



MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

January 4, 2018

During this wonderful holiday season, the property owners of Sea Isle City received a very nice gift from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. On December 26, I had the pleasure of announcing that Sea Isle has achieved a "Class 3" rating with FEMA's Community Rating System, which means the owners of compliant properties will receive a 35% discount on flood insurance premiums beginning May, 2018. This newest rating (which "leap-frogs" us from Class 5 to Class 3 status) puts Sea Isle City among the top-ten communities in the entire Country in the eyes of FEMA's CRS Program – and we are the only community to reach Class 3 status in the State of New Jersey. That's what I call "good news."

When our 35% flood insurance discount goes into effect in May, it will result in an overall savings of approximately \$1.9 million for Sea Isle City's property owners – that's approximately \$500,000 in additional savings overall for local flood insurance policy holders. I am sure we can all agree that these figures are "no small potatoes."

Obviously, this new Class 3 rating is very good news for our home and business owners, and it is something we can all be proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sea Isle's Flood Plain Manager Neil Byrne and City Solicitor Paul Baldini – and our community as a whole – for helping us reach this worthwhile goal. As I have said many times in the past, "there is nothing we can't achieve when we work together as a community" – and, clearly, FEMA has just confirmed that concept!

Wishing you and yours a very happy and healthy 2018! I hope this is your best year yet!

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonard C. Desiderio".

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio