

City installs ADA beach mats parallel to Promenade

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Cape May Star and Wave

with limited mobility to get from the Promenade to the water's edge. Now, Cape May has installed a series of mats allowing people to traverse the beach parallel to the Promenade.

At a May 21 City Council meeting, City Manager Paul Dietrich said he believed Cape May was the first community in the state that has a beach mat that runs parallel to the ocean. He said he

could not take full credit for the project, crediting Mayor Zack Mullock as well.

Dietrich said the city received \$400,000 from a state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Small Cities Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) grant with the city matching a portion.

"We're buying an additional 12 ADA beach chairs and also re-decking in the fall the Mount Vernon beach access platform as part of that \$400,000 grant," he said.

A ribbon cutting for the new mats was held May 23 before a beach concert at Convention Hall.

"It does give somebody that does have some disabilities a chance to enjoy a little bit more of our beach than just coming straight out," Dietrich said.

Signs are posted stating bicycles and skateboards are not permitted on the new mats, while scooters and wheelchairs are permitted uses.

City solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz said beach mats are not covered by any city ordinance and the Promenade ordinance could accommodate the bike and skateboard prohibitions with an amendment.

In the meantime, the city manager can prohibit bikes on the new mats as a public



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Cape May has installed beach mats parallel to the Promenade to provide those with mobility issues a chance to traverse more of the beach than a straight shot to the water.

safety matter, he said.

During public comment, resident Jules Rauch said he watched an electric bike travel down the Promenade "somewhere between 25 and 30 mph."

"If we don't put a stop to it, we're going to have some serious accidents," he said. "Those things are a menace on a small area with the increase in people coming to the Promenade."

He encouraged City Council to ask police to be more

aggressive with enforcement.

Mullock said electric bicycles and scooters are not allowed on the Promenade.

Rauch said the city should consider licensing electric bicycles. Mullock said that was a state issue and he questioned how fast e-bikes can go before they are considered a moped.

Councilman Shaine Meier said he wished the city had the authority to confiscate e-bikes ridden on the Prom-

OBITUARIES

JOHN H. ANDRUS II, 83

John H. Andrus II, 83, of Ocean City, went to be with the Lord the morning of May 15, 2024.

He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, after a 4-year battle with metastatic prostate cancer.

John was born in Camden, NJ to Dr. David L. Andrus and Bertha Morrison Andrus. John learned to love the Jersey Shore in Cape May where the family summered.

According to John, the world went from black and white to technicolor during those summer months. During his summers in Cape May, John served as a lifeguard on the Queen Street Beach where he met and later married Florence

Branin; raised a family and began his long career in journalism.

John attended Ohio State University's School of Journalism and after graduation began writing for the Atlantic City Press, Cape May Bureau. John also wrote for the Wildwood Leader and became editor of the Cape May Star and Wave, and later for the Cape May Herald. He served as editor for the Ocean City Sentinel Ledger and The Reminder Newspaper in Millville. As a writer and editor, John kept abreast of the pulse of the Jersey Shore's regional political, environmental and social issues.

John was a founding member of the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts. He served in the New Jersey National Guard 253rd company (Honest John) out of Cape May Court House.

John was a generous man with a deep intellectual curiosity who saw the good in others. He was known for

his quick wit and charm, perpetually ready with a quip. He had a love of gardening and cooking.

He will be sadly missed by his friends and colleagues, and especially missed by his loving family: his children, Kristine Gentilini (Paul), John H. Andrus III (Rachel); grandchildren Reef and Skylar Gentilini (Paul), his companion of 30 years, Natalie Reed; his brothers, David L. Jr. (Edna), Bruce (Dawn) and Paul Andrus.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday, May 31, at Cape May Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St. in Cape May, where family and friends will be received from 10 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to CU Maurice River (cumauricriver.org) or NJ Audubon, CMBO, Cape May Point (njaudubon.org).

Visit spilkerfuneralhome.com to share condolences.

GLENFIELD W. KNIGHT SR., 85

Glenfield W. Knight Sr., 85, entered into eternal rest Wednesday, May 22 at his residence in West Cape May with his son by his side.

Born Oct. 16, 1938 in Camden, N.J., he was the son of the late William Leroy and Octavia Knight. He was graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he earned his Bach-

elor of Science in physical education and played on the football team.

He was on the New York Giants' taxi squad in 1961 and the New York Jets. After his stint in the NFL, he went on to serve as the Regional Director of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse for the State of New York. He enjoyed all sports, including bowling, and in his spare time enjoyed fishing and gardening.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife the late Mary Elizabeth (nee Murray) Knight (November 24, 2000); a brother John Thomas Knight Sr. and a

sister Shirley Moore.

Glen is survived by his son Glenfield W. Knight Jr.; nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Macedonia Baptist Church, 630 Lafayette St. in Cape May. Funeral services will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow on the grounds of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Road in North Cape May, has been entrusted with arrangements.



KNIGHT

and Octavia Knight. He was graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he earned his Bach-

Free shuttle service resumes in Cape May

CAPE MAY — The city has welcomed back free shuttle service this summer.

The shuttles will run from 4 to 10 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until June 9.

Beginning June 14, the shuttles will run seven days a week until Labor Day, Sept. 2, and then Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only through Oct 27.

Two shuttles will run the same route in opposite directions to provide the most efficient service. Shuttle stop signs are posted on both sides of the street throughout the city, marking

waiting areas for riders.

The route will be highlighted at capemaycity.com/capemayfree-shuttle and in a brochure that will be available at Convention Hall, hotels and other establishments throughout Cape May.

The Jitney Surfer App will also be available for patrons to view the location of the jitneys on their smart phones and alert drivers for a pickup. The app is available on Google Play and the App Store.

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Cape May roadwork

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hole in a drainage pipe. The city patched its water main under the county's drain-pipe after the pipes collapsed on each other, Dietrich said.

Construction of restrooms has started at Kiwanis Park. Council offered verbal approval of a \$29,806 change order for the project. He said the cost was for electrical service and a pump station for the restrooms.

Dietrich said when the project was developed, the site engineer indicated the contractor had coordinated utility service at the building but that did not

take place. When bids were sought, the electrical work and pump station were not included. Electrical service and a pump station need to be installed, he said.

In addition, construction of public restrooms has begun on the Promenade, next to Convention Hall.

Dietrich reported on a motion picture being filmed in Cape May prior to Memorial Day weekend. The movie was entitled "A Complete Unknown," based on lyrics from Bob Dylan's song "Like a Rolling Stone." The movie stars Timothée Chalamet as a young Bob Dylan as a performer in the Newport Folk Festival in 1965.

The city received few complaints of disruptions from the filming, he said. Dietrich said the city was working with the state to become a certified film location.

"The film crew spent around \$250,000, and that was just the film company in town," he said. "The city received around \$90,000 for the manpower, effort and work that we accommodated for the film, and that doesn't include the individual spending of all the crew and the cast."

"We hope to have a film presentation at Convention Hall or outside on the beach when the movie is released," Dietrich said.

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