MAYOR'S MESSAGE *February 6, 2025*

I am not certain where the month of January went, but February is here and we are very close to another fun-filled Presidents Weekend in Sea Isle City. If you haven't already done so, I hope you are making plans to be with us, because it promises to be a banner weekend – thanks to the Recreation Office's Family Skate Night on Valentines Day evening, the shopping and dining specials that will be offered at participating businesses throughout town, and the annual Mike's Seafood Run-Walk for Autism on February 15, which I am told is going to be bigger and better than ever!

On Ground Hogs Day, I thought it would be fun to walk outside and see if I cast a shadow. Because February 2 was a rather cloudy day here in Sea Isle City, there was no shadow to be seen. So, based on Punxsutawney Phil's meteorological prognostication system, I predicted that this winter will soon be over and spring-like temperatures will be here before we know it. Even though I realize that I may not have the same weather forecasting skills as Phil, I am very hopeful that my prediction will soon come to pass because I think most of us are looking forward to the arrival of warm weather – and those glorious days of summer!

Obviously, there are a variety of reasons why people enjoy coming to Sea Isle City each summer. For many folks, spending time on our beautiful beaches is all they need to be happy. For some, it's all about making memories with family and friends while fishing, surfing, kayaking or enjoying one of the many other outdoor activities that are possible along our beautiful shoreline and back bays. For others, however, Sea Isle City's annual line-up of family-friendly entertainment at the Excursion Park Band Shell is a very big draw.

One of Sea Isle's most beloved seasonal attractions is our free summer concerts series on Saturday evenings. If you are one of the countless people who look forward to our annual Concerts Under the Stars, I have some "breaking news" for you, because the city's Tourism Office has recently confirmed this year's line-up of performances, which will once again include a variety of talented tribute bands. Plus, this year we have two bands that spotlight specific musical genres that are very popular right now – so, it promises to be another terrific summer for music lovers here in Sea Isle City!

Because so many people enjoy our concerts each summer, we are often asked the question: "When is Sea Isle's concert line-up being announced?" With that in mind, it is my great pleasure to reveal our 2025 Concerts Under the Stars schedule…

- June 28: Kick it Out (Heart Tribute)
- July 5: Queen Flash (Queen Tribute)
- July 12: Double Vision (Foreigner Tribute)
- July 19: Yellow Brick Road (Elton John Tribute)
- July 26: 80's Revolution (1980's Party Music)
- August 2: Frontiers (Journey Tribute)
- August 9: Ronstadt Revue (Linda Ronstadt Tribute)
- August 16: Street Life Serenade (Billy Joel Tribute)
- August 23: Yacht Rock Gold (Smooth Hits of the 70's & 80's)
- August 30: Fearless (Taylor Swift Tribute)

With such a wonderful variety of musical performances planned – as well as our outdoor movies, family dance parties, guided beachcomber tours, summer sports camps, and other seasonal attractions – I hope you will be in Sea Isle City as often as your schedule permits so you won't miss a moment of the fun during the summer of 2025!

Smile…You're in Sea Isle!

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