meetings on substance abuse.

Beck said he attended a mayors breakfast at Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion, and he said Gov. Chris Christie understands the problem.

"I was impressed with his knowledge on the subject," Beck said.

Beck said the governor's office was going to release a report in the next month or two on the link between prescription drugs and heroin. He said Christie said at the mayors breakfast that the answer is not locking up people, but to get people help.

"Yes, you want to arrest drug dealers and make them go away for a long time, but you want to set up a model that if someone in Lower Township need help we will

get them help," Beck said.

According to Beck, the illegal use of prescription narcotics such as oxycodone almost invariably leads to heroin use because it is much cheaper and readily available. However, it is also made by criminals, who aren't using prescription drug industry standards when manufacturing their drugs.

"In Atlantic and Ocean counties there is a bad batch of drugs that is killing people. Heroin is now in segments of society never was before. Don't think you are not going to see it in bucolic Lower Township or Cape May," Beck said.

Beck, a former Philadelphia policeman, said substance abuse is like a ladder which people climb one rung at a time. He said it will start with alcohol, then will progress to marijuana, which many people don't see as a big problem.

"But they graduate to prescription drugs. The parents have no idea what is in their medicine cabinets," Beck said.

He said the Lower Township Police Department has a drug drop off box where people can safely get rid of their outdated or unused prescriptions.

To illustrate the problem with keeping unused prescription drugs, Beck said he had a complaint from a woman who suspected her babysitter of stealing drugs from her medicine cabinet.

Beck said there are a couple of TV programs that can be located on Current.com, which discuss the problem of prescription drug abuse and the link to heroin, including "The Oxycontin Express" and "Gateway to Heroin" (search for them using your internet

browser).

Beck said he wants to bring attention to the problem because drugs are falling into the hands of children in the community.

"These are our kids. You are not looking for a Mr. Big, you are looking for a lot of people who are into this up to their necks," he said.

"People have to know where their children are, what they are doing and who they are with," Beck said.

Lt. Thomas Beebe of the Lower Township Police Department said he could not give much information on the LTPD's efforts to combat drugs in the township, but said the department is working diligently with other agencies including the Prosecutor's Office.

"I can assure you (drug fighting) activity is taking place and we are doing our best," he said.

Beebe said not every drug arrest in Lower Township makes the newspapers, because they don't want to compromise an investigation. He said they are always looking at different kinds of operations to combat drug trafficking.

Prosecutor Taylor described the drug trafficking problem as "a very complicated situation." Taylor has agreed to an interview with the Star and Wave on May 16, and if this schedule is not interrupted, a follow up story will appear in the May 23 edition of the Star and Wave.

If any reader has any comments on the drug trafficking situation in Lower Township or other municipalities, send them to cmstarwave@comcast.net or call the editor at (609) 884-3466.

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owned 1009 Stockton Avenue until the early 1950s and are all laid to rest in Cold Spring Cemetery. Ted said he has been coming to the shore since he was just 5-years-old. He began to bring Jill regularly after the two met and often stayed at the Chalfonte Hotel. From then on, the two had always dreamed of owning a home in Cape May.

"Every summer, we would come down and walk around town, looking at all the houses and think of what we would do with each one we liked," Jill said.

Finally, the stars aligned and the dream came to fruition last year, although the timing was far from impeccable.

"We purchased it two weeks before Hurricane Sandy," Ted said. "The last thing we heard over the news was 'the waves are coming over the seawall at Congress Hall' and then our power went out. That was the last we had heard."

Fortunately, Hurricane Sandy was not the reason behind the six-month long renovation that immediately followed. From the time they had purchased it, the Wiederseim's knew they had their work cut out for them in resurrecting the exemplary Victorian home.

"We weren't necessarily looking for a project. This place just spoke to us," Jill said.

Ted said the house was repainted inside and out, eliminating the old wallpaper and deteriorating exterior paint, while two bathrooms were added along with the renovation of the kitchen. Both chimneys were rebuilt with brick and coated in cement just as they were originally. Ted said a new roof was necessary as well.

Ted and Jill pride themselves on having hired all local contractors like Pete Leonard Plumbing and Heating, Swain's Painting service and the Dennisville Fence Company to accomplish the full renovation.

They opted to paint the house white, the original 19th century shutters blue, and the elegant Victorian gable trim and brackets red. Jill said the



Above, Ted and Jill Wiederseim are shown outside their Franklin Street home, shown below.



color scheme bestows a classic look and a patriotic feel – appropriate, given Ted's nine-year service in the National Guard and membership in the Sons of the Revolution organization.

The interior of the six-bedroom dwelling is tastefully decorated with antique furniture, which notably compliments the countless historic features. It was relatively simple to find such befitting furniture and decor because of Ted's business back in Pennsylvania, Wiederseim Associates, Inc., in which he is an auctioneer, appraiser and personal property consultant.

As renovations were in progress and coming to a close, neighbors were stopping by regularly to see the alterations made by the Wiederseim's and their con-

tractors.

"The neighbors have been terrific. We just love it here," Jill said. "People were so curious to see what we had done with the inside and were always offering to lend and hand and help us with whatever we needed."

Ted and Jill agreed it was crucial to preserve as many original traits and historic qualities as possible during the restoration and now they are ecstatic with the final result. On Saturday, May 4, they invited family members, friends and even their contractors to the Bradford Cottage for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and good conversation to celebrate the completion of their humble Cape May abode.

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18	2:08	3:05	8:33	8:48
19	3:05	4:01	9:23	9:51
20	4:04	4:54	10:13	10:51
21	5:03	5:45	11:03	11:47
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