

# Year in Review

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find a way to keep kids off drugs. An initial survey indicated there was little to occupy the time of youth here and few career opportunities.

**Man pleads guilty to shooting drone:** Russell Perenti, of Cold Spring, pleaded guilty Feb. 12 to using a shotgun to shoot at a drone flying over his house. According to the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, the drone was taking aerial photos of a home under construction.

**Two charged in teen's death:** Charles Mosley and Derrick Powers were arrested Feb. 19 and charged with first-degree murder during the course of a sexual assault in the December 2015 homicide of 15-year-old Nicole Angstadt. She was reported missing from her Erma residence Dec. 1, 2015. Her body was discovered in a crawlspace of a Rio Grande home.

**Lower seeks MUA cash for budget:** In a 3-2 vote that fell along party lines, Lower Township Council requested \$205,000 from the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the municipal budget for the second consecutive year. In 2015, the township used the \$205,000 to pay the salaries of four new police officers.

## March

**Armed bank robber still at large:** Township police, the county Prosecutor's Office and FBI were continuing an investigation of an armed robbery Feb. 25 of Crest Savings Bank at 3306 Bayshore Road. Bank employees stated a male wearing a ski mask holding a dark-colored handgun demanded money. After obtaining the money, the male fled across Bayshore Road into a wooded area.

**MUA approves \$240,000 for township budget:** The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority approved \$240,000 to be turned over to Lower Township to reduce any tax increase.

**Public Safety Building construction to begin in fall:** Reconstruction of the building will begin immediately after Labor Day, with the building being vacated other than Lower Township police. Lower Township Municipal Court will move to the meeting room of Township Hall in Villas.

**Lower GOP supports Simonsen:** The Lower Township Republican Organization endorsed Erik Simonsen and Frank Sippel as candidates for mayor and deputy mayor. Sippel retired as a command sergeant major from the New Jersey Army National Guard after 32 years of service. Simonsen is assistant principal at the Richard M. Teitelman School.

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**\*\*Why Him? R 11:10, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20**

**Office Christmas Party R 9:55**

**Moana PG 10:20, 1:10, 3:50, 7:05**

**\*\*Collateral Beauty PG-13 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40**

**\*\*2D Assassin's Creed PG-13 1:40, 6:50, 10:10**

**\*\*3D Assassin's Creed PG-13 10:40, 4:10**

**\*\*2D Passengers PG-13 10:50, 4:20, 7:10**

**\*\*3D Passengers PG-13 1:20, 9:50**

**\*\*2D Sing PG 10:10, 12:50, 6:40**

**\*\*3D Sing PG 3:40, 9:30**

**Body cameras for police:** Township Council approved the purchase of 46 body cameras for Lower Township police at a cost of \$89,951, of which \$23,000 would be paid from the state Attorney General's Office. The cameras have a recording time of nine hours.

## April

**Lower sells public safety building to county:** In a 3-2 vote falling along party lines, with Republicans supporting the measure and independents casting "no" votes, Township Council approved the sale of the Public Safety Building to the county for \$1. Council also approved a bond/lease agreement with the county to use half the building after reconstruction.

**Ferry in dry dock:** Results of an underwater inspection of the hull-plate and some welds of the MV New Jersey of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry fleet resulted in an unscheduled dry-docking of the ship. It reduced the fleet temporarily to one vessel due to the MV Delaware being out of service to receive new engines.

**Move the Wires:** Lower Township Council approved a contract with Atlantic City Electric to relocate anchors for utility poles blocking a connection between the Lower Township and Middle Township bicycle paths. According to a resolution approved by council April 4, the cost of relocating the anchors



Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE  
The county Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a resolution in May to purchase the circa 1730 Judge Nathaniel Foster home. Lower Township will use it as a museum.

was estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

**A capital idea:** With its 2016 budget approved with no tax increase to property owners, Lower Township Council approved a \$2.1 million capital improvements bond ordinance to purchase items ranging from police to a trash truck for public works.

For public safety, the ordinance authorized purchases of \$324,209 for a body camera system, an Alcotest machine, field force riot gear, vehicle security boxes, a weapons storage cabinet, tire deflation device, defibrillators and video surveillance equipment.

## May

**Szczur's grand slam assured Cubs win:** At his one at-bat for the Chicago Cubs on April 29, Lower Cape May Regional High School graduate Matt Szczur hit his first career grand slam in a five-run eighth inning, giving the Cubs a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Szczur said he just wanted to put the ball in the air and get a player across the plate. He put the ball in the air and over the leftfield fence. It was his second homerun of the season.

**Grant to help ferry repower vessels:** The Federal Transit Administration awarded the Cape May-Lewes Ferry a \$6 million grant to help repower and retrofit the MV New Jersey and MV Cape Henlopen.

**Lower moves court:** Lower Township Municipal Court moved to Township Hall beginning May 17. Court would temporarily operate from the meeting room in Township Hall until reconstruction is completed of the Public Safety Building at the county airport.

The construction and planning offices were moved to the building next to Township Hall, where they resided for a number of years.

**Foster House to be preserved:** The county Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a resolution to purchase the circa 1730 Judge Nathaniel Foster home from the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society. The home will be conveyed to Lower Township, which plans to restore the home for use as a museum.

## June

**Afternoon dog ban in effect on beaches:** A ban on dogs on the beaches of North Cape May and Lower Township from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. went into effect until Labor Day.

Leashed animals are permitted any time of day during the off-season. The ordinance not only protects residents who would like to have beach hours without dog distractions but it protects pets on the beach during the heat of the day, according to a Lower Township news release.

**MUA planning to install new water mains on Roseann Avenue:** The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority was working with the township to integrate the replacement of water mains on Roseann Avenue with a major flood-control project the township is undertaking at that location.

**Ferry comes home with new engines:** The MV Delaware, one of three active vessels in the Cape May-Lewes Ferry fleet, returned home with two new engines following a five-month dry-docking. The MV Delaware's two new Electro-Motive Divi-

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