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2/26	11:10	11:41	5:06	5:07
2/27	11:52	5:54	5:46	

City takes no action on beach management plan

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Cape May City Council took no action on a controversial Beach Management Plan, Tuesday, after members of the public filled the auditorium at City Hall to show opposition to the plan. Most objectors were concerned about plans to eliminate feral cat colonies from

the beach, and to prohibit cat colonies within a half mile of nesting zones and 1,000 feet from the rest of the beach.

After Mayor Jerry Inderwies opened the meeting to public questions about the Beach Management Plan, Becky Robinson asked if the city was going to abandon its

Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) program and go back

"I'm concerned if we don't do something soon we will jeopardize our beach funding."

– Mayor Jerry Inderwies

David Craig said. "We're not voting on our TNR program, we're voting on the Beach Management Plan. This is a requirement of the Division of Fish and Wildlife."

Councilman David Kurkowski, along with Craig met with the Division of Fish and Wildlife to reach a compromise on the city's beach

management plan. The division originally demanded a one mile buffer zone from the beach, and the city put a 1,000 foot buffer in its plan. Fish and Wildlife rejected the city's plan, but the parties reached an agreement on the half-mile and 1,000 foot buffer zones.

"This is no way a catch and kill program at all," Kurkowski said, "but this

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K-9s in training at Cape May Point

John Miller of the CSX Railroad Police, above, runs Baro, a seven year-old German Shepherd through St. Mary's By the Sea in Cape May Point as part of federal task force training. Fourteen law enforcement departments took part in an explosive finding exercise Wednesday. Top right, officers ready to enter St. Mary's. Bottom right, Baro locates and points out 10 pounds of TNT inside a cabinet.

Photos by Christopher South



Cape May City Council rejects yard sale change, 3-2

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Cape May City Council rejected any changes to the city's yard sale policy, voting down Ordinance 140-2008 by a 3-2 margin.

The ordinance was designed to allow two free weekends, Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, when residents could have yard sales without obtaining a permit. Presently, residents are required to obtain a permit costing \$2, and are limited to two yard sales per year. At the Feb. 6 council meeting, with Councilwoman Linda

Steenrod on vacation, council seemed to agree to raise the fee to \$5 and establish two yard sale weekends, while allowing yard sales by permit throughout the year.

City manager Lou Corea had proposed the ordinance change to have two yard sale

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days each year to combat yard sale abuse. Some individuals, he said, have numerous yard sales by moving to different locations.

When Ordinance 140-2008 came up for introduction, Tuesday, it said residents could have yard sales on the Saturday and Sunday of both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends without obtaining a permit, and on other days after obtaining a \$5 permit.

Mayor Jerry Inderwies said he had talked with "a lot of people" over the past couple of weeks, and his recommendation was to table the ordinance.

"I recommend the ordinance be removed, tabled, and never brought up again," he said.

Steenrod said she was opposed to "over-regulation" and didn't believe the yard sale policy needed to be adjusted.

"Maybe some closer enforcement," she said. Deputy Mayor Niels Favre

said he was not one for government regulations, and felt the only change that needed to be made was to eliminate the yard sale ordinance. He said the \$2 fee for a yard sale permit doesn't cover the cost of processing the permit, so it should probably be done away with.

However, Councilman David Craig thought there was a need for licensing yard sales.

"Otherwise you'll see couches on people's lawns every weekend," he said. "I thought maybe it could be free on the weekend of Memorial Day and Labor Day."

Craig said the new ordinance allowed people two free weekends a year to have yard sales, plus another two per year by permit, and he thought that was a good idea.

Steenrod said she thought the matter needed some clarification, as she understood the ordinance to limit yard sales to Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends only.

Inderwies, Favre and Steenrod voted against the ordinance change, Craig and

Councilman David Kurkowski voted in favor of the amendment.

As a result, there is no change in the yard sale ordinance, and property owners are limited to two yard sales per year, and must obtain a \$2 permit.

Former Lower basketball star arrested

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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Lower Township police arrested a former basketball star at Lower Cape May Regional High School, and one other man, and charged them with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute.

On Feb. 16, police were called to the Channel Apartments at 3910 Bayshore

Road, at around 1 a.m., on a report of a suspicious vehicle. Police arrived at the scene and located a Black Ford Explorer parked behind the E Building, with two males sitting inside. Police stopped the vehicle as it was leaving the complex.

Detective Ed Dougherty and Patrolman Chad Fitzmaurice arrived and were talking to the passenger when they noticed a cigar on the ground next to the individual. The cigar had been hollowed out and filled with a green

vegetation believed to be marijuana, what is commonly referred to as a "blunt." The officers also found green vegetation on the floor and in the side of the passenger side door.

Police searched the vehicle and found 41 bags of suspected marijuana, or approximately 84 grams, a small zip lock bag containing 11 individual bags of white powder, and another zip lock bag containing several white hard rocks believed to be crack cocaine. Police also found

\$500 in cash and a digital scale.

Arrested was Charles Johnson, 20, of Broad Street Court, Cape May. Johnson is a 2005 graduate of Lower Cape May Regional High School and was a 1,000-point career scorer in basketball, helping take his team to the state tournament.

Also arrested was Marcel Wright, 21, of Cape May Court House. Both men were lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center on \$50,000 cash bail.

Kids Can Expo Sunday at Convention Hall

CAPE MAY – The Nature Center of Cape May invites all children and their parents to Kids Can Expo this Sunday, Feb. 24. The annual children's festival takes place at Cape May's Convention Hall, on Beach Drive, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year the Nature Center welcomes special guests, the Gibson School of Irish Dance. Returning by popular demand from last year is the Just-4-Fun Railroad Line with their large G-gauge model trains traveling through a lifelike model of New Jersey.

Talented young musicians from Lower Cape May Regional High School will perform in the "Corner Cafe," and the Joanne Reagan Dancers will be on hand to wow the crowd as always.

Favorite Kids Can Expo activities are back as well, including ocean touch-tank critters, the rescued animals of New Jersey Nature, hands-on environmental science and natural history, make-n-take crafts, great food, face painting, and games.

Many local nonprofit organizations such as 4-H, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Aquatic Discoveries, Ocean Action, and the Nature Conservancy will be on hand with activity-filled booths and information on their own children's programs.

The admission price is \$5 per person. Children under the age of three are admitted free of charge.

Make plans now to bring the whole family for a day of mid-winter fun. Nearly 500 families attend this event every year. Don't be left out!

For complete details, call the Nature Center of Cape May, at 609-898-8848 or visit njnature.org/centers/nccm/kidscan.html to see more photos from past Kids Can Expo events.