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son beat up another juvenile, and parents are afraid to let their kids out of the house. Garcia said if her son, an A and B student, was making so much trouble in the neighborhood he would have been brought home by the police at some point.

Gingerello, a sheriff's officer from Bergen County, said after 24 years as a law enforcement officer, he has never carried an off-duty weapon until now, feeling threatened by the people who live at or visit 105 E. New York. Garcia said she doesn't understand it. She said there are no drugs being sold from the house as some of the neighbors have alleged and she would not be afraid to have a drug test. She said the only people who are visiting her house now are her mother, brothers and their girlfriends, and her boyfriend. Of them, only her mother is liv-

ing with her now, the others visit nearly daily.

"What's wrong with that?" Garcia asked.

Gingerello said the neighbors are continually subjected to foul language from people at 105 E. New York. He said when neighbors asked if they had a permit to put up a swimming pool, someone on the property yelled at them issuing a threat and using a racial epithet, saying they would bring people from Wildwood and "show them who's boss."

"Are you serious?" Garcia said. "My kids are Hispanic and black. I would never say that."

Councilman Thomas Conrad said he was contacted by Gingerello last week, and they have been trying to gather evidence since then. Garcia said that was about the time they were trying to set up an inflatable pool - the same pool they set up last year. She said code enforce-

ment came out to issue a stop work order and discovered the pool was inflatable and didn't require any construction. Conrad said on Tuesday there were no code violations at 105 E. New York.

Garcia said Gingerello called the landlord and said there were broken windows in the house. She said the landlord came out, walked around the house, and couldn't find any windows broken. Garcia said she keeps the house clean and orderly inside and has improved the condition of the home since she moved in.

When visited on Wednesday, 105 E. New York was clean and orderly, as Garcia said. Garcia said she is not afraid to let anyone enter her house because she has nothing to hide. Lower Township police officers visited her home on Tuesday and she invited them inside. The officers told her they would be stepping up patrols in the

area as a result of the public complaints, but no other action was taken.

Still, Gingerello and Wayne Harris said there appeared to be drug activity at 105 E. New York. Harris also said he attempted to sell his house, but alleges behavior at 105 E. New York, witnessed by the buyer, killed the deal. They claimed there was back and forth traffic to a house where Lower Township police made a drug bust.

"The house has been unbearable," Harris said. "The first month they were here, her juvenile son beat up a kid. And the traffic is in and out, all day and night."

Visited in the middle of the afternoon on Tuesday and Wednesday, there was virtually no traffic and the street was quiet.

While not downplaying the seriousness of the allegations, Mayor Mike Beck said this is an isolated incident.

"This is nothing like last

year at this time. The police department went after some people and cleaned house. It's the quietest it's been in years," he said.

Beck said the area is getting ready for construction to start on a new CVS, and the old 5 and 10-cent store is being remodeled.

"There's a lot of effort being made to improve that neighborhood," Beck said, stressing that the problems mentioned were not neighborhood-wide, just a single house.

Beck said Stockton College is poised to develop a satellite campus in the township, and the Chamber of Commerce is developing a block party event for Bayshore Road.

"We're doing everything we can to make it better for those who live here," Beck said.

"The quality of life has to go up," Councilman Thomas Conrad added.

Conrad said he was contacted by New York Avenue resi-

dents and he advised them to make reports on their complaints.

"I said we need to get police reports, code enforcement reports and we'd be in touch with the owner," Conrad said.

Garcia said she doesn't understand why a sheriff's officer would not have called the police if he suspected drug activity or had been threatened by his neighbor.

Beck said efforts would be made to mediate the situation, and that would be followed by enforcement.

Gingerello, his wife, and several others met with township officials on Tuesday to again voice their complaints. Garcia said she would welcome the opportunity to sit down with township officials to mediate the problem - and to clear her name.

DW-free shuttle

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Dunbracco said the shuttle would generally be picking up people between 9 p.m. and midnight and taking them home thereafter. People can call the local number and ask to be picked up, even if they are outside of Cape May.

"Saturday we are picking up a group in North Cape May," Dunbracco said.

So far, North Wildwood has been the limit to the shuttle's operations, but since the

shuttle must return to Swainton each night, Dunbracco said, it might be able to operate between Cape May and Swainton - at least for the ride home.

Dunbracco said he thinks the shuttle service will allow people to enjoy themselves when they go out, rather than worrying about how close they are to the .08 mark for blood alcohol content, which is the legal limit before you can be cited for drunk driving.

"This will let people loosen up and have a better time without having to worry about a DWI," he said. "And it frees one person from having the responsibility for driving all the others. It's better to not have to worry about it."

Dunbracco said the shuttle service is also a boon to the community because it takes potential drunk drivers off the road.

"It's a win-win for everyone involved," he said.

At the end of the night Ugly Mug customers will be able to pick up the shuttle outside the bar, then it will take a route around town dropping visitors off near their homes, rentals, or hotels.

Dunbracco said he felt the first weekend was successful, and now it's just a matter of getting the word out.

Anyone wishing to use the service should call 609-517-2118.

Davis retires

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in the area. He has been a teacher, counselor, has blessed and baptized babies, performed weddings, presided over many functions, both private and public and has been a friend to all. Everyone will miss him doing these things, but you can be sure he'll still make his pres-

ence known!

We all wish him the best. This time in his life he deserves to relax and enjoy with the comfort of knowing he is loved and appreciated for all he has done for the community. He has clearly and unmistakably left his mark.

Contract

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\$219,585.60, but after state rebates the cost to the city would be \$104,108. MacLeod said the rebate is a reimbursement, so the city must lay out the total amount and would receive the rebate on the back end of the project. MacLeod did not have estimates of how much energy savings the city would realize by the project.

The solar panels will be installed on the ocean side of the Lifeguard Headquarters and on the west side of the A-frame roof of the Public

Works building.

MacLeod said Energy Enterprises was the lower bidder on the project, but the company did not submit consent of surety with the bid.

"That is a non-waiverable item," he said.

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 18. Very, in Versailles
 19. Male swine
 20. Make amends
 22. Temporary inactivity
 24. X
 26. Vigor
 27. Large wild oxen
 31. Vulgar, ill-bred fellow
 32. Cookwear
 33. Seductively beautiful woman
 36. Leg
 39. Loud, deep utterance, especially used by lions
 40. Sanctimonious
 41. Poi sauce
 42. Some
 43. Small tree
 44. Conger catcher
 45. Put down
 46. Sharp-sighted
 48. Polish seaport
 51. Greek goddess of the dawn
 52. Salesgirl
 54. Sunless
 59. Shouting matzels
 60. Jail
 62. Open space in a forest
 63. Distant Frank
 64. High hair style
 65. Nostrils
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 2. Juniper
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 9. Concentrated extracts
 10. Knight wear
 11. As a companion
 12. Actor Keach
 13. Open infection, painful
 21. Singer Torme
 23. Bring forth young
 25. Polite refusal
 27. Vamp Thada
 28. On top of
 29. Skirmish
 30. Pro
 34. Debtor's letters
 35. Monetary unit of the former Soviet Union
 36. Strong wind
 37. Geographical expanse
 38. Poetic daybreak
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 48. Kofi Annan's home
 49. Fluffy
 50. German manufacturer of ornaments
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 55. Smack
 56. Female gull
 57. Mideast gulf
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