***PROJECT UPDATES**:* *May 2, 2024*

Beach Replenishment

A beach replenishment project is currently underway 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. During the replenishment process, approximately 1000-feet of beach will be closed at one time as the project moves north and south through the work areas. As of Thursday morning, May 2, the following beaches were temporarily closed to the public: 79th, 80th and 81st Streets.

This project is being 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; and all work is expected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend. The photos below of the 80th Street Beach were taken on May 2…





New Community Center

On August 23, 2022, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $116,000 to Plymouth Environmental Company, of Norristown, PA, for asbestos removal at the former public-school building at 4501 Park Road. The asbestos abatement process was completed in October 2022.

On December 13, 2022, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $354,900 to Richard E. Pierson Construction, of Woodstown, NJ, for the demolition of the school building, to make way for Sea Isle City's future Community Center. The demolition process was completed in May 2023.

On February 14, 2023, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $276,867 to H4 Enterprises LLC, of Cape May Court House, NJ, for Surcharge Operations as part of Phase 1 Site Preparations for the future Community Center.

Following a four-month review process of this project's construction documents, the New Jersey State Comptroller's Office gave Sea Isle City approval to advertise for construction bids, which took place on November 8, 2023. A "Pre-Bid" Meeting took place on November 16 to answer questions from prospective contractors. Construction Bids for this project were opened on December 21, 2023.

On February 27, 2024, City Council awarded a construction contract in the amount of $21,093,000 to Ernest Bock & Sons, of Philadelphia, for the construction of the Community Center. On March 5, a pre-construction meeting took place, attended by numerous representatives from Bock & Sons, Architect Henry Hengchua, the Project Managers, Mayor Desiderio, the City's Business Administrator, and several other City officials.

In April, Bock & Sons began to mobilize equipment on the site. An electric service pole was installed on the Central Avenue side of the property, and work has begun to clear the area of unwanted vegetation (however the contractor will save as many of the property's existing trees as possible). Construction is expected to be completed in the autumn of 2025.

Mayor Desiderio will host a public Groundbreaking Ceremony onsite at 1:30 PM on Saturday, May 2, and all members of the community are welcome to attend and participate by shoveling dirt. The photos below of the Community Center construction site were taken on May 2…





New Dog Park and Picnic Pavilion

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 a dog park in the north-end of Sea Isle City (between 6th and 8th Street). Work on this project began in the autumn of 2023 and all work is substantially completed. The dog park has two fenced-in areas with sand surfaces for both large and small dogs, each having a shade pavilion, water stations, "playground" fixtures for dogs, and benches. There is also an additional shade pavilion with picnic tables located outside of the fenced-in areas, as well as bicycle racks, a bicycle repair station, trash and recycling receptacles, cement pathways, signage, and new landscaping. Funding for this project has been approved by the Cape May County Open Spaces Board.

Mayor Desiderio will host a Grand Opening Ceremony onsite at 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 4, at which time the Dog Park will open to the public. The photos below were taken on May 2…





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 has been completed. Work will commence soon.

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. Work continues on the 53rd Street ramp, to be followed by 51st Street. It is anticipated that work will be completed in time for the Memorial Day Weekend. The photo below of the 53rd Street ramp was taken on May 2…



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. This project is in the punch list phase.

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 complete. This project is substantially completed, and only a few punch list items remain. The photo below of 40th Street (looking west from Landis Avenue) was taken on May 2…



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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