

City finishing projects funded with state grants

Park accessibility, backup water line nearly finished, beach wheelchairs arrive

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CAPE MAY — A backup water line, accessibility improvements to Kiwanis Park and beach wheelchairs were all a part of City Manager Paul Dietrich's update for council and the public on three projects with state Department of Community Affairs funding.

Before Independence Day weekend, the city started a project to tap into an existing water main to isolate Well 8 to provide a separate water feed from that well if water cannot be drawn from Well 6.

Mayor Zack Mullock

said if one well were shut down, the city could bypass it and use a duplicate pipeline.

He said the additional water line would have no effect on the city's desalination plant.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to Kiwanis Park on Madison Avenue were 99 percent complete. Dietrich said the park is open and Camp Cape May has been meeting at the site.

"The kids have really been giving the park an extra workout," he said.

In a separate project, the city hopes to have restrooms open in the park and on the Promenade in

August. Mullock said improvements to the park have made it safer and more accessible for everyone.

Dietrich said the city hoped to extend the park's ADA accessible path to the Cape May Tennis Club through the Emmlen Physick Estate to Washington Street.

The city installed a series of mats allowing peo-

ple to traverse the beach parallel to the Promenade. The city received \$400,000 from a state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Small Cities-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) grant and matched a portion.

Dietrich said council approved a change order to purchase 12 ADA beach chairs that arrived last week.

"The last part of that puzzle will be reconstructing the Mount Vernon (Avenue) elevated accessway, and that's a project that Public Works will be taking on as one of their projects for the winter," he said.

Mullock called the Mount Vernon beach a "hidden gem."

Dietrich and Mullock thanked Public Works

employees for their hard work and diligence.

"The paint is fresh, the streets are clean, the flowers are beautiful," Councilman Shaine Meier said. "I just think Cape May looks so beautiful because of you folks."

Police Chief Dekon Fashaw said his department contacts Public Works frequently, even in the middle of the night.

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