



## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE:**

*July 5, 2018*

Another Independence Day has come and gone – and what a great day it was! From start to finish, Sea Isle City was bustling with activity on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and everywhere you turned it was clear that people were enjoying themselves. I would like to thank all of our City employees for ensuring that everything went smoothly yesterday, including our Police Department, Department of Public Works, Beach Patrol, Beach Tag Department, Recreation Office and Tourism Office. My thanks also go to the members of the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City, who donated their time and efforts to lead hundreds of children through Sea Isle's wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> Junior Olympics competition on Wednesday morning. Thank you all!

Even though the excitement of the summer season is what many people focus on when they come to Sea Isle City during this time of year, rest assured that your City employees are very much focused on providing all the necessary services that make each of our seasons memorable. With that in mind, one concept that is continually in the forefront of our thoughts is improving the flooding that occasionally occurs in our community. As you may recall, the City launched a comprehensive Flood Mitigation Study in 2017, which is closely examining all aspects of our drainage systems. That study will result in a Flood Mitigation Report, which will be delivered to the City at the end of August – and we are greatly looking forward to learning what it says. Moreover, the City is already planning to install a new pump station at 38<sup>th</sup> Street, which we anticipate will greatly help reduce flooding in that area. Bids for the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station Project will be accepted at City Hall until 2:00 p.m. on July 18, at which time we expect to determine the lowest responsible bidder and move forward with that important effort.

Now that the heat and humidity of the summer season have arrived, I remind everyone to use caution whenever you are out in the elements. In addition to applying sun block to yourself and your children, please take all necessary precautions to avoid the dangers of heat stroke. Also, please keep an eye on older family members and neighbors to ensure that they are well, and never leave your children or your pets in a vehicle unattended. And speaking of your pets, remember that hot asphalt can easily harm their paws – just as hot sand can quickly blister your children's feet. In short, always think "safety first" when it comes to the summer heat.

Just as sure as the summer is heating up – so is Sea Isle City's line-up of entertainment and activities. Don't miss our weekly concerts, movies and other events at the Excursion Park Band Shell, and be sure to check-out the other listings that are included on this year's Calendar of Events. Go to [www.VISITSICNJ.com](http://www.VISITSICNJ.com) or stop by the Welcome Center and speak with a City employee to learn all about what's happening in Sea Isle City throughout the year!

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio