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# City Council candidates share views with public

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CAPE MAY — The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May hosted five candidates running for three Cape May City Council seats Sept. 19.

The 55-minute event started with introductions followed by a question-and-answer session in which each candidate answered a random question followed by the one question for all five candidates, then made a closing statement.

Participating were Mark DiSanto, Shaine Meier, Zack Mullock, Stacy Sheehan and

John Van de Vaarst.

DiSanto, whose campaign flier stated, "Vote for the Captain," introduced himself as a lifelong resident of Cape May. He said he is a professional sportfishing captain.

"I have brought information here tonight for a vision of Cape May to have a new outlook in the boating industry," DiSanto. "I have plans of building a municipal marina, a municipal golf course and a municipal charter dock in Cape May."

He said his plan includes bringing golf tournaments to the city and a harborwalk along Delaware Avenue.

DiSanto said he has a vision for a maritime museum, a 200-foot flag monument for the Coast Guard and a new entrance into Cape May on Lafayette Street.

"I have plans to remove all the antennas on the water tower and put them on new cell towers off location," he said. "I plan on putting a 500-car parking lot next to the mall. I'd like to put a solar farm to offset the desalination plant electrical expenses. I plan on building 25 new homes in the urban HUD area."

DiSanto said Cape May should look at Ocean City, Md., with its thriving boat-



DiSANTO



MEIER



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ing industry.

Incumbent Meier said when businesses do well, the city's residents do well.

"When meter revenue is up, tax relief goes up," he said. "When beach tag sales are strong, the beach utility is strong and self-sustainable. When hotel

room occupancy is up, the tourism utility can promote the city more."

Meier said the city has worked with the chamber to produce a joint guidebook and expanded Oktoberfest. He said council listened to the mall merchants association's request to keep park-

ing meters operating on the mall until the end of December to discourage employee parking in prime spaces.

The city has more than 100 volunteers on its boards, commissions and committees, including business owners, Meier said.

"Before two years ago, we were a city that said

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## Girls Round Robin Tennis Tournament

The 16th annual High School Girls Round Robin Tennis Tournament was held Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Cape May Tennis Center. Participating schools were Lower Cape May Regional High School, Middle Township High School, Wildwood Catholic High School, Neshaminy High School and Jenkintown High School.

# Poll: Van Drew leads Grossman for House seat

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Democrat Jeff Van Drew holds a 23-percentage-point lead over Republican Seth Grossman, 55 to 32, in the battle for New Jersey's open 2nd Congressional District seat, according to a Sept. 19 Stockton University poll.

Van Drew, a state senator representing the First Legislative District (Cape May, Cumberland, parts of Atlantic counties), and Grossman, a former Atlantic City councilman and Atlantic County freeholder, are vying for incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo's seat. LoBiondo is retiring after 24 years in Congress.

Grossman has campaigned as an ally of President Donald Trump, who won the district by 5 percentage points in 2016.

However, according to the same poll, only 41 percent currently think Trump is doing a good or excellent job as president, with 49 percent grading him as poor and 10 percent as fair, according to the poll of 535 likely voters.

Van Drew is viewed favorably by 49 percent and

negatively by 11 percent. Forty percent are not familiar with him.

According to the poll, Grossman is largely unknown across the sprawling south Jersey district, with 60 percent unfamiliar with him. Grossman is viewed favorably by 20 percent and unfavorably by 20 percent.

Van Drew is doing better among his Democratic base (88 percent) than his opponent is among Republicans (65 percent), according to the poll.

The Democrat is attracting support from 17 percent of Republicans, compared to 2 percent of Democrats who support Grossman.

Van Drew said while he's "pleased" with the polling results, he's not going to "get puffed up or arrogant about it." He noted his campaign's internal polls show similar results.

"You just keep moving forward and you keep working hard and you don't take it for granted," Van Drew said. "I think that mostly I've tried over the years to be very independent, reach out to people as much as I can regardless of political party. It is some of what I

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# Andrzejczak, chiefs oppose recreational pot

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SWAINTON — Speaking at a marijuana symposium hosted by Cape Assist and the Cape May County Healthy Community Coalition, Assemblyman Robert Andrzejczak said he is not in favor of the legalization of recreational use of marijuana in New Jersey.

He said he and the First District legislative team, which includes state Sen. Jeff Van Drew, who is seeking a seat in the

House of Representatives in November, have a different opinion on legalization of recreational marijuana in New Jersey than a number of their counterparts in the Legislature.

Andrzejczak, D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic, said he is in favor of the extension of medical marijuana use in the state and decriminalization. While legalization brings in a significant amount of tax money to a state — hundreds of million of dollars to Colorado — he said

a lot of money is expended on the local level by municipalities and counties.

An earlier bill to legalize recreational marijuana in the state would tax sales of the drug at 25 percent. Andrzejczak said the latest version of the bill drops the tax to 10 percent.

"You're not going to receive a tax break from the state. That will be dedicated to other programs that are already in existence or programs that the governor is the process of creating," he said.

Municipalities and counties would see additional crime and an influx of people from other states seeking legalized marijuana, Andrzejczak said.

"You're going to see local taxes increase while state taxes remain the same," he said.

Andrzejczak said decriminalization of marijuana would save money because arrests would not be made for marijuana offenses, the courts would

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# Cyber security expert suggests long, complex passwords

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — You may want to change your passwords after you hear from Detective Kyle MacDonald, of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and a member of the State Police Cyber Crime Task Force.

Speaking during a Home-town Security Initiative on Sept. 18 in Cape May, he said using passwords with eight to 12 characters, numbers and letters "is not good

enough anymore."

He said his password to log onto his secure system at work is about 24 characters. MacDonald said he is asked how he remembers such a long password, which has uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and multiple special characters.

MacDonald said he remembers it because he no longer uses a password but instead uses a pass phrase. Adding complex characters to a password is not sufficient protection, he said.

"At minimum, you're going to want a 12- to 18-character password; the longer the better," MacDonald said. "The longer it is, the longer it's going to take to hack into it."

Instead of using the word "pizza" in a password, it is better to use a phrase such as "I like to eat pizza on the boardwalk." Add a year to that with a special character and uppercase letters, he said. MacDonald said any password can be broken given enough time.

He said in the past it was believed an eight-digit password with no numerals would take a computer about 15 minutes to break. With capital letters and numbers in eight digits, a computer could break it in a few minutes to two days, according to MacDonald. Adding special characters to a password will slow its discovery from one day to two weeks, he said.

MacDonald said the weakest link in the chain of cyber security is the user.

"A person can be fooled into giving out passwords. A person can be fooled into opening up their firewall. A person can be fooled into giving out information or paying money that they otherwise would not," MacDonald said.

A person's vital information can be obtained if he or she takes a quiz on social media such as which Harry Potter character he or she is most like, he said. A quiz may ask the person's age or date of birth, what kind of

cars he or she has owned and a favorite color.

"All of these questions relay into how to reset your password for accounts," MacDonald said.

He said bank account passwords can generally be reset with three questions. Information obtained from online quizzes can be entered into online bank accounts to try to determine a password, MacDonald said.

"Sometimes this happens

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