

Storm

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Strathmere and Sea Isle City. We're seeking to clear streets blocked due to beach erosions," May said.

May said Atlantic City Electric brought in additional crews to help restore power, adding there might be customers who had not reported a loss of service.

"Damage assessment still underway as are restoration efforts," she said.

May said restoration efforts had been hampered by high winds. She cautioned anyone who saw a downed power line to assume it is energized and extremely dangerous.

"Don't touch it, stay away, and call Atlantic City Electric at 1-800-833-7476," she said.

However, all service was expected to be restored by late Wednesday.

According to Cape May Public Work superintendent Robert Smith, there were more than a dozen trees and many electrical wire down in Cape May. Smith said driving

around town he also noticed a lot of minor property damage, such as torn awnings.

More significant, he said was the amount of beach erosion, particularly at Wilmington Avenue, where the waves took out a small section of fence, but did not completely destroy the dune.

Smith said Wilmington Beach is due for replenishment this year, and he believed some of the beach would be replenished naturally. He said the fence would be replaced.

He said there was also one sailboat on the beach at the harbor, and high water in places because the storm related winds did not allow the tide to go out as normal.

Smith said there were big problems related to the storm, but every piece of fire equipment, police vehicle, and fire police were out helping the recovery effort.

"The storm kept the police and public works busy

throughout the day," he said. "With the amount of small branches and leaves that came down we were constantly trying to keep storm inlets open."

"To be honest with you, it was a good test," Smith said. "And it got a lot of weak and dead branches out of trees."

Smith said improvements to drainage in some areas of the city were realized on Monday. He said the new drainage system on the Washington Street Mall worked well, but they had a couple of new trees leaning over and they would be taken care of.

Smith said at one point Cape May realized 58 mph winds and said there could have been higher gusts. He wind was high enough to snap a utility pole on the promenade, but he thought Cape May was spared the most destructive winds.



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Pictured are the Maryland Yellowthroat team members (not in order) Zach Baer, Jim Brighton, Bill Hubiak and Mikey Lutmerding who won the Cape May County division with 187 birds.

Win

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Asked about Cape May's status as a National Historic Landmark city allegedly being threatened, Mahaney said he would speak directly with federal officials if that was what needed to be done. He said it was unfortunate the city has been reticent to keep rapport with state and federal authorities. Mahaney said when there is open communication flowing between levels of government problems between the levels can generally be worked out.

Mahaney said he previously served on a council and had one vote, but the desalination plant was built. He said as mayor he would solicit cooperation and harmony among council members, and try to reach a consensus on projects. Mahaney served on council with current Deputy Mayor Niels Favre, worked on the Strategic Planning Board for the elementary school with Councilwoman Linda Steenrod, and he knows Councilman David Kurkowski and Councilwoman-elect Swain.

Mahaney said he campaigned hard for the mayor's office, holding small group meetings, using print and radio advertising, and his

prominent campaign signs, which he said he has used three times.

"I developed a grass roots base and I won four of six districts."

Mahaney later addressed some of the same comments to a group of supporters gathered at the Lobster House, promising he would work hard for them to do the best for their community.

"It's your town," he said.

Swain said she wasn't certain how much support she really had.

"It's one thing when talking to people when you sit around with them and you know they support you, but you don't know how people are going to vote when they go behind the curtain," she said.

Swain said someone told her you could take the number of people who say they will support you and divide the number by four, so she was expecting a tight race. In the end, Swain won all six districts.

"I didn't expect to take all the districts. It says to me I have a lot of people who are supporting me in the community. A lot of people, even ones who thought I don't have any experience in govern-

ment, have seen me day to day providing services to the community, whether it's goods through store or in the non-profits," she said.

One of the biggest issues facing Swain and the rest of Cape May City Council is the Convention Hall project.

"I would like to spend time with council and Ed (Mahaney, mayor-elect) to see what direction we should be going in and make sound decision on a timely basis," Swain said.

Swain said she has become aware of things that haven't even been discussed at council, such as DEP regulations and CAFRA permits for the new facility.

"It's important to get on this right away," she said.

Asked about her family's reaction, Swain said her father, Bud, had made a scrapbook of news clippings from the last few months.

"You could tell he was very proud, and that made me very sensitive. It's nice to have that kind of connection with my father," she said.

The unsuccessful council candidates did not have a lot to say on the election. Powick, who came in second to Swain said, "Terri will do the best she can as far as the town is concerned."

Wichterman joked that instead of doing council business he would sell beach tags and invited Inderwies to join him on the beach. Inderwies said he was going back to work.

Forty-three percent of the registered voters cast votes in the 2008 municipal election.

Birding

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Digiscope Award went to Swarovski Optics Digiscoping Hawks with 113 pictured while the Digi Day Digi Camera Award went to the Photo Flickers with 129.

As New Jersey Audubon

Society President Tom Gilmore emphasized at the awards brunch the biggest winner was birding-related charities and conservation causes given the \$700,000 raised for them. He cited

with pride the ongoing ban on harvesting of horseshoe crabs along the Delaware Bayshore in New Jersey which thus protects several migrating shorebirds who feed on their eggs from probable extinction as a prime example of these conservation efforts.

The indispensable organizers and orchestrators of the WSB are CMBO's Sheila Lego and Marleen Murgitroyde ably assisted by the CMBO staff and their Red Eyed Vireo support team of Bill Alford, Rene Buccina, Beth Ciuzio, Amy Gaberlein, Patti Hodgetts, Bob Lego, Marianne Lego, Arthur Nelson, Francine Nietubicz, Joe Nietubicz, Carolyn Roache, Mary Jane Roache, Edie Schuhl, Bill Schuhl, Chuck Slugg, Mary Jane Slugg, Dave Thomas, Linda Thomas, Ro Wilson and Jim Wilson, Jr.

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