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“Margate City News”
Fall 2014

A message from the Mayor & Commissioner of Public Safety...

As Mayor, I am pleased to report that we have had a successful summer. Thankfully there have been no serious problems. Kudos to all our Public Safety employees who have done such a wonderful job keeping us and our visitors safe. Police Chief Wolfson and Fire Chief Tabasso are true professionals as are their personnel. Our lifeguards under new Chief, Greg Small have also done a wonderful job. Construction and Code Enforcement have been busy and have kept pace with the existing building boom in Margate. The Municipal Court as always has done a remarkable job. My thanks to all of you who help make Margate so great.

City Commission has worked cooperatively with all who are passionate in their views regarding the Dunes project. We have four legal opinions that all say the same thing - we will not prevail in the legal battle to stop the project. I believe these opinions are correct.

Therefore, at our September 4, 2014 meeting, we hired Rob Andrews of the Dilworth Paxon Law Firm of Philadelphia and Charles Rooney a Coastal Engineer with T & M Associates of Toms River to try to find a different approach to solve our differences with the State. Mr. Rooney has been asked to review the United States Army Corp of Engineers plans, looking for shortcomings and perhaps flaws in the design. Mr. Rooney will report his findings to Mr. Andrews who is to develop a strategy of possible alternatives and most importantly getting us a seat at the table for discussions with the Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corp of Engineers. I believe this strategy will be less costly and more successful than an expensive legal battle that we have little hope of winning.

Our goal as always, is to do the best we can for all Margate's residents.

Enjoy the Funfest coming up soon.

~Mayor Mike Becker



***A Message from Commissioner of Revenue & Finance,
Maury Blumberg...***

I am pleased to share with you and interim report from our CFO Lisa McLaughlin and I thank her for an excellent job tracking our financial status. Year to date, we have over 8.8 million dollars cash on hand in our current fund. The great news is that we are on track to come in under budget and positioned for another year of no local tax increase. Thanks to Sandy Miller, our water and sewer collections are solid and all revenues remain strong.

~Commissioner Maury Blumberg

*Never look down on anyone, unless you're helping them up.
~Rev. Jesse Jackson*



A Message from Commissioner of Public Works, Brenda Taube...

Greetings Residents,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! The summer flew by as it always does and now fall is upon us...my favorite time of the year because the weather is awesome and because my two favorite shows are back on air – “Homeland” and “Downton Abbey”!

On to business, our public works team did a great job keeping Margate looking beautiful and functioning properly over the busy season and our recreational team did a wonderful job hosting and offering a variety of activities, all summer long. We’ve got a great team of employees and I thank each of them for their service to Margate!

As you may already know, Margate now has a green team, “Sustainable Margate.” It’s a group of residents who’ve come together to lessen Margate’s environmental footprint. It’s only been active for about a year now but much has been accomplished, thanks to our fearless leader, our Chairperson Monica Coffey. Please visit this link to read about Monica’s recognition from “Sustainable Jersey” http://www.sustainablejersey.com/fileadmin/media/Media_Publications/Sustainable_Jersey_Heroes/September_2014_Hero_Monica_Coffey.pdf as “September’s Sustainable Hero.” Congratulations Monica!

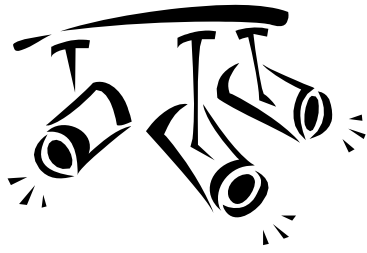
Behind the scenes, all is well in Margate. We hope to have old City Hall open by next summer with the historical society downstairs. The court room will be ready for use with upgrades and our public meetings will move from the municipal complex gymnasium back to the old City Hall. This will be a welcome return because of the acoustical challenges in our current venue.

In 2011, Mayor Becker and I brought in a new auditor, this fresh set of eyes discovered some deficiencies and made recommendations to correct them. Three years later, we can proudly report that there were no findings at all in the 2013 audit report and that the City is in good financial shape, showing strong progress and heading in the right direction. Margate has a larger surplus than ever and its tax collectibles are up - a positive sign for Margate's economy according to the auditor - all despite three straight years of no tax increases.

As a Margate Commissioner, I’m very proud of the City’s financial status outlined in the 2013 audit. I commend our staff for their hard work and wish to especially thank our BA Rich Deaney and our CFO Lisa McLaughlin who have worked extremely hard on Margate’s fiscal well-being!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I’m happy to speak and meet with residents personally. I may be reached at (609) 822-0424.

~Commissioner Brenda Taube



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

“Rosie Freed”

By Rich Deaney

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Rosie Freed is a die-hard Boston sports fan but otherwise, she loves the “downbeach” lifestyle. Ro, as she is often called around the office, is the Deputy Municipal Clerk, a position she has held for a decade. She first arrived in City Hall as a clerk in the Clerk’s Office but soon advanced to Assistant Clerk after completing the requirements and test for Registered Municipal Clerk, (RMC), a state licensed designation.

“I feel so fortunate to have served this city for so long. I’ve had the opportunity to meet so many interesting people and now call many, my friends. I am grateful to all the commissioners I have served, for all they have taught me and I have enjoyed working with a great group of people in every department in the city. Everyone has enriched my life in so many ways and I will miss them.”

Rosie is retiring after completing almost twenty-three years. Few can remember when she was not present to answer citizen questions or receive citizen comments about most anything from beach opening dates to holiday closing schedules, from municipal court fines to trash pickup days, or from marriage license requirements to street pothole locations. Tom Hiltner who served as City Clerk during this period has been heard frequently to exclaim “Ask Rosie, she will know”.

When asked earlier this month, Rosie explained “I have really come to love this city and the quality of life and can’t see myself anywhere else – (except maybe in a villa in Italy).”

Rosie will spend some time at her home in Florida this winter with her husband Howard, a Municipal Court Judge, and frequent visits, she hopes, by her adult children Derek and his wife Holy (both attorneys) and Abby an RN and her husband Joe, a Margate firefighter. Most of all, Ro will spend much of her new found time with grandson JJ DeStefano the 3 year old “joy of her life.”

“I’m excited about my retirement and feel ready to face the next chapter of my life and all that it offers. Thank you to everyone for allowing me to serve you to the best of my ability.”

Thank You Rosie!

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
~Eleanor Roosevelt



Margate joins Sustainable Jersey

by Monica Coffey

It's hard to believe that Margate's green team, Sustainable Margate, has been meeting regularly for more than a year now. During this time, much has been accomplished. In June, the city and the green team worked hand-in-hand to develop the first green purchasing policy for Margate City. This policy was adopted by resolution at the June 19, 2014 Commission meeting. By including environmental considerations in purchasing decisions, Margate can promote practices that improve public and worker health, conserve natural resources and reward environmentally conscious manufacturers, while remaining fiscally responsible. This new green purchasing policy also affirms the city's commitment to sustainability.

One of Sustainable Margate's latest initiatives is a Safe Routes to School program. The goal of Safe Routes to School is to increase the number of children throughout Margate who either walk or bike to school. As you can imagine, increased walking and biking have all sorts of benefits and can play a critical role in reversing the nationwide trend of increasing childhood obesity. More biking and walking can also cut down on traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up. Margate Schools will celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8 and use this event to kick-off a "Walking Wednesday" program. Homerooms at both schools will compete to see who has the most walkers or bike-riders, and the winning homerooms will be rewarded with a pizza party in Dec. and again in May.

We have a few green thumbs on our "Green Team," including our very own, Joe Doyle who has some helpful gardening tips for the fall:



1. Do not let your garden soil remain bare all winter. Plant a cover crop in order to enrich the soil, crowd out weed seeds, and provide a green mulch. The roots will also help to break up any clumps in the soil, and aerate deep down into the root zone. Cover crops can be planted at any time this fall, with good options being winter rye, as well as a mix of oats and field peas. You simply leave the crops in the soil through the winter, and then cut at ground level as they start to flower in the spring in order to kill them. The plant material above the soil can either be turned into the soil, or even better just let it lay on the soil to break down and provide nutrients and shade out any weeds. The roots will decompose over a few weeks, also providing nutrients down deep.

Seeds can be purchased at a few local places (call ahead to confirm what they have), or ordered over the internet.

If a cover crop is not going to be used, then at least cover your garden with a mulch such as organic straw (do not use non-organic straw, as it may inhibit plant growth come spring, and do not use hay) or shredded leaves.

2. Get your soil tested. The local Rutgers Cooperative Extension office in Mays Landing (609-625-0056) has soil test kits available. The cost is around \$20 for the test kit. Basically, you purchase the kit, place some soil samples from your garden into the provided bag, fill in a short form, and mail it

3. Start a compost pile. A compost pile will allow you to recycle your summer plants, fall leaves, cardboard, and kitchen waste. A ratio of 80% browns (think leaves, cardboard, coffee grounds, and dead plants) to 20% greens (kitchen scraps such as fruit and vegetable waste, but no meat or dairy) is a good bet to get compost quickly. I basically just throw all of my kitchen scraps into my composter, along with any yard waste (grass is excellent in the composter, as long as it is not treated with any chemical fertilizers or anti-weed agents), and get great compost.

Most people think of composting as a big open pile of trash that is smelly and attracts critters. If you do it correctly, you will not have any of these issues. I recommend purchasing a compost bin, which is typically a roller style bin that you spin in order to mix and aerate the compost, or a plastic box where you use a shovel to turn the compost every few days or so. Simply add your materials that you intend to compost, make sure that you have some moisture in the bin, and spin or mix the material every few days. In a few months, you will have black gold, which you then spread throughout your garden.

4. Finally, plant your garden through the winter. Just because the weather is not conducive to sitting on the beach, does not mean that you cannot reap rewards from your garden throughout most of the winter. Garlic is a great crop to plant in the fall, and the harvest it in early July. Spinach, lettuce, beets, carrots, and kale are all great crops that actually thrive in the cooler weather. With a small protective hoop structure, you can harvest your salad greens all of the way through the winter.

For more information on Sustainable Margate, please contact Monica Coffey at (609) 272-6921.

Margate City Recreation Fall 2014

by Joy Kantor

The Margate Community Education and Recreation Department is pleased to offer a variety of programs for the Fall 2014 Season for all ages. Adult workshops have been scheduled: "Long Term Care & Estate Taxes" and "Mac Computer Survival." For parents with college-bound children, we offer an excellent workshop: "College & Scholarship Search." Feel like moving? Join the "Soul Line Dancers" on Friday nights or take part in the "Aerobics Classes" which run Monday, Wednesday & Friday in the morning. Our Adult Men's Basketball Leagues begin the first week of October.

Start your preschooler off in the world of soccer with our excellent "Tot Soccer Clinics." We also have a very popular Soccer League for students grades K-8th. Or let him/her try another sport like Karate or Gymnastics. We also offer lots of other classes: Chess, Painting, Clay, Pottery, Piano, Guitar, Cooking and much more. New classes are always popping up!

Please visit us at the Margate Fall Funfest where we are scheduling the entertainment for the "Kids Stage" (near Steve & Cookies Restaurant). Plan on a full weekend of fun with the variety of performance acts scheduled: Brain Wash Trivia Show with Eric Dasher, Magic Show with Joe Holiday, Leslie's Dance Studio, Blake's Gymnastics & Bright Stars Gymnastics, Melissa March~ Miss Majorette of New Jersey, Group Fitness Workout with "Big Sarge," Margate Players Theatre Group, Students of Suzie Neustadter, "Runditioning" with Coach Mindy Solkin and even a visit from Miss New Jersey~ Cierra Kaler-Jones!

The 17th Annual Punt, Pass and Kick Competition, scheduled for Saturday: 11/15/14 is sponsored along with the M.C.P.D. and if you want to journey out of town, join us for our annual bus trip to the “Big Apple” set to take off Saturday: 12/06/14!

Please contact us for more details at 609-823-6658 or check out our new website at www.margate-nj.com



Margates' Fall Funfest

Sept. 27th 11 am to 6 pm

Sept. 28th 11 am to 5 pm

Catch a ride: Free Jitneys will pick up from Tighe School at Essex and Amherst Ave., where there's parking. Or just wave your hand to be picked up along Amherst Ave. Drop-offs are at Coolidge and Decatur Aves.

Make a Hole-in-one: A nine-hole, fall-themed mini-golf course. Perfect for all ages. Prizes for a hole-in-one!

Be entertained: The 95.1 WAYV Kid's Stage shows off our area's talented kids. Play the Brain Wash Trivia Game Show; meet Miss New Jersey on Saturday from 1-3 p.m., Zumba with Big Sarge and then be amazed at the magic of Joe Holiday.

Dance like no one's watching: The 100.7 WZXL Main Stage is packed from start to finish with a line-up of musicians that will keep your body moving, featuring Danny Eyer, Sensamotion and Cassette Exchange.

Dunk-A-Cop: For a \$5.00 donation, get three chances to “Dunk a Cop.” All proceeds benefit Gilda's Club of South Jersey.

It's Finfest by the Bay: Hands-on exhibits, boat rides, Turtle Singers, scientists, back bay artists, and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center's live web cam of a recently rescued seal pup.

Be Amused: Get aboard the trampoline bungee and be catapulted 25 feet into the air, then slide down a blow-up slide; go through a maze, be pulled on a bungee slide, ride a mechanical shark as though it's a mechanical bull.

Eat: Tastes from around the world: empanadas, homemade mozzarella, gyros, seafood, American favorites, ice cream Peace Pies and more.

Be a grown-up: Enjoy the beer garden. Three types of beer. Newest: Octoberfest

Be artsy: Juried artisans exhibit their talents and offer handmade items such as glassware, clothing, photography, jewelry and gourmet treats.

Hooray for Hollywood: The 18th annual Steve & Cookie's Dog Show. Does your dog look like a famous dog, a fashionista or is he/she talented? The competition begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Steve and Cookie's parking lot.

A Taste of Honey: Culinary artisan and certified beekeeper Gary G. Schempp creates new infusions to his honey. The sweet/tart lemon and the sweet/hot pepper will knock your socks off.

For more information visit margatehasmore.com

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2014 Fall Funfest Kids Stage Line-Up

Brain Wash Trivia Game Show

9/27/14 and 9/28/14
12 Noon & 3:00 pm Daily

Saturday~ 9/27/14

Margate Players Theatre Group @ 11:00 am
Students of Suzie Neustadter @ 1:00 pm
Miss New Jersey, Cierra Kaler-Jones @ 1:15-2:30 pm
Blake's Gymnastics Team @ 1:45 pm
"Runditioning" Sessions with Coach Mindy Solkin @ 4:00 pm

Sunday~ 9/28/14

Leslie's Dance Studio Hip Hop Dance Group @ 1:15 pm
Magic Show with Joe Holiday @ 1:45 pm
Bright Stars Gymnastics Team @ 2:15 pm
Melissa March Majorette, Villanova University @ 4:00 pm
Group Fitness Workout with "Big Sarge" @ 4:15 pm

Stage Location: Amherst Avenue Near Steve & Cookies

*Sponsored By: Margate Business Association and
Margate City Recreation Department*

For More Information Please Contact: 609-823-6658

Bloom Pavilion News
Provided by Marianne Christian

Pavilion activities and events can be found on channel 97 and a monthly newsletter can be picked up at the Pavilion.

- The Pavilion is currently collecting can goods for Jewish Family Services. Please drop can goods off at the Bloom Pavilion prior to November 20th.

- Fire Prevention Week – October 6th Margate’s Fire Fighters will give a seminar on “Fire Safety in your Home,” call 822-2285 for more information.
- October 31 – Fall Harvest Celebration at the Pavilion / lunch, games and Halloween treats, call 822-2285 for more details.
- November 10th – Pavilion’s 8th Annual Veterans Day Lunch – The Ross School’s 3rd grade class will serve our local veterans lunch and learn a little history from then. Lunch is for veterans only, please RSVP by Nov 5th to 822-2285

A Message from your Margate Police Department

Dispose of your unwanted medications in an environmentally safe way by dropping them in the Prescription Drug Drop Box located in the Police Department Lobby. The drop box is available 24 hours, every day.

In addition to the lobby drop box, the MCPD will be collecting unwanted prescription medications at the Police Department Tent at Margate’s Fall Funfest during festival hours.



Margate City Fire Department 2014 Fire Prevention Week – October 5-11, 2014



About Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest

running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!

At a minimum install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near your bedrooms. Test your Detectors Monthly! Smoke Detectors should be replaced every ten (10) years as per manufacturer's recommendation.

For your safety install a Smoke Detector Today!

Public Works Updates

- Recycling is back to its every other Thursday pick-up schedule. Weekly recycling will be offered again next year, Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- As of September 28th, the City yard will be closed for the season on Sundays but will continue to be open year-round on Wednesday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm.
- The new Margate City Community & Recreation Guide for fall is available. They are available at the Municipal Complex or check out our new website www.margate-nj.com.
- Public Works is hosting a shredding event for all our Margate residents on Saturday, October 11th from 8 am to 12 noon. The next one will be next year on Saturday, April 25th, also from 8 am to 12 noon.
- On Saturday, October 25th, a Community Beach Clean-up sponsored by "Clean Ocean Action" will take place from 8:30 am until 11 am on the Granville Avenue beach. Join us and lend a hand!

A Message from the Margate Mothers Association...

A Halloween Party is currently being planned, followed by a Holiday Cookie Exchange and Holiday Caroling. Information will be sent home in your child's Wednesday folder. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in any of these activities, please email margatemothers@gmail.com.

In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

~Theodore Roosevelt

*People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously.
This is how character is built.*

~Eleanor Roosevelt



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Just FYI...Work Sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm, followed by Commission Meetings at 5:00 pm. On the second Thursday of each month there is an evening special Work Session at 7:00 pm provided there are agenda items (call 822-2605 to find out). These meetings are open to the public and attendance is strongly encouraged.

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If you have any suggestions on how to improve this newsletter or if you have recommendations for a “Notable Margatian”, please call 822-0424.

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