PROJECT UPDATES: *March 6, 2025*

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 the 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 2024, Bock & Sons began to mobilize equipment on the site. Next, an electric service pole was installed, test pilings were driven, and unwanted vegetation and debris were removed. Also, storm water drainage pipes were installed, underground utility work took place around the perimeter of the building, and the installation of more than 520 foundation pilings was completed.

Installation of the building's first floor structural support system has been completed, and the garage's concrete flooring (under the building) has been poured. The building's cement block elevator shaft and stairwells have been constructed. The steel beams for the building's superstructure have been installed. Masonry work and rough-out work for the building's utilities and fire suppression system continue. The installation of insulation continues. Floor and roof decking is in place for most of the building. The installation of the footings for the building's exterior façade has begun. Rough wiring and utility prep work continuities. The cement sub-flooring has been poured on the main and upper level of the building. The installation of the exterior walls has begun. Some delays have been experienced due to the winter weather; however, this project remains generally on schedule. Construction 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. Please use caution when driving or walking near this construction site.

The photo below of the Community Center construction site was taken on March 4 (from 46th Street, near Central Avenue)…



County Drainage Construction on 55th Street (Landis Avenue to Roberts Avenue)

The County has begun work on the outfall upgrades along 55th Street. This work involves the construction of a new 36-inch outfall pipe that will take runoff from the Landis Avenue watershed and discharge into the meadow (wetlands) at the street-end. The existing city drainage system will remain in place but will be upgraded in size at Roberts Avenue. Both parallel systems will discharge into a new valve chamber that will be constructed at the street-end. Check valves will prevent tidewater from backing up into the system. The installation of the new precast concrete valve chamber has begun. The County and its contractor will make every effort in advance to advise residents concerning property access limitations. Most work on this project has been completed with the exception of curb-work on Roberts Avenue, and the mill and paving of the trenches, which will take place when the weather improves.

County Drainage Construction 32nd Street and Landis Avenue

In conjunction with the 55th Street Drainage Project (detailed above), the County is also making drainage improvements along Landis Avenue from 31st Street to 33rd Street. New stormwater piping will be constructed on 32nd Street with a larger trunkline being installed, and this line will discharge into the meadow (wetlands) at Central Avenue, replacing the existing point of discharge. The new outfall will be constructed and equipped with a tidal check valve. The outfall will be protected from erosion through the construction of a steel sheet retaining wall. Upon completion, both Landis Avenue and a portion of 32nd Street will be resurfaced. Work continues on this project.

55th Street Water Distribution System Replacement

On December 24, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $234,711.50 to Gemini General Contracting, of Mullica Hill, NJ, for the replacement of the water system on 55th Street. A preconstruction meeting took place on January 15, 2025. Work on this project will be coordinated with the county drainage project on 55th Street. Most of the county work has been completed, and the work on this project has begun. Work is currently underway for the street valves. Please be aware of road detours.

Roadway Reconstruction – Cini Avenue

On November 12, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $322,293.05 to South State, Inc., of Bridgeton, New Jersey, for the repaving of Cini Avenue from JFK Boulevard to 36th Street. “Test Holes” have been dug to mark underground utilities. Paving on this project will begin in the Spring of 2025.

Roadway Reconstruction – various streets

On August 13, 2025, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $656,129.00 to Think Pavers, of Mr. Royal, NJ, for the reconstruction of:

- 38th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue)
- 58th Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue)
- 59th Street (Central Avenue to Sounds Avenue)
- Sounds Avenue (59th Street to the Dealy Field Kayak Launch & Hockey Court)

A preconstruction meeting took place on September 11, 2024. Concrete work on this project has been completed (except for some punch list items). The work has resumed in the 59th Street area.

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 and the bay. Installation of the bulkhead is complete. The street-end paving has been completed. The contractor is now addressing punch list items.

Storm Sewer Repair – 324 45th Place

On March 26, 2024, City Council awarded a contract in the amount of $66,010 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 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. Both ramps are completed and open to the public.

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.

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