

## Residents speak out about 2008

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said, "People who are in need in this community. I know there are kids who are hungry. You don't think of that in Cape May."

Paige Cunningham added, "And the only time did we hear about it is now, when the food closet is empty when the wanted it for the holidays. It's after the holidays when it's

usually worse because people stop giving." She added, "And what about that whole thing with the cats? Did they ever relocate them out of Cape May?"

Janet Payne said the Beach Theatre story was something which wasn't covered enough.

"What's up with that?" she asks. "There was a notice like its almost closing. I like to

know what's going on."

Canyon Allen, owner of This Place on Earth also commented on the Beach Theatre story. He said, "It's was covered. But people, I don't think, did much about it."

When asked what you would like to see happen to Cape May in 2009, Allen commented, "With Cape May's 400th anniversary being celebrated, I hope we have a really good

summer next year." Dorothy Young agreed with Allen. "Yes, more business."

Bellangy said, "I would like to see the city return to its Victorian roots that got the city the fame it so justly deserved. When Cape May was designated a National Historic Landmark City, every major publication ran articles about Cape May. We need to break the sameness."

Cunningham said her wish for next year would be to see the town center and the intersections worked on in West Cape May.

"They came up with the plan for putting sidewalks on Sunset Boulevard revitalizing the business district," Cunningham said. Then she laughed, saying, "I'd like to see people have B.A.L.S. which stands for 'Buy At

Local Shops."

Tessy Mitchum thought for a moment then said, "I wish everyone I know and love to be happy. There'll be a lot of memories to miss but I think it's best not to look too far back and not too far forward but just live in the present. Personally, I have to stop procrastinating."

With this, let's bring on 2009.

## Franks Investments

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Beach Avenue side, which is a pre-existing condition, and allow excess lot coverage. The proposed plan actually reduces lot coverage by 1.5 percent, down to 93.1 percent. By a 6-1 vote the board also granted a variance for the number of parking spaces. The proposed plan

requires 66 spaces, but included only 26. With the Beach Theatre, 184 spaces were required and only 13 existed.

Franks Investments was also granted a waiver from providing an Environmental Impact Study to the city. The applicant would have to provide one for the state as part of a CAFRA permit applica-

tion. The applicant would submit an environmental audit, which is a compilation of existing data. The applicant was also granted waivers for a traffic impact study and a waste/recycling plan. The engineer said a waiver for a storm water management plan would not be considered, and Nehmad said the applicant would withdraw the request.

## Community news briefs

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WEST CAPE MAY - Belly Dance Classes will be starting Jan. 15, for six weeks, at Balance Pilates and Yoga Studio, 600 Park Blvd. in West Cape May.

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**Bowling and fellowship evening in Wildwood**

WILDWOOD - Christ Gospel Church Love Center, 2209 Rt. 9 South, Whitesboro, N.J. will be having a Bowling and Fellowship Evening on Sunday, Jan. 4, 5 to 8 p.m. at the 3 J's Wildwood Bowl, 3400 New Jersey Avenue. Donation of \$15 includes shoes, three games and food.

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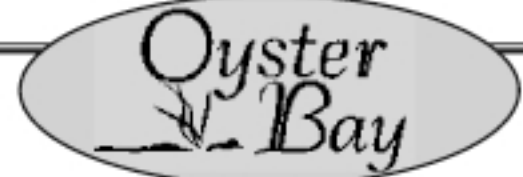
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