

# Run for the Fallen starts with lighthouse ceremony

Cape May Star and Wave

VILLAS — One mile. One flag. One hero. That's the motto of a four-day, 190-plus-mile memorial run that will make its way up the New Jersey coastline Sept. 21-25 to honor fallen servicemen and servicewomen.

New Jersey Run for the Fallen will start the evening of Sept. 21 with a

flag-lowering ceremony at Sunset Beach at 5:30 p.m. to begin the event dedicated to all New Jersey fallen service members.

The run starts at 8 a.m. Sept. 22 at the Cape May Lighthouse and heads north to the finish Sept. 25 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, Monmouth County. The mission is to run one mile for each New Jersey service member

who has died while serving our country on active duty during the following wars and conflicts: Marine barracks bombing, Beirut, Lebanon; Operation Restore Hope, Somalia (Black Hawk down); Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the first Gulf War); 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon; and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The core running team

is made up of active-duty military personnel, moving at an 8-minute-mile pace carrying the U.S. flag, the New Jersey state flag and the "Honor and Remember" flag. The core teams each run seven-mile sections.

The team stops at each mile along the route at hero markers for New Jersey residents killed in battle. The team pres-

ents an American flag and a personal biographical card to the waiting family members, friends and comrades. Those family members and friends often choose to join the core running team for their soldier's mile.

Lower Cape May Regional High School graduate Michael Scusa, 22, an Army sergeant killed Oct. 3, 2009, in Kamdesh, Af-

ghanistan, will be honored at about 10:18 a.m. in front of Lower Cape May Regional High School.

Scusa, a 2005 LCMRHS graduate, lived in Villas. He grew up in Nebraska, moved to Cape May County in 1999, and enlisted in the Army out of high school.

The route and biographies of the honored service members are available at [njrunforthefallen.com](http://njrunforthefallen.com).

## Local man admits killing Johnny Cash's great-niece

COOKEVILLE, Tn. — Cape May resident Wayne Masciarella, 27, pleaded guilty Sept. 13 to second-degree murder in the 2014 death of Courtney Cash, 23, great-niece of legendary country singer Johnny Cash.

Masciarella is expected to be sentenced to 15 years in prison. He is also accused of stabbing William Austin Johnson, her boyfriend who

survived the attack.

According to a news report in the Tennessean, former Putnam County Sheriff David Andrews said Masciarella had a dispute with Johnson and Cash at their home before he allegedly stabbed them both and fled. The three were believed to be friends, the sheriff said.

According to USA Today, after the attack, Johnson

took their 20-month-old daughter to a nearby hospital. The baby was not injured but Johnson was treated for multiple wounds.

When police arrived at their home, they found the body of Courtney Cash hidden in a cedar box, according to the Tennessean. She was the granddaughter of Tommy Cash, the brother of the late Johnny Cash.

## Borough to revisit liquor sales

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quirements are to prevent a location from becoming a bar, according to the commissioners.

The commission addressed the issue of tree removal. The cost of removing a tree far exceeds the cost of a permit from the Shade Tree Commission, according to Deputy Mayor Peter Burke. An arborist has to be consulted before a tree over a certain size can be removed. Since there are no longer grants available to the Shade Tree Commission, the cost would have to be passed onto the applicant.

The ordinance related to property maintenance was again discussed relative to what is considered a lawn or vegetation. Borough Solicitor Frank Corrado said that he would meet with Code Enforcement to refine the language of the current ordinance relative to the height of lawn grasses.

Borough Engineer Ray Roberts, of Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers, reported that projects are proceeding. Two pump station projects are almost complete. The renovation of the public works building as a water/sewerage building is progressing. The costs are anticipated to be below the budgeted amount.

He continued with his report that the purchase of the emergency generator has been contracted. There have been a few problems

with continuing alarms at the Broadway sewer pump station but it is being worked on with the contractor. Because there is a moratorium on road work by the State Department of Transportation (NJDOT), costs to be reimbursed for the Green Street project will not be available until the moratorium is lifted he said.

Two new issues raised at the work session were underage drinking and loitering. Cape Assist has asked the commission to set forth an ordinance that will make teens take responsibility for drinking under the legal age. Sabo said that the borough continually supports Cape Assist. Corrado said that the responsibility cannot be solely the teens, it has to be shared with the parents especially in the case of home parties.

The judge hearing cases of loitering and disorderly conduct, which is a criminal offense, has asked for the commission to institute an ordinance for a minor offense with a fine payable to the borough. The alternative would be available for plea bargaining and would not be a criminal offense.

Also part of new business at the work session, the commission agreed that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) should move forward in its plan to achieve Certified Local Government Designation. The designation would make the borough eligible for grants. With the help

of the Zoning Official, the commissioners agreed, the required documentation of houses and the incorporating of them into the Master Plan could be done. This project will be passed on to the Planning Board whose membership includes an HPC member.

The commission approved contributing its share for the cost of an expert witness in the ongoing litigation of a coalition of municipalities against the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

The regular meeting included reports from the commissioners Burke and Sabo. Burke asked that we all remember the flight crews on the planes Sept. 11, 2001. As a member of a flight crew, he stated that his airline crews wear pins as a memorial. The renovation of the Public Works building for a Water/Sewer building is coming along and he invited all to inspect it.

Sabo added that the fire department's celebration of their new fire truck will be 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. She added that residents are invited to attend. She also wanted to acknowledge that the past weekend was National Suicide Prevention Day. She asks that people be aware of the help that is available by calling the suicide prevention hotline (800) 273-8255 to report people who appear to want to harm themselves.

The meeting concluded with a closed session relative to the contract negotiations and the borough assessor.



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New playground equipment was installed on Cape May City Elementary School's portion of Lafayette Street Park in time for the school year to start.

## Students help cut ribbon

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county Open Space Board with a \$1.1 million grant, he said.

"That area will include a tennis court, paddle ball, pickle ball, basketball, up-to-date, state-of-the-art dog park, sitting areas, picnic areas, bocce, shuffleboard and general active recreational areas," Mahaney said.

He said phase four would encompass restoring and creating new nature trails behind the property. Mahaney said the total project would be about a \$7 million investment, with the city contributing \$500,000 via a loan from the state Green Acres Program.

He said the park would continue to make the school desirable to attend. Mahaney said the city has taken over replacement of the school's swimming pool at a cost of about \$2 million.

School Superintendent Victoria Zelenak said students were thrilled with their new playground in the park on the first day of school.

"We heard remarks like, 'This is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in all my whole life,' 'It looks like the zoo,' 'It looks like



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Cape May Mayor Edward Mahaney and school Superintendent Victoria Zelenak stand at the podium during the ceremony to dedicate the new park Sept. 13.

Disney World," she said.

She said phase one of the park was the first time anything has been done to the property in 50 years. Zelenak said the park phase enhances the school so much that new gardens may be planted on school grounds to complement it.

Students were allowed to play on the multipurpose field for the first time at the dedication ceremony due to it being off limits until sod became established. Snow fencing is cordoning off areas next to playground

equipment until grass seed has time to germinate

"It was wonderful to have it open on the first day of school," Zelenak said.

Mahaney said the grassy area was regulation size for field hockey, lacrosse and soccer. The field can be lighted at night, he said. The field will continue to be used to land Medevac helicopters to transport patients, Mahaney said.

Fifth-grade student Jada Rivera, who has attended the school since preschool, cut the ribbon.

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