We passed it 3-2. Let’s implement it. We need to do this for the economic vitality of the town.

— Mayor Ed Mahaney

Christmas program started with young cop’s desire to help

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH

Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP
Thirty-five years ago, Jim Dietterich was a rookie police officer with the Lower Township Police Department. Working the midnight shift, being the low man on the totem pole, he was sent to the fields of a woman crying on her front lawn.

“I was the young guy on the beat and I had a call from a lady sitting on her porch crying. I went out and she explained that she had a Christmas present for her kids, no gifts, no toys, no nothing. It was all melted down,” Dietterich said.

“I asked them, ‘May I sit with you and do something?’ and she agreed. I sat in that chair until about 3 a.m. and we talked about what we could do. She said the best thing we could do was to go to the Salvation Army and get some food, gather food—anything and everything to help the family. As the cop, I had to look at it as being in the best interests of the state of New Jersey,” he explained.

Spots to see Cape May Star and Wave

Most Phlox
First Quarter, Dec. 2
Full Moon, Dec. 10
Last Quarter, Dec. 17
New Moon, Dec. 26
Full Moon, Dec. 30

By CAIN CHAMBREIN

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Cape May — An ordinance to ban smoking on all Cape May beaches, by promulgation of the council, passed first and second readings 9-1, with 2-2 vote by Cape May City Council last month, but they will now look at banning smoking in certain areas.

At the Dec. 6 regular meeting, Deputy Mayor Donald Wichterman proposed the smoking ban, said the city could be making on some sections of the beach, as opposed to prohibiting it. He said the council would be the chairman of a committee looking into the night.

Wichterman first approached the committee, he said, and asked to see the recordings. After the ordinance failed, Wichterman said he would support banning smoking on 73 percent of Cape May’s 82 beaches, since statistics show only 25 percent of Americans smoke today. Overall council members supported it, but would ban it on the promenade and city parks.

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