

# Grant

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being an application for Open Space and Recreation funding for a second phase of ADA upgrades at the township's Recreation Center.

Voll said the township wanted to include fishing as an economic development component

"This is an important area. Over 100 people, about 130 local people are employed by the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. So we are attempting to bring more focus on Cape May-Lewes Ferry - to create another attraction to bring people to the area," Voll said.

Voll said the township is working with the DRBA to perhaps link DRBA property with the new promenade by way of a boardwalk crossing the channel. Voll mentioned the possibility of locating vending machines where people could purchase snacks and drinks.

According to Voll, the US Army Corps of Engineers maintains the rock jetty, and appears to be on board with the project. He said the township engineer is working on getting the project sanctioned by the USACE.

The promenade is expected to be about 15 feet by the 800-foot length of the jetty.

Voll said he was very excited about the project and believes it will be on the top of the grants list for open space funding.

In other business during Monday's council meeting, members of Lower Township Council expressed their best wishes for the people of Boston in light of Monday's bombing at the Boston

Marathon. Councilman Tom Conrad urged everyone to keep the people of Boston in their prayers. He also asked the public to tune into the History Channel Wednesday evening to watch "Locked Up Abroad," which would feature Sen. John McCain and other former POWs.

Councilmen Jim Neville and Glenn Douglass each echoed Conrad's remarks about prayers for the people of Boston. Neville also commended Lower Township's Little League for the start of the new season, April 12. He said about 460 kids have joined 42 separate teams in the league.

Deputy Mayor Norris Clark said he was glad to see the private support for public education in Lower Township. He said there is a private group working on supporting the elementary school district raise funds for early childhood education. He said this is what the Fishing Creek School restoration is about - private support for education.

Clark said representatives from the elementary and Lower Cape May Regional districts would be visiting at Lower Township council meetings in the near future.

Mayor Mike Beck said he was eager to see the Fishing Creek School reopened for its original purpose.

Beck referred to an annual contribution the township makes toward Volunteers In Medicine. The township council approved a \$7,690 contribution to VIM. Beck said he believed one in six in Lower Township is without healthcare. He reminded the public of the township's

Health and Wellness Day on Thursday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LTMUA board member Steve Sheftz offered his commendation to Jerome Keelen of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. According to Sheftz, Keelen was instrumental in establishing a program for Lower Township residents whereby they could get loans of up to \$10,000 at 1 percent interest to connect to municipal water or drill new wells.

Sheftz said Town Bank residents with contaminated wells were at risk from volatile organic compounds in the water. He said Keelen took a state program and was able to establish a program only for township residents. He has come to Lower Township on several occasions to make presentations to the council and to civic organizations.

"You don't have a better friend in state government," Sheftz said of Keelen. "You deserve a lot of the credit for the effort you put in as well," Beck said.

Beck referred to a new early departure and discount promotional fare program by the Delaware River and Bay Authority for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Highlights included a new 6:30 a.m. daily departure time from Cape May and an 8 a.m. departure from Lewes, Del., through at least October.

Discounts being offered are up to 30 percent off fares for Cape May County residents on midweek departures (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), and a "Spring Sail" promotion of up to 30 percent off on the new early

departures.

Special promotional fare space is limited and area available through May 16. Call (609) 435-7624 for more information.

Douglass said Public Works has completed new paving at Douglass Park.

During public comment, Eleanor Chestnut, who is a nurse at a doctor's office, said council needs to be aware of how pervasive the juvenile drug problem is and called for, at minimum, a police substation on Bayshore Road.

Beck said he recently attended a mayor's breakfast held at Drumthwacket, the governor's official residence. He said he brought up the subject of illegal drug use, particularly the illegal use of prescription drugs, and he said Gov. Chris Christie is well-versed on the topic.

Beck said Christie spoke for 15 or 20 minutes on the topic.

"He really does understand this issue. He talked about the abuse of prescription drugs leading to heroin use," Beck said.

Beck told Chestnut no one other than he agrees more about relocating the police to Bayshore Road.

"We as a body have to sit down and say, 'What are we going to do?'" Beck said. "If I could do only one thing I would move the police station."

Since purchasing the existing police station from Cape May County for \$100,000, the township has had to put \$ 4 million into maintenance and upkeep.



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

## Signs of spring

Above, blossoms on trees are being seen all over Cape May as the good weather has been bringing out people as well.

## Ships

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he felt they were the defining characters in the Hvoslef name. He returned to the wreck with the RV Explorer crew in 2008, when the starboard side letters were found.

Malone spent much of his lecture speaking about a certain ship that has captured the minds of many local maritime history lovers over the years - the Andrea Doria. The 700-foot, 1,200-passenger Italian ocean liner sank in July 1956 after colliding with the MS Stockholm and rests on its starboard side at the bottom of the ocean. Malone first dove to the Andrea Doria in July 1985 with his friend, Steve Gatto. He said it was important to collect items on the way out as opposed to on the way in, because gathering items could stir up the sand and ruin visibility, leading to loss of direction.

Malone and Gatto recovered several Doria artifacts such as a beautiful acorn light, fine china, portholes and the actual helm (wheel). Malone showed the audience pictures of these items beneath the water when they were found. To the untrained eye, these items looked like rocks or barnacle covered metal.

"When you wreck dive for a long time, you start to develop a keen eye for things you normally wouldn't notice and make good finds," Malone said.

Between 1985 and 1999, Malone made anywhere from one to five dives per year to the Andrea Doria. He said as the ship deteriorates and falls apart, new sections of the ship open up to allow more potential discoveries.

Some of Malone's dives have led to discoveries that correct the documentation and historical data written about certain vessels. In May 1934, the Nantucket Lightship 117 was believed to have been literally cut in two on a foggy night by the RMS Olympic, a 900-foot

ocean liner that was sister to the famous Titanic. This was the assumption for years until around five decades later, when Malone dove the wreck 190-feet below the surface and found the Lightship had not in fact been cut in half, but simply sideswiped.

Malone spoke of several other shipwrecks such as the Bow Mariner off the coast of Ocean City, Md., the Royal Oregon sunk in 1886, the Great Isaac tugboat and the USS Moonstone. Malone said advancements in equipment technology have made diving much easier and safer than it used to be, with which he has no problem. He continues to dive with the crew of the RV Explorer and collects any artifacts he can get his hands on, from brass parts and fine china to bathroom fixtures and entire toilets.

Cape May Forum has Salon Series lectures lined up through May 10. On April 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cape May Stage, Dave Bushek will host a lecture called "The History and Status of Oyster Fishery in the Delaware Bay."

On April 26, there will be a 5 p.m. tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Base-Cape May (TRACEN) and a 6:30 p.m. lecture to follow titled "Guardians of the Sea: The Shield of the Environment." Reserve a spot by April 24 by calling (609) 770-2626.

On May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Nature Center, Director Gretchen Whitman will speak about "Horseshoe Crabs and the Shorebird Connection." Finally, on May 10, Stewart Farrell of the Stockton Research Center will talk about the "Effects of Hurricane Sandy" at the Rutgers AIC Administration Building at 1636 Delaware Avenue.

For more information about this year's Cape May Forum and events, visit capemayforum.org.

## Sign

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tic and paper products in one can. Stanger said stickers will be available to place on cans announcing they are mingled recyclables.

Stanger also said the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority, besides introducing single stream recycling, was also introducing a system to capture gas created in landfills and turning it into electricity.

Stanger said the borough was going to enter into an agreement with Allied Biological for application of chemicals in Lake Lily to kill widgeon grass and algae. Stanger said resident Stewart Farrell, who is also the borough's beach consultant, make a number of recommendations regard-

ing Lake Lily. According to Stanger, Farrell said the lake has a high level of phosphorus, which he said is probably due to fecal matter deposited by the waterfowl inhabiting the lake.

Stanger said the borough is trying to improve the health of the lake and its inhabitants and allow the "bubblers" to add oxygen to the water as they were designed to do.

Stanger said work on Lincoln Avenue, which includes installing a new drainage system. He said the contractor was "dewatering" underground areas to remove ground water so crews could install pipes. The contractor had been pumping over 20,000 gallons of ground water per hour into the sanitary sewer system.

Stanger said the county would reimburse them for the cost associated with water going through the sanitary sewer system.

Stanger said the Lincoln Avenue project, which will conclude with repaving the roadway, is scheduled to be completed May 20. Engineering plans for resurfacing on West Lake Drive are due at the end of the month.

The drainage east portion of the beach replenishment project, which included the installation of a longer outfall pipe, was been completed.

Stanger said a handicapped ramp at Coral Street is finished, and sand build-up continues to hamper efforts at Stites Avenue. He said containment walls are being

put up to stop blowing sand from covering the walkway. Stanger said some Trex walkway will be removed and be replaced with the I-5 surface material. The I-5 material is used on baseball infields because it is easily compacted and stays in place.

"We are looking at next year, and might have to replace the entrance," Stanger said.

Stanger said there would be a dune grass planting on the new dune at Alexander Avenue on April 20 at 10 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners has opted to establish a consent agenda regard borough business, meaning resolutions of a routine nature would be passed on a single vote instead of one at a time.

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(7:10 Fri-Wed) (9:45 Fri-Wed)  
\*\*Pain & Gain R Premier Thurs, April 25th 9:00pm  
2D The Croods PG 11:15, 4:00, 9:30  
3D The Croods PG 1:35, 7:00  
Jurassic Park 3D PG-13 11:00, 1:45, 4:30,  
(7:15 Fri-Wed) (10:00 Fri-Wed)  
\*\*The Big Wedding R Premier Thurs April 25th  
9:00pm  
\*\*Scary Movie 5 PG-13 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50  
\*\*Oblivion PG-13 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00  
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18	2:01	2:52	8:33	8:27		
19	3:01	3:52	9:27	9:30		
20	4:01	4:47	10:18	10:30		
21	4:57	5:37	11:05	11:25		
22	5:48	6:23	11:49			
23	6:37	7:07	12:17	12:33		
24	7:23	7:51	1:06	1:17		

**Moon Phases**  
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