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ERMA — Long a white elephant occupying a huge parcel of land at the county airport, the Everlon Building now has a date with the wrecking ball.

County Department of Public Works engineer Nancy Mauro, addressing a Jan. 12 meeting of the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce, said the Everlon Building would be demolished as part of an overall redevelopment plan of the airport. The former garment factory has been closed for decades.

Signs posted on the building's exterior warn of an asbestos hazard within.

"We have plans to remediate and demolish that building by September 2018," Mauro said. "It will be taken down, finally."

A new plan for the airport is being implemented from the county in partnership with the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA), which operates the airport.

She said the airport is exempt from Coastal Area Facilities Review Act (CAFRA) regulations to encourage development. Mauro said the airport is more than 800

acres, with 275 acres developed as an industrial park.

Hornet Road, the main thoroughfare into the airport, will be widened by 60 feet and receive landscaping including benches and ornamental grasses and flowers, she said.

In order to accommodate extra traffic, Breakwater Road will receive an improved left-turn lane. To encourage pedestrians, a sidewalk will begin at Breakwater Road and extend along Hornet Road, down Ranger Road to the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum, Mauro said.

A new parking lot will be constructed near Building 96, home of Cape May Brewing Co. The parking lot of the Lower Township Public Safety Building will also be improved, she said, as well as the Fare Free transportation parking lot.

Mauro noted the DRBA just completed building a multitenant building on Ranger Road with 10 units that are already 70 percent rented. She said an additional rental building would be constructed on Ranger Road.

"One of the occupants in this new See DRBA, county, Page A2

E-ZPass on bridges among upgrades to area infrastructure

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NORTH CAPE MAY — Traffic backups at county toll bridges are common in summer, but that may soon be aided by the implementation of E-ZPass.

Speaking to a Jan. 12 meeting of the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce, Freeholder Will Morey, who is director of economic development and planning, said the county Bridge Commission is hoping to introduce E-ZPass to the county's bridges this spring.

"Anyone who has waited in line at bridges knows there is not a lot of economic stimulation going on when you're sitting waiting for the bridge," Morey said.

He said E-ZPass would increase income, enabling the county to better maintain the bridge system. Morey said efforts are being relaunched to build a new Middle Thorofare Bridge linking Route 109 in Lower Township to Diamond Beach/Wildwood Crest. The

current bridge from Two Mile Island is limited to vehicles no larger than 15 tons, he said.

Morey said the cost of replacing the Middle Thorofare Bridge would be about \$200 million.

He said he believes in the "tide and wave" approach to economic development.

"We want to work generally on stimulating economic development through things like Workforce Development Board, jobs, education and trying to look to raise the tide," he said.

Morey noted the growth of wineries in Cape May County as a tremendous development in agriculture, tourism and jobs. About two years ago, the county joined hands with the wineries to file an application with the American Viticulture Society to designate this area as a specific region that is currently a part of the Outer Coastal Plain Region. He said a subset region would be known as the Cape May Peninsula Region.

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JCP&L work back on track

Jersey Central Power & Light acquires a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection to proceed with work at the former manufactured gas plant site on Lafayette Street. Page A3.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CCA exhibit honors Moore

Principal, tennis pro left lasting legacy

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CAPE MAY — William J. Moore, who served as principal for 52 years at the segregated West Cape May Elementary School Annex, as an executive of Cape May Golf Club and a pro at Cape May Tennis Club, is the subject of an exhibit created by the Center for Community Arts.

The exhibit opened on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities' Carroll Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate.

The exhibit notes: "Although Moore's grandparents and even his father had been slaves, he never let himself be defined by that. Rather their struggle for freedom and education was his legacy. That is what inspired Moore."

Those who play tennis in Cape May likely play at the William J. Moore Tennis Center located next to the Physick Estate. Moore supervised the building of the courts in 1962. The tennis center opened in 1966 on his 90th birthday.

On his 100th birthday, he was honored at the tennis center despite having broken his hip playing tennis three days prior to the event. Moore was transported to the event in an ambulance. He held the distinction of being the oldest living professional tennis player in America.

After graduating from Howard University, he taught briefly in Greenspring, Del., and West Chester, Pa., and moved to West Cape May. Moore called the residents of the borough "sober and industrious, interested in their homes and families and had learned from bitter experiences how they were handicapped by a lack of education."

Mayor Chuck Lear described Moore as a "local



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An exhibit honoring William J. Moore, who served as principal for 52 years at the segregated West Cape May Elementary School Annex, opened Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in the Carroll Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate.

treasure" and a "Renaissance man."

Center for Community Arts Executive Director David Mackenzie said a real estate agent who was in the process of selling Moore's house called the center stating a few boxes of his materials were inside the home. Mackenzie said the CCA received about a dozen boxes of Moore's papers. Among the papers on display is a letter from President Richard Nixon congratulating Moore on his 100th birthday.

The exhibit will be open from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Feb. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, and from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. The exhibit will be open daily from March 18 to April 9 with varying hours. For more information, visit capemaymac.org.

The William J. Moore Scholarship Foundation will hold a fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. March 12 at Willow Creek Winery.



The tennis courts in Cape May and a scholarship foundation are part of Moore's lasting legacy.

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