



## **PROJECT UPDATES:**

May 16, 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 16, the following beaches were temporarily closed to the public: 74<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Streets; and the following dune paths were closed for improvement work: 85<sup>th</sup>, 89<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Streets. Work is expected to begin in Sea Isle's downtown area in the days ahead. 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. The photos below of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Beach (top) and the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Beach were taken on May 16...





## **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 Sea Isle City's 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 2023, Bock & Sons began to mobilize equipment on the site. Since then, an electric service pole was installed, test pilings were driven, and unwanted vegetation and debris were removed in preparation for the installation of the foundation pilings and the foundation itself. The contractor has closed the sidewalks adjacent to the construction site along 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets, however the sidewalks along Park Road and Central Avenue are open to pedestrians.

Construction of the Community Center is expected to be completed in the autumn of 2025. The photos below of the Community Center site were taken on May 16...



### **New Dog Park and Picnic Pavilion**

During the summer of 2023, Sea Isle City received confirmation that the Cape May County Open Spaces Board would fund the construction of a new Dog Park in Sea Isle's north-end (between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street). Then, 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 the dog park, and work began on the project in the autumn of 2023. All work has been completed on the park's two fenced-in areas (for large and small dogs), shade structures, water stations, "playground" fixtures, benches, waste receptacles, bike racks, bicycle repair station, landscaping, flagpoles, parking areas, cement pathways, and picnic pavilion. Mayor Desiderio hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony on May 4, 2024; and Sea Isle City's Dog Park is open to the public.

## **Storm Sewer Repair – 324 45<sup>th</sup> 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 on this project will commence soon, weather permitting.

## **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 51<sup>st</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street street-ends. A preconstruction meeting took place on February 12, 2024. Work continues on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street ramp, and installation of the railings will soon take place. Work has begun on the 51<sup>st</sup> Street site, with the installation of the sheet piles for the ramp. The photo of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street promenade ramp was taken on May 16...



## **Water Main Replacement – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – 46<sup>th</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Avenue to Landis Avenue).
- Water Services as needed on 40<sup>th</sup> Street (Landis Avenue to Central Avenue).
- Water Main replacement on Central Avenue (40<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 (36<sup>th</sup> Street to 38<sup>th</sup> 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 / 40<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> Street), and 40<sup>th</sup> 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 completed. This project is completed, and only a few punch list items remain.

## **Roadway Reconstruction – Central Avenue (56<sup>th</sup> to 69<sup>th</sup>)**

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 69<sup>th</sup> 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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