

Cape May Star and Wave

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Tree lighting at Physick Estate begins season



Jennifer Kopp/Cape May Star and Wave

Oh, the magic of Christmas! Last Saturday night amid frigid temperatures the City of Cape May and the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts held its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, right, at the Emlen Physick Estate officially starting the holiday season. The event also included a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, carols by the Cape Harmonaires and a train exhibit inside the Carriage House. Above, two year old Finn Duffey marvels at the locomotive passing his way.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NOV./DEC. TIDE TABLE		HIGH		LOW	
	am	pm	am	pm	
11/26	8:45	7:03	12:08	12:57	
11/27	7:22	7:42	12:46	1:37	
11/28	7:59	8:20	1:22	2:17	
11/29	8:36	8:59	1:58	2:56	
11/30	9:14	9:38	2:33	3:36	
12/1	9:52	10:18	3:10	4:15	
12/2	10:31	11:01	3:49	4:56	
12/3	11:13	11:48	4:33	5:38	
1st Quarter			12/5		
Full Moon			12/12		
Last Quarter			12/19		
New Moon			11/27		

Thanksgiving Real Estate Resource inside!

Get ready folks, here come the trucks

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - After Black Friday we could get a Sandy Monday...or Tuesday, or Wednesday...but it will continue for the next six to eight weeks.

As of Monday, the Army Corps of Engineers still did

not have an exact starting date for the latest cycle of beach replenishment, but said it would begin this week or next.

The project includes trucking in 120,000 cubic yards of sand from the Albrecht and Huen quarry in Cape May Court House to the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center. The

sand will be placed on a "feeder beach" from which sand naturally migrates to the "downdraft beaches" of Cape May.

Project engineer Dwight Pakin said the project is part of renourishment project from Cape May Inlet to Lower Township beaches to restore beaches and reduce

potential storm damage. This specific project is part of a 50-year project started in 1991, in which the Army Corps would renourish beaches from the Coast Guard base down through Cape May. The most recent phase was completed in February 2007 and included the placement of 190,000

cubic yards of sand at beaches within the Coast Guard Training Center. The cost of that cycle was \$5 million.

Pakin said the replenishment project also counters natural erosion occurring on the south side of the federal jetties at Cape May Inlet. He

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Cape May County gives out all its flu vaccines

County urging residents to find alternate sources

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - Cape May County has given all its 7,500 flu vaccinations this season, including 1,850 on Sunday, and is

urging residents to find other sources for flu shots.

County Health officer Kevin Thomas said residents could check with their doctors for flu shots, or they can go online at www.findaflushot.com and www.flucliniclocator.org, as well as check local newspapers for announcements.

Last Tuesday, the only flu shot clinic listed on those websites for the 08204 and 08251 area codes was the Rite Aid at 3301 Bayside Rd., North Cape May, which was

scheduled for yesterday.

The health department said the flu season in New Jersey typically peaks between late January and early February and there is still plenty of time to get vaccinated.

County communications director Lenora Boninfante said there are places in the county offering free flu vaccines and she urged people to check their local newspapers for announcements.

Otherwise, their doctors might have the vaccines on

hand or can direct patients to a local clinic.

Last Tuesday, Cape Urgent Care, 900 Rt. 109, at the end of the parkway had about 100 doses and said they could get more. The flu shots there are \$25, and Medicare covers the cost for eligible individuals.

Boninfante said the county ordered fewer vaccinations than in previous years, when they had some left over. She said Cape May County is one of the only counties that continues to provide free flu

shots.

Cape Regional Medical Center provides the shots to their employees, medical staff and volunteers. They also cooperated with the county with the flu shot program.

One reason why it's important for the elderly or people with chronic health conditions to get a flu shot is the risk of bacterial pneumonia.

The County Department of

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Cape May Point discusses COAH

By JANICE BROWN
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY POINT - On a damp, gusty night on the far side of the latest nor'easter, a dozen stalwart residents of Cape May Point came out to attend the borough commissioners' monthly meeting.

Although the meeting was unusually brief and the majority of the agenda items somewhat routine, the themes of beach use and endangered species, municipal government responsibilities, and affordable housing continued to be priorities. Mayor Carl Schupp announced two proclamations: November 10-14, 2008 as 4-H week and November '08 as Caregivers of New Jersey month, both of which

were unanimously endorsed by the Board.

Amid several resolutions, the most noteworthy was Resolution 91-08, in Opposition to New State-Mandated COAH Housing, which entails the increase of low income housing units to be built state-wide, some in Cape May Point. The commissioners all expressed concern that the expectations of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) seem to be unreasonable, especially given that preservation of existing open space and wetlands is a major concern in the borough, and Mayor Schupp added that a lawsuit by the League of Municipalities challenging

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Lutheran Church helps stock Cape May Food Pantry

Helping to stock the food pantry at the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May were Cape May Lutheran Church members. With funds received from a Care and Community grant from the South East Jersey Shore Chapter of Trivent for Lutherans, over \$500 worth of food items were delivered. Pictured, from left to right, are William Williamson, secretary of the chapter; John Bendino, Acme grocery manager and Janice Sims, a coordinator at the Lutheran Church.

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