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not like no-bid contracts, the architect had been hired before he was elected, and \$135,000 had been authorized for architectural services. "What do we do now? Say there is no contract and maybe go to court? Or sign and go through the first stage? Do we discard the \$135,000 in architectural fees or reclaim the project and say

on the timeline?" he said. In response to another of Miller's questions, Mahaney said there was no commitment to use the city's engineer, Remington-Vernick, to oversee the Convention Hall project. Miller said there was a conflict of interest between Remington-Vernick and Kimmel Bogrette. Mahaney said Remington-Vernick was

interested in providing a "clerk of the works," to oversee the project, but the city had already informed the engineering firm it may or may not go with them. "City council is looking at this project very, very carefully to come up with the best product at a reasonable cost, and at some point we need to have the trust of the commu-

nity," Mahaney said. "I want the project to be a unifying force for the city - not a divisive one." During the public hearing on Ordinance 160-2008, rescinding the old bond ordinance, Scott Maslow, Harry Bellangy and Jinny Hesel each commended city council for the action being taken. Hesel said she hoped the city

would now "charge" the residents with coming out to the town meetings to make their feelings known. On Monday, city council also passed Resolution 173-07-2008 authorizing the city to seek a meeting with the state Local Finance Board on Aug. 13 to discuss a new waiver for the down payment on the Convention Hall proj-

ect. Former mayor Jerry Inderwies and the city's auditor and chief financial officer had secured a waiver on the previous bond ordinance, which was rescinded. The waiver would not have carried over if the ordinance was rescinded or defeated by referendum.

Lifeguards

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this will not be an issue." Another issue addressed was the placement of hand-cap railings on the front ramp leading into the facility as well as the back stairs that lead down to the beach. These back stairs were removed because of mold. A new

design of a "spiral" staircase has been suggested as a replacement. The cost of this work is estimated between \$19,000 and \$20,000. "We will have to give the designer some kind of design or sketch of what we believe to be suitable right through to

construction to make sure that we meet building code requirements," Paul Martin said. "We don't think \$20,000 is going to cover all the building of this spiral staircase, but until we have designs made, if that's the way you (council) want to go this, then

we can start." Besides cost, council was also informed that the type of rail system they wanted to use had to be considered as well. Materials for longevity and maintenance also had to be considered. When stainless steel railings were sug-

gested, Deputy Mayor Linda Steenrod asked, "I'm not an engineer, but wouldn't stainless steel rails get hot in the summer?" "Conceptually, yes", Martin answered. "I would like to see that location be more handi-

capped accessible," Mayor Ed Mahaney said. "It may come down to cost, quality and longevity, especially when it's attached to other (existing) wooden railings. We don't want one to outlast the durability of the other."

Community news briefs

Fall youth soccer registration starting
LOWER TOWNSHIP - The Lower Township Recreation Department will be holding Youth Fall Soccer Registrations from July 26 to Aug. 2 at the Lower Township Recreation Center. Registration takes place weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. To be eligible to register the child must be entering Kindergarten (and 5 yrs. of age before Oct. 1, 2008) and not past the 6th grade. Resident fee is \$15 for 1 child, \$25 for 2 children and \$30 for 2 or more children. Non-resident fee is \$20 for 1 child, \$30 for 2 children and \$35 for 3 or more children. For more information call 886-7880, ext. #0 or visit the

township's Web site at townshipoflower.org.
Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run Aug. 2
NORTH CAPE MAY - The Lower Township Recreation Department will be holding the 7th Annual Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run on Saturday, Aug. 2. The race features a certified 5-mile race as well as a 2-mile health walk/run. Both races start at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Bank Fire Hall in North Cape May. Fee is \$15 before Aug. 2 and \$2000 the day of the race. Free pancake breakfast after the event, free T-shirt to all participants as supplies last, door prizes and five group trophies (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Proceeds benefit the Douglass Memorial Scholarship Fund and the

Special Olympics of South Jersey. Registration forms can be picked up at the Lower Township Recreation Center or found online at Active.com.
Defensive driving class July 26
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - The South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance will host a 6 hour Defensive Driving Class, Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cape May County Department of Public Safety Training Center, 173 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, N.J. The national curriculum will provide drivers with the knowledge and driving techniques to prevent collisions and violations and challenge behind the wheel behaviors. The cost is \$50 per partici-

gant and those that complete the class receive a five-percent discount on the liability portion of their auto insurance for three years and two points off their motor vehicle record. Wayne Shelton, Traffic Safety Specialist, for the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance said, "Driving is the most dangerous thing we do

on a daily basis. This course reminds us to focus on driving and reviews defensive driving techniques, such as proper following distance." Pre-registration is required since class size is limited. To register, contact Wayne at 856-794-1941. For a listing of additional classes, go to www.sjusa.org.

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