



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

July 30, 2020

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, we are forced to cancel most of the events that were scheduled for this year's Fall Family Festival Weekend in September. Because huge crowds gather each year for the festival's vendors market, food court and family-friendly activities, we simply do not feel that they can be held in a safe manner. However, as was the case during this year's Skimmer Festival in June, we still plan to hold our Fall Festival Antique Auto Show on Sunday, September 20, along the Promenade, which can be held with social distancing. After the awards are presented to the winners of this year's auto show, we will then have the annual Fall Festival Antique Auto Parade at 1:30 p.m. on September 20.

Additionally, in lieu of this year's Fall Festival Vendors Market along the Promenade, I am inviting all Sea Isle City businesses to participate in a city-wide Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, September 19. Details about that event will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Philadelphia sports fans will be happy to learn that a "Flyers Caravan" is coming to Sea Isle City on August 10 at 5:30 p.m., at which time the Flyers will host a socially-distanced "Mobile Pep Rally" along Fish Alley and other streets of our community. The Mobile Pep Rally will include Flyers alumni, Gritty (the wild-eyed Flyers Mascot), and other festive participants. This event promises to be a fun time for all Flyers enthusiasts, so please read the special section of this week's E-Newsletter for more details and plan on being in Sea Isle City on August 10.

We all know that these are economically challenging times for our nation and the world – including for small business owners. Knowing this, I once again encourage everyone to "shop locally" and support our community's businesses whenever you can. We have amazing shops, fantastic restaurants and other fine businesses here in Sea Isle City – and each one is doing all they can to provide the products and services that the people of our town need and desire. Case in point, many of our restaurants traditionally do not provide take-out services, yet many of them are now providing wonderful meals-to-go that people are enjoying in their homes rather than in the restaurant's indoor dining rooms. Because these are such unusual circumstances for our local businesses and their customers, I thank everyone for their patience and consideration as we support Sea Isle City's business community.

This week's "Shout Out" goes to New Jersey native and gold-winning U.S. Olympic Gymnast Laurie Hernandez, who was recently spotted in Sea Isle City's Azzurra Pizzeria. We are always happy to have celebrities in town, and we wish Laurie all the best in her athletic career!

As always, please stay safe, stay well, remain optimistic, and remember that we are all one Sea Isle City – and together we will be stronger than ever!

Sincerely,

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

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