## ***PROJECT UPDATES:*** *June 27, 2024*

*In accordance with our typical practice, now that the summer season is here, we try to limit the amount of construction taking place on public property in order to minimize the disruption to our residents and visitors, as for many this time of the year is precious. However, this summer this is one exception to that policy: the construction of Sea Isle City's future Community Center, which involves some short-term inconveniences that will result in long-term benefits for our community. Also, we are in the process of preparing and putting into place plans for the next round of capital improvements throughout the City. As these projects move forward through the design, bidding, and construction phases, we will continue to provide you with updates on their progress.*

### New Community Center

Following an asbestos removal process, Sea Isle City's former public-school building at 4501 Park Road was demolished in the spring of 2023. During the summer of 2023, surcharge soil was placed on the property as part of Phase 1 Site Preparations for Sea Isle City's future Community Center. Then, after a four-month review process of our construction documents by the New Jersey State Comptroller's Office, the project went out to bid; and on February 27, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $21,093,000 to Ernest Bock & Sons, of Philadelphia, for the construction of the Community Center.

On March 5, 2024, a pre-construction meeting took place, attended by numerous representatives from Bock & Sons, as well as Architect Henry Hengchua, the Project Managers, Mayor Desiderio, the City's Business Administrator, and several other City officials.

In April 2023, Bock & Sons began to mobilize equipment on the site. Since then, an electric service pole was installed, test pilings were driven, and unwanted vegetation and debris were removed in preparation for the installation of the foundation pilings and the foundation itself. Also, storm water drainage pipes have been installed, underground utility work has been completed around the perimeter of the building, and the installation of the foundation pilings is underway.

This project is on schedule. Construction of the Community Center is expected to be completed in the autumn of 2025.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The contractor has closed the sidewalks adjacent to the construction site along 45th and 46th Streets, however the sidewalks along Park Road and Central Avenue are open to pedestrians.

The photos below of the Community Center's construction site were taken on June 27…


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## Beach Replenishment

A beach replenishment project recently took place to increase the amount of sand on Sea Isle City's beaches near the downtown area (approximately 29th to 52nd Street) and at the south-end of town (approximately 74th to 94th Street). The contractor, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, began dredging operations during the first week of April on Sea Isle's south-end beaches, and afterwards began work in the downtown area. All replenishment work was completed during the week of June 3, and Great Lakes has demobilized their equipment from the beaches – however, there is work still to be completed on some of the beach entrances. This replenishment project was completed through a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the City of Sea Isle City.

## Dog Park and Picnic Pavilion

During the summer of 2023, Sea Isle City received confirmation that the Cape May County Open Spaces Board would fund the construction of a new Dog Park in Sea Isle's north-end (between 6th and 8th Street). Then, on August 22, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $967,931.00 to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, of Malaga, NJ, for the construction of the dog park, and work began on the project in the autumn of 2023. All work has been completed on the park's two fenced-in areas (for large and small dogs), shade structures, water stations, "playground" fixtures, benches, waste receptacles, bike racks, bicycle repair station, landscaping, flagpoles, parking areas, cement pathways, and picnic pavilion. Mayor Desiderio hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony on May 4, 2024; and Sea Isle City's Dog Park is now open to the public. To learn more about the Dog Park, please go to https://visitsicnj.com/dogpark .

## 75th Street Bulkhead

On June 11, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $281,050 to R. A. Walters & Sons, Inc. of Cape May Court House, NJ for the replacement of the bulkhead at 75th Street. A work schedule will be set in the fall.

## Storm Sewer Repair – 324 45th Place

On March 26, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $66,010.00 to Think Pavers, of Mt. Royal, NJ, for the repair and replacement of the storm sewer, which by an easement runs through the above referenced property. A preconstruction video was completed; and work on this project has been completed.

## ADA Ramps to the Promenade

On January 23, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $298,500.00 to R. A. Walters, of Cape May Court House, NJ, for the construction of ADA-compliant ramps leading to the Promenade at the 51st Street and 53rd Street street-ends. A preconstruction meeting took place on February 12, 2024. The 53rd Street ramp is completed and is open to the public. The 51st Street ramp is also open to the public, however there are several punch list items that are being addressed.

## Water Main Replacement – 31st Street

On January 23, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $186,660.20 to Mathis Construction, of Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ, for water main replacement and service renewals on 31st Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue). A preconstruction meeting took place on February 14, 2024. The replacement of the water main has been completed.

## Roadway Reconstruction – 46th Place

On September 12, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $215,636.00 to Think Pavers and Hardscape, of Mt. Royal, NJ, for the reconstruction of 46th Place. A preconstruction meeting took place on November 14, 2023. The concrete and storm sewer work has been completed, and all paving has been completed.

## Asbestos Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Water Line Work

On March 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $457,737.25 to Perna Finnigan, Inc., of Vineland, NJ, for the following work:

- Asbestos Cement Sanitary Sewer replacement on 40th Street (Central Avenue to Landis Avenue).
- Water Services as needed on 40th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue).
- Water Main replacement on Central Avenue (40th Street to West Jersey Avenue).

A pre-construction meeting took place on March 15, 2023. The water main replacement has been completed on Central Avenue. The Sanitary Sewer replacement on 40th Street has been completed, and the contractor has connected the properties on the street. An add-on to this project addressed improvements to the sanitary sewer on Cini Street (36th Street to 38th Street) and in the vicinity of VFW Post 1963, which has been completed. Most of the ditches involved with this project have been asphalted. The water main tie-in and trench paving have been completed.

## Roadway Reconstruction – Central Avenue / 40th Street

On October 10, 2023, City Council awarded a contract to Think Pavers, of Mt. Royal, NJ, in the amount of $505,439 for the reconstruction of Central Avenue (JFK Boulevard to 36th Street), and 40th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue). A pre-construction meeting took place on November 14, 2023. The curb and driveway berm work has been completed, and paving has been completed. This project is completed.

## Roadway Reconstruction – Central Avenue (56th to 69th)

On March 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $773,800 to Arawak Paving Company, Inc., of Hammonton, NJ, for the reconstruction of Central Avenue (56th Street to 69th Street). A pre-construction meeting took place on March 21, 2023; and a second pre-construction meeting took place on August 30, 2023. All work on this project has been completed.

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