



Cape May Fire Department Dual Housing

The Cape May Fire Department proudly accepted two new vehicles to Station 51. At left is new Utility Truck 5110 parading down Beach Avenue. Fire companies from all around the area participated in the Sunday parade. At right, Chief Jerome Inderwies, Jr. stands with the new Pierce Pumper Engine 5130.



The Washington Street Mall Association and the City of Cape May Present...
June 14th "Welcome Friends" Open House Hospitality along the Mall 4-7pm
June 21st "Welcome Home Again" Block Party
 10 am Rededication Ceremony Washington & Ocean
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Petition

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right, and need to exercise the right, to participate in the process and get what they want. Also at issue is the subject of getting multiple bids for each phase of the project. The committee objects to the fact that the city did not go out to bid for the architect, but city council simply authorized the contract based on the recommendation of the city engineer and the city manager's assurance that the architect's rates were in the scope of what others would charge. "Multiple bids are critical when the taxpayer has to take on this burden," Newman said. Loughlin told the Taxpayers Association of Cape May on

Friday the architect's fee was less than 5-percent of the total cost of the project, and less than the market rate. Powick agreed that part of the problem the committee has with the Convention Hall project is the process, but also that no one is telling the public what the total cost would be. Asked if they believed this would result in a better project, Marilyn Jo Tolley said, "We would hope." The committee representatives said Cape May has a unique opportunity to solicit proposed designs from architects up and down the east coast. The committee submitted a statement (reprinted on page A11) saying the city

could get interested parties to submit design proposals prepared at no cost to the city. Hesel said the referendum committee was formed after city council ignored a plea by mayor-elect Ed Mahaney to delay a vote on the bond ordinance. "Ed asked them to delay the vote - they would not," Hesel said. I have to ask 'Why?' To me that (they voted) is very telling." Asked about delays, Newman said the referendum would delay the front end of the project someone, but didn't need to delay the overall project, now estimated to be completed in April 2010.

NASW lectures beginning

By STEVE MORRIS
Cape May Star and Wave
 LOWER TOWNSHIP - This summer, the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum is hosting a historic lecture series featuring Veterans and historians sharing their knowledge and experiences with aviation.

Nearly every Wednesday beginning in June and continuing throughout the month of July, the Aviation Museum will host a collection of speakers to lecture free of charge to the public. Speakers will host attendees at 7 p.m. on select Wednesdays in the Ready Room inside historic Hangar

#1. Located at the Cape May Airport, the Naval Air Station served as a training facility for World War II bombers over six decades ago. The history lecture series has been active the past four summers at the museum and this year includes five new speakers. Earl Groff, an A-4 Pilot in Vietnam and Gus Epple, a fighter in the Battle of the Bulge have previously lectured, and several upcoming speakers including Jim Gannone, a Sabreliner Pilot are scheduled for future dates. Gannone, this week's lecturer will share his experiences piloting a North American Rockwell Sabreliner. The Sabreliner is a mid-sized jet that was once modified for use by the United States Air Force and Navy.



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Gannone, a Villas resident, will tell of his encounters flying Cabinet Ministers and Generals for the Democratic Republic of Congo from 2002-2006. Gannone also worked commercially as a training manager for an airway in Kinshasa, the capital of the Congo. From 1985-1989, Gannone worked as the Captain of Southern Jersey Airways, which serviced flights to and from Philadelphia International, Atlantic City, Millville and other airports in the state.

Following Gannone, July presentations will include Dr. Ralph Cox from the United States Overseas Airlines and Professor Terry J. Hart, a former astronaut and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Lehigh University.

While the format and length of the lecture varies on the speaker, question and answer sessions are usually available making these events an interactive experience.

According to Cindy Craft, an organizer with the Naval Air Station Wildwood historic lecture series, speakers are usually those involved with, or friends of those involved with the Naval Air Station Wildwood.

Craft said the history lecture series provides a good means for the public to enjoy aviation while involving members of the flying community alike. The museum itself hosts more than 26 aircraft displays, including military memorabilia, interactive exhibits, engines and numerous photographs.

In September 1997, Cape May County and Dr. Joseph Salvatore, the founder and Chairman of the NASW, established Hangar #1 on the National Register of Historic Places. During its years of operation from 1943 and 1945, 42 airmen perished during onsite training; it is for those airmen whom the museum is dedicated to.

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