



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 15, 2026

This week, the city entered into an agreement with the Borough of Avalon to dredge Townsends Inlet at the southern tip of Sea Isle. The channel that provides passage through the inlet under the bridge has become severely choked due to sand buildup, which has impacted safe navigation. The inlet is a vital passageway not only for recreational boating, but for commercial boating as well. The opportunity to address this issue now came about due to the current replenishment of Avalon's beaches, and the fact that the borrow site for Avalon's project is in close proximity to the area required to be dredged in Townsends Inlet. To achieve this project now required the cooperation of multiple government agencies, along with engineering and planning coordination between Sea Isle and Avalon. The city council message in this newsletter details the costs for this project, which includes funds from Sea Isle, Avalon, Cape May County, and the Bridge Commission. The work is expected to begin next week. I want to thank everyone involved for their contributions to this effort - our neighbors in Avalon, the NJDEP, the Army Corps of Engineers, Cape May County, the Bridge Commission, the engineers and regulators who expedited the process, our congressman Jeff Van Drew, and the City Council.

This project is an example of how government should work to get things done.

Staying on the topic of public projects, the administration is currently in the process of preparing our annual capital plan for various capital improvements and acquisitions. Each year, we draft a five-year plan for presentation to the city council at a public workshop. The capital plan workshop is scheduled for November 10, at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. I want to remind everyone that the voting location for all districts is now at the Community Center, located in the 4500 block of Central Avenue.

As a reminder, our city street sweeper is continuing its schedule cleaning all the streets throughout the town, through at least November 5. The streets are being swept according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays - 2nd through 44th Street

Wednesdays - 45th through 70th Street

Thursdays - 71st through 94th Street

Please move your car from the street if possible, during these dates.

The Sea Isle Fire Department's 135th Anniversary and Housing Celebration has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 14, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Sea Isle City Firehouse right next to City Hall. The public is invited to this special event, which will celebrate the department's 135 years of service to Sea Isle City along with the long-standing tradition of the housing ceremony for the department's newest apparatus.

Finally, I want to give a shout out to our Public Works Department, who we honored at this week's council meeting with a special appreciation award in honor of their outstanding dedication and commitment to our community.

Public Works is often a thankless job, and I want all the men and women of the department to know that we truly appreciate their hard work every day keeping Sea Isle City clean and beautifully maintained.

Smile...You're in Sea Isle!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio
