



MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

January 3, 2019

As the New Year begins, we turn our attention to fine-tuning Sea Isle City's 2019 Municipal Budget and finalizing plans for the approaching summer season, which we expect will be our best ever because there are a lot of exciting things happening in the year ahead. Those who enjoy spending time in Sea Isle City can expect another great summer on our beaches and an electrifying selection of entertainment options at the Excursion Park Band Shell, including city-sponsored concerts, movies, family dance parties, festivals and special events – each of which has been included in our 2019 budget. As our city employees continue to perfect our entertainment line-up and recreation activities for the year ahead, that information will be available on Sea Isle City's Visitors Website, www.VISITSICNJ.com, which is the only website you need when planning to spend time in "The Capital of Cape May County."

In addition to supplying first-rate entertainment and other tourism-related services – and continually upholding our standards for public safety and cleanliness – we are also focusing on a variety of important Capital Projects in 2019, such as installing new electronic flood alert signs that will warn motorists of rising waters in flood-prone areas. Additionally, we have plans for a new Fishing Pier & Kayak Launch at Dealy Field, which we believe will be a very popular attraction for anglers, paddlers and anyone who wants to spend some quiet time enjoying unobstructed views of the bay under the facility's gazebo. The Cape May County Open Space Review Board recently outlined Sea Isle's future Fishing Pier and Kayak Launch to the County Freeholders – and the Freeholders liked what they saw. In the near future, the County Freeholders will vote to determine if the Open Space Review Board can fully fund that project, so look for good news about our plans for a Fishing Pier and Kayak Launch in upcoming E-Newsletters.

Another important Capital Project that's in the works is the installation of a new Pump Station at 38th Street, which should alleviate flooding in that area. As anyone who lives along the Jersey Shore can tell you, there are certain challenges that come with life on a barrier island – and flooding is at the top of that list. Here in Sea Isle City, we will continue to take the lead and find ways to alleviate flooding whenever possible. As I have said in the past, mitigating flooded streets is one of our top priorities, so you can rest assured that your elected officials and the City's Administration will "keep our eyes on the ball" as we make improvements to our community and step confidently into the future.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2019!

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

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

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

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