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Education and reception rooms will be added to the hall, and both buildings will have their interiors painted.

He said in light of the need, the church is having its first benefit hosted by Cape May Winery, Town Bank Road, North Cape May, on Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. The Cabernet Cabaret fundraiser will include entertainment by Ken McBride "Himself." McBride is a native of Waterford, Ireland, who currently resides in Florida. In Cape May, he is remembered most from his shows at Carney's, but he has been seen at Atlantic City's casino's, especially Harrah's where he performed for 18 years. His is an expansive repertoire that extends from classical to contemporary to Broadway to the songs of his native Ireland.

The Cape May Winery will provide wines from their harvest, and "Little Bites" will be provided by the Washington Inn and Lucky Bones. There will be a silent auction of items donated by members of the community, including a beach box from Steger's Beach Services, a dining



Above left, Ken McBride, "Himself" will provide the entertainment for the Cabernet Cabaret, a musical benefit for the Church of the Advent at Cape May Winery on Townbank Road in Cape May on Oct. 24. Above center, Dot Mitchell, Marty Torpey and Diane Dilworth inspect art for the silent auction that will be part of Cabernet Cabaret benefiting the Church of the Advent restoration project. Above right, Lynda Cogswell, Dot Mitchell, Services Rentals and art by Sue McIntyre for the silent auction at Cabernet Cabaret.

package of gift certificates from Cape May's best restaurants, art from fine local artists and many other items.

Mitchell said he is entering his fifth year at the Church of the Advent, and when he arrived there was a list of improvements that needed to be made. In 2011 they put in the first stage of the improvements, including a new heating system, taking down an old chimney, sealing the

church, including replacing damaged siding repairing and sealing the stained glass windows, and exterior painting. The next stage is the interior.

"We got rid of some very noisy, very large air-conditioners. The old air-conditioning units were in the back yard and they will be relocated to the attic," Mitchell said.

The parish hall upgrades are actually the third stage of the plan.

Another element of the second stage will be installing security cameras, which will allow them to leave the church open so the public can come in and sit or meditate.

Mitchell said the church decided to seek approval for the entire project at once because it was cheaper than coming back to the Zoning Board for each phase of the project. With the approvals in hand, Mitchell said, the project is on its way.

Mitchell said from a historical aspect, the building is 150 years old and things need to be fixed. He said in 1863 the church started as a meeting in private homes. People wanted a permanent facility and in 1866, St. John's Chapel opened. Over the years it became St. John's Church, and eventually merged with the Church of the Advent, which was

located at Lafayette and Bank Streets, the current home of Cape May Stage.

The ticket price for Cabernet Cabaret is \$60 per person. To make reservations for the cabaret, call the church office at 609-884-3065 or visit the church website [www.cape-mayadvent.org](http://www.cape-mayadvent.org) by Oct. 19.

# Dog

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keeping them from other animals.

Finally, item four says no dogs may be chained or tethered after dark (prior to sunrise or after sunset).

Piocca suggested creating a

time limit on how long a dog could be tethered.

"When you read this (ordinance), it basically states the dog can be kept outside from sunrise to sunset," she said.

Monzo said Ocean City was the only municipality he found that had a time limit

placed on the tethering of dogs. Ocean City allows a dog to be tethered outside for nine hours. Fiocca suggested Cape May have a one-hour limit, but Councilman William Murray said such a short time period would be difficult to enforce. Murray did, however, agree a time limit should be put in place. Monzo said no matter what time limit city council establishes, it could be enforced if residents report incidences

of dogs being chained up for too long.

Council agreed upon a four-hour limit for tethering of a dog. Mayor Ed Mahaney said that could change, depending on public comment.

During public comment, Steenrod said she was grateful for city officials working so quickly to establish an ordinance that better protects animals and the people.

"The points in this (ordinance) are outstandingly

attended to," she said.

Steenrod said the owners of the puppy that was killed were not intentionally trying to be cruel to the animal by tying it up outside. She said given the media attention the incident was attracting, it was important people understand there were no bad intentions involved. She said the owners of the puppy were not home when the attack occurred and could have never predicted what was going to happen.

"It wasn't any deliberate act of cruelty from the people who owned the puppy. They just didn't understand the possible situations that could arise from this," she said.

MacLeod said the amended ordinance would be introduced at the Oct. 16 regular meeting and would have its second reading and public input in November.



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that the city prided itself in obtaining grants and low-interest loans for projects in

Cape May through the years in order to ease the burden of high costs on taxpayers.

MacLeod said he did not think the city desired to

invest such a large amount of money into constructing restrooms not long after the Convention Hall project. He said estimates received for a restroom-beach house style facility ranged from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, but the estimates could have envisioned the prior demolition and construction. MacLeod agreed with Shields and said using Public Works employees to install stalls, sinks and toilet fixtures would not cost \$500,000.

Following the meeting, Shields said the modular restroom facility was obstructing his shop's view of the promenade and beachfront. He said he is concerned the structure will be there for many years to come.

"It's been there all last summer and this summer," he said. "I don't want to see it there for 3, 4, 5 or 6 years. My view is ruined."

Shields said he believed the beach tag office not far from Convention Hall had enough square footage for more bathrooms as well.

During public comment, Shields said he was also concerned about the number of retail stores becoming vacant in the vicinity of the former Beach Theatre and new Convention Hall. He said two tenants just recently moved out and it's beginning to resemble a "ghost town" in



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