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4/4	12:24	12:54	6:45	6:43		
4/5	1:19	1:54	7:43	7:41		
4/6	2:19	3:00	8:44	8:45		
4/7	3:22	4:04	9:44	9:49		
F	Full Moon			3		
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MARCH					
(Normals: 51°/35°, 4.22()					
	High	Low	Precip.		
18	68°	36°			
19	70°	37°			
20	71°	47°			
21	60°	47°	.36"		
22	56°	47°	.06"		
23	55°	46°			
24	61°	43°			

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# Budget fireworks might be bigger than July 4's

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP - The feuding over the Lower Township budget might be the only fireworks residents will see this July 4, as the Delaware River and Bay Authority cannot fund the annual fireworks display.

Lower Township Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare said the DRBA is not going to fund the fireworks, which costs the authority \$50,000 last year.

'We've had something for years and to just throw in the towel...you have to do something.'

### Lower Township Mayor Mike Beck

According to Lare, Gov. Chris Christie has twice vetoed the DRBA budget, saying the authority must remain revenue neutral. With that in mind, they have to cut expense such as fireworks, which makes no money for

Lare said last year the town-ship spent between \$27,000 and \$28,000 for the street festival held in conjunction with the fireworks, normally held July 3. The same amount is in the proposed 2010 municipal decide what to do,"

he said.
"What is Cape
May doing? Maybe
we could combine
our efforts,"
Mazurek Councilman Wayne Mazurek

"Council has to

Cape May has its fireworks on July 4, with the bulk of the cost being paid for by Congress Hall.

Councilman Glenn Douglass said the permits

play take more time than the township now has to pull off a

July 3 display.

"I'd like some recommendations from the Recreation Department," Mayor Mike Beck said. "We've had something for years and to just throw in the towel...you have to do something.'

Douglass suggested getting the Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups involved.

## Jerry Thornton, **Susan Sheppard** form a ticket

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY - Ocean City Council President Susan Sheppard announced on Monday that she's running for Cape May County freeholder in the June 8 primary.

Sheppard will run on a ticket with incumbent Freeholder Gerald Thornton.

Both Thornton and Sheppard will run against Ocean City businessman John McCann and incumbent Freeholder Ralph Bakley, who received the endorsement of the Cape May County Regular Republican Organization.

Sheppard, 43, an attorney with her own practice and member of Ocean City council since 2008, said that she's running to bring a new, independent perspective to county Republican

Sheppard is married to former school board member Frank Faverzani. The couple has three

"I have watched how the Republican Party has been operating in the county and I am dismayed

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- Susan Sheppard, candidate in **GOP** primary

by the way that they approach anyone fresh or anyone with new ideas and anybody with an independent voice. I was really disheartened to see the way they treated Jerry Thornton and spoke his mind," Sheppard said.

She said that Thornton approached her and asked if she'd be his running mate for freeholder in the primary race.

Sheppard said she wants to become freeholder to best represent Ocean City and all of Cape May County's taxpayers. "I have been saying from the Ocean City

Council chair for a very long time that I was hoping for more cooperation from the county on issues and more understanding between the municipalities and the county government," Sheppard said.

This is Sheppard's first foray into county politics. She said she's looking forward to providing voters with an alternative.

"In the primary election, you should always

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Tabernacle Road residents Henry Kobik and his wife Marilyn speak to neighbor Dorsie Kerlin (left) about severe flooding that has affected the entire neighborhood. A wooden walkway installed by the Kobik's son doesn't even reach dry ground anymore. The residents have had to chip in for a pump to send water to a storm drain.

# Tabernacle Road residents pool efforts amid flooding

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

FISHING CREEK - Owners of seven homes along Tabernacle Road have started working together and pooling resources to fight the flooding that is threatening to damage their homes.

Henry Kobik, who lives at 763 Tabernacle, said his neighbors at 771 Tabernacle already lost their heater and their well pump is threatened. He said he has made 15 calls to Lower Township and Cape May County looking for help but none was forthcoming.

'As far as we know there is only one pump in the township," Kobik

their own and managed to get

The neighbors got a pump on

very big.

assistance from the Cape May Point Fire Company, which loaned them hose so they can pump water to the storm drain at Tabernacle and Shunpike. Neighbor Dorsie Kerlin said they had to buy more hose and now have 550 feet running from the Axelsson residence at 755 Tabernacle to the storm drain. Kerlin said the Axelssons also lost their heater due to the flooding.

Kobik and Kerlin said the neighbors are taking two-hour shifts overseeing the pump and keeping it fueled. The pump is working but progress is slow.

"Our only salvation is to get someone with a big pump," Kobik

His wife Marilyn said she called Frank McCall, director of the county's Emergency Management

were told the situation would improve when the leaves come out on the trees, which will cause them to draw water from the ground.
"What I said was we are hoping

Communications Center, and they

mother nature would be cooperative and for the rain to stop,' McCall said. "We're coming out of winter and the trees and flowers come to life, are starting to bloom, and their feed is water. McCall said the county needs for

the rain to stop, for southwest winds to start blowing, and for plants to consume water to help with all the flooding.

That being said, McCall said

FEMA has been in the county four times resulting in two presidential

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### [azz Festival features Spyro Gyra, Jopeland

is trying to stay with its core

**By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - The Cape May Jazz Festival, scheduled for April 16 to 18, is gearing up for Spyro Gyra and Shemekia Copeland, and probably no one is more excited than Jazz Festival executive director Sal Riggi. "Ticket sales are phenome-

nal. They are about double last year at this time, and we usually don't get this until a week before the festival or even the weekend of festival," he said.

The credit, he said, goes to a tremendous line-up, including the headliners.
"The line up for this festival



Spyro Gyra, Photo by Paul Greco

is a killer," Riggi said. "Spyro and Shemekia Copeland, the two headliners, combined make for a big



Shemekia Copeianu,
Photo by Carol Freidman

chases.

"The discounts are pitch. And the jam line-up is

Riggi said the Jazz Festival

branch out to a younger audience. By "younger" he means people in their 40s, 50s and 60s, who might also be nouveau jazz fans. "Some of the hardcore fans are in their

audience but want to

70s and 80s," he said. Riggi said another thing that has helped advance sales has been the discount offered for early pur-

becoming very popular. We were getting tickets sales for this festival as early as December," Riggi said.

"People are looking to save money anyway they can, and we are letting people know we are all in this together.'

Riggi said the original plan was to offer early-buyer discounts for the November 2009 Jazz Festival, to promote sales for the slower selling fall festival. He said the discount program worked so well they decided to continue the discounts in the spring.

'The response has been fantastic and we are going to do it again in November," Riggi said. "But people started calling as soon as they found out Spyro Gyra was playing, and others called about Shemekia

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