



Monthly News & Updates

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**School is back in session starting Tuesday, Sept. 5.
Motorists are advised to be alert for children.**

EHC to host Atlantic County Firefighters Association 100th anniversary celebration



Save the Date!

The Atlantic County Firefighters' Association will hold its 100th Anniversary Parade and Celebration Saturday, Oct. 7 in Egg Harbor City where the association was founded.

The event will celebrate the service, dedication and endless contributions of firefighters all across Atlantic County.

The association was formed Jan. 17, 1923 under the guidance of Egg Harbor City Fire Chief Henry W. Breder. According to a poem written in 1948

Are you ready for some football?

The Cedar Creek Pirates and Egg Harbor City Crusaders have announced their schedules for the 2023 football season.



Cedar Creek Pirates

Friday, Sept. 1, Absegami @ CCHS (6 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 8 @ Ocean City (6 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept 16 @ Camden Eastside (1 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 23, Salem @ Rutgers University (3 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 29 @ St. Joe's Hammonon (6 p.m.)

Saturday, Oct. 7 Delsea @ CCHS (2 p.m.) Varsity Day
Friday, Oct. 13 @ Oakcrest (6

by John J. McGeary, president of the Mays Landing Fire Department, the mantra of “Egg Harbor’s foremost citizen,” was “In unity there is strength.”

The six charter members of the association were Absecon, Egg Harbor City, Hammonton, Mays Landing, Pleasantville and Somers Point. Since then, the association has grown to include all of Atlantic County’s fire companies, both volunteer and paid departments. Its goals have remained constant – to provide an open forum for the exchange of firefighting techniques and ideas, coordinate communication and mutual aid, and to provide professional training for all levels of firefighting service.

The association’s 75th anniversary was held in Egg Harbor City May 9, 1998. The pouring rain stopped long enough for spectators to enjoy seeing dozens of fire trucks converge on Philadelphia Avenue in a show of “unity for the safety of all.”

Apparatus judging will be held 9-11 a.m. at the EHC Industrial Park, followed by a Gala Parade at noon on Philadelphia Avenue. The parade travels to Egg Harbor City Lake Park for muster and a trophy presentation at 2:30 p.m.

The celebration includes live music, free hot dogs, beverages, and food trucks. Souvenir mugs, glasses, T-shirts and challenge coins will also be available for purchase. Multiple raffles will be held for items including large-screen TV, a custom New Yorker helmet, overnight stay at a local resort and 50/50.

Updates are available at
www.atlanticcountyfireassociation.org.

NJ American Water honors former Councilman Ed Dennis

p.m.)

Friday, Oct. 20 Winslow @
CCHS (6 p.m.) Senior Day

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Veterans and active-duty military and senior citizens are free.

Tickets available at
<https://www.capeatlanticleague.org/public/genie/344/school/6/page/1416/>



EHC Crusaders

Saturday, Sept. 2, Vineland
Saturday, Sept. 9, Egg Harbor
Twp.

Saturday, Sept. 16, Buena
Vista Twp.

Sunday, Sept. 24, @ Atlantic
City

Saturday, Sept. 30, Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 8, @ Mays
Landing

Saturday, Oct. 14,
Pleasantville

Saturday, Oct. 21, @ Vineland
Game times:

Saturday – Taxi 2 p.m.,
PeeWee 4 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m.,
Varsity 7 p.m.

Sunday – Taxi 10 a.m.,
PeeWee 11:30 a.m., Varsity 1
p.m., JV 2:30 p.m.

Times subject to change.

Crusaders Beef & Beer



New Jersey American Water Company and the City of Egg Harbor honored former longtime City Council President Ed Dennis Saturday, Aug. 5 for having the foresight to build a new water treatment plant in 2013.

Mayor Lisa Jampetti and former Mayor Joseph A. Kuehner Jr. said nearly every recent public project was brought to fruition thanks to Dennis' vision and tenacity in getting things done.

"This was never one person doing this, believe me when I tell you. This was a team effort all along the way," Dennis said. "Others deserve credit because they had level heads and kept me focused on track about what we really wanted to accomplish."

Dennis thanked numerous people for their assistance in getting the water treatment plant built, including architect Harry Harper who designed the building; Dennis Yoder, who was tasked with building a plant that would take the utility into the future; Gordon Dahl who helped the city find financing for numerous public projects; and Remington & Vernick Engineers who have been the city's engineers for more than 110 years.

Dennis said originally he was not in favor of selling the plant, but now believes it was the right thing to do and he commended the City Council for having the vision to sell the plant.

"Egg Harbor City could not afford to pay for the plant. It was time for a change," he said.

NJ American unveiled a bronze plaque dedicating the building in honor of Dennis which will be prominently displayed in the building.

The Crusaders Youth Athletic Organization will be holding a Beer & Beer 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Crossroads Bar & Grill, 151 Philadelphia Ave.

The event includes food, domestic beer and socializing with team supporters.

Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance Tuesday-Thursday at the Key-Rec concession stand or from any coach. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Donations in any amount to help pay for equipment and scholarships are always appreciated.

PET PARENTING 101



Rabies on the rise; county offers free vaccinations for pets

After a sixth case of rabies was recently reported in a Hamilton Township bat, the Atlantic County Division of Public Health has announced it will hold its next free monthly Rabies Vaccination Clinic for cats and dogs 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter 240 Old Turnpike in Pleasantville. Attendance is available by appointment only at

www.aclink.org/animalshel

Financial assistance available for housing rehabilitation



If you are struggling financially and need to fix up your house, funding is available for qualified residents through the Atlantic County Improvement Authority's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The program can help residents address basic rehabilitation needs, including plumbing, heating, electric, roofing and weatherization. Windows, doors, insulation, exterior repairs, painting and Code Enforcement issues are also covered.

Qualified applicants must own and occupy the property, meet income eligibility guidelines, be fully insured, and be current on taxes and mortgage payments.

An inspector will visit the home to advise homeowners about what improvements will be covered.

The program provides financing for residents earning less than 80% of the median total household income for Atlantic County in the form of an interest-free deferred loan of up to \$20,000 for eligible repairs. There are no monthly payments, but the loan must be repaid in full at the time of a sale or transfer of title.

Qualifying total household income levels:

One Person	\$49,950
Two Persons	\$57,050
Three Persons	\$64,200
Four Persons	\$71,300
Five Persons	\$77,050
Six Persons	\$82,750

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County health officials remind residents of the importance of obtaining rabies vaccinations for their pets.

A rabies vaccination is recommended for domestic animals to not only protect the pet but also the pet owner and family members who could contract rabies from an infected pet. Rabies is fatal in humans if left untreated. It can be transmitted through direct contact with saliva through broken skin or mucous membranes in the eyes, nose or mouth.

Most human cases of rabies are the result of a bite from an infected animal. If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound immediately with soap and water and seek medical attention. All bites should be reported to the Atlantic County Division of Public Health at 609-645-5971.

Public health officials advise residents to teach children to stay away from wild, stray or aggressive animals. Never feed or touch wild animals or try to keep them as pets.

Residents should ensure trash cans have secure lids to prevent wildlife from foraging for food. Do not leave pet food outside. Many animals are also attracted to bird seed.

If you see wildlife that is behaving strangely, especially nocturnal animals such as skunks and raccoons found during daylight hours, do not approach the animal. Instead, call your local Animal Control

Seven Persons \$88,450
Eight Persons \$94,150

Residents will select from a list of pre-approved contractors.

On an annual basis, the ACIA funds as many as 70-100 contracts averaging about \$20,000. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Click here to download a brochure.

Learn more at <http://acianj.org/community-development/acohrp.html>

SustainableEHC resumes meetings, seeks new members



SustainableEHC, the city's green team, takes a break from meeting during the summer months when many members take their summer vacations. The green team will resume having monthly meetings 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 and new members are welcome to attend.

The year ahead is an important one for the team, which will seek Sustainable Jersey recertification at the bronze level. A total of 150 points are needed to maintain certification, which was last approved in December 2021 when the team earned 220 points for actions that included educating the public about the dangers of lead, water conservation, holding prescription drug collections and paper shredding days. The team was also awarded points for actions involving the preservation of the city's existing street tree canopy, including conducting a tree hazard inventory and tree plantings.

Officer. Contact information is available on the county web site

at www.aclink.org/animal-shelter/municipal.asp

For more information about rabies control and precautions to protect your family and your pets, visit the county web site www.aclink.org/publichealth or call 609-645-5971.

3rd Annual 'Bark in the Park' to be held at 4H Fairgrounds

The third annual "Bark in the Park" event will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Atlantic County 4-H Fairgrounds, Route 50 in South Egg Harbor.

This dog-friendly event features a dog show, petting zoo, dog training demonstrations, a human v. dog pie eating contest, dog nose painting, face painting, local vendors, 15 food trucks, beer garden, and dog friendly games and activities.

Admission is \$7 per person, children under 12 and dogs are free. Dogs must be well-behaved around adults, children and other dogs, and be up to date on vaccines. Dogs must also be kept on non-retractable leashes.

The event benefits Absecon Veterinary Hospital's Laddie's Legacy nonprofit, which provides financial assistance for families who cannot afford to care for their pets. Last year's event raised \$10,000 for Laddie's Legacy.

In 2024, SustainableEHC will contract with a certified arborist to complete the city's Fourth Community Forestry Management Plan, which sets guidelines and goals to maintain the city's tree cover.

Since it joined Sustainable Jersey in 2009, the green team has secured more than \$117,000 in grant funds for sustainability actions.

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except for June, July and August at Egg Harbor City Hall and on Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26.

EHC participates in reusable bag recycling campaign



What am I supposed to do with all these reusable bags piling up in the trunk of my car?

That's a new mantra being echoed by many environmentally conscious individuals since New Jersey instituted its single-use bag ban in May 2022.

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority is collecting donations of gently used reusable tote bags and has repurposed more than 1,000 of them over the last year.

The ACUA distributes the sanitized bags to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey Southern Branch in Egg Harbor Township, and other social service agencies have requested donations of bags for other purposes.

For more, see www.ladieslegacy.org.



Is an EV in your future?

Anyone interested in purchasing or learning more about electric vehicles may be interested in attending two events being hosted by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

First up is a Lunch and Learn at noon Tuesday, Sept. 16. Professionals will share the most recent developments in the EV industry and the newest information and incentives for NJ drivers. The presentation will be recorded, then posted at ACUA.com. Participants who register will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance.

The next day, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27 is the annual ACUA EV Show being held at the ACUA Environmental Park, 6700 Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet dealers and drivers of various types of EVs, including plug-ins and hybrid cars, trucks, bikes and motorcycles. EV drivers will have the opportunity to share their driving and ownership experience with those

Egg Harbor City residents can drop off their clean, gently used and no longer needed reusable grocery bags at Egg Harbor City Hall, 500 London Ave. during business hours.

Reusable bags will be brought to the ACUA.

CITY SNIPPETS

The Public Works Department is ready for winter with the recent acquisition of snow plows. The city now has five trucks equipped to plow the streets during snowstorms.

Police Chief Marcella Aylwin announced the department was awarded a \$16,000 grant to purchase body-worn cameras for officers.

Due to rising personnel costs, the City Council held a public hearing and approved an ordinance raising the administrative fee to \$250 for the Code Enforcement Department to address property maintenance issues. Residents are advised to maintain their properties up to code to avoid additional costs.

The Neighborhood Preservation Program this month will create a "center of place" installation at First Responder Park on the corner of Route 30 and Philadelphia Avenue. When completed, residents and visitors will know exactly where they are in NJ. The project is part of the NPP's business district beautification effort.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The city will be accepting applications for a temporary full-time laborer (40 hours a week) for the Public Works Department.

Applicants must possess a valid driver's license. Deadline to apply is Sept. 18.

Applications are available at the city website www.eggharborcity.org.

Send completed applications to City Clerk Meg Steeb, Egg Harbor City Hall, 500 London Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215, or email megs@eggharborcity.org.

The city reserves right to interview candidates

interested in learning more about EVs.

Register in advance to attend either or both events at **ACUA - Drive Electric Celebration**

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The next ACUA Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the ACUA Environmental Park, 6700 Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township. Must show proof of Atlantic County residency. For a list of accepted materials, see acua.com/hhw.

Moravian Church German Dinner

The Egg Harbor City Moravian Church, 245 Boston Ave., will be holding its annual German Dinner 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

Menu options are sausages or franks with sauerkraut, green beans German potato Salad, pretzels, bread and butter, beverages and dessert.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. Takeouts are available.

Thousands to participate in Bike MS: City to Shore

More than 4,000 bicycle

before the deadline. EOE.

'See you at the Library'



The Atlantic County Library/Egg Harbor City branch located in the Rose Mohr Learning Center, 134 Philadelphia Ave., offers programs for children and adults.

Pre-school Storytime is held 10:30 a.m. Mondays for children ages 2-4.

A Robotics Club will be held 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19. Learn how to code and construct a robot.

Afternoon Board Games & Puzzles for children 10 and up, 2-4 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 30.

The Crochet Group for adults meets 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 28.

Shelf Indugence Book Club meets 6 p.m. on the second Thursday each month.

Registration is required for all programs. Call the library at 609-804-1063 to reserve a space.

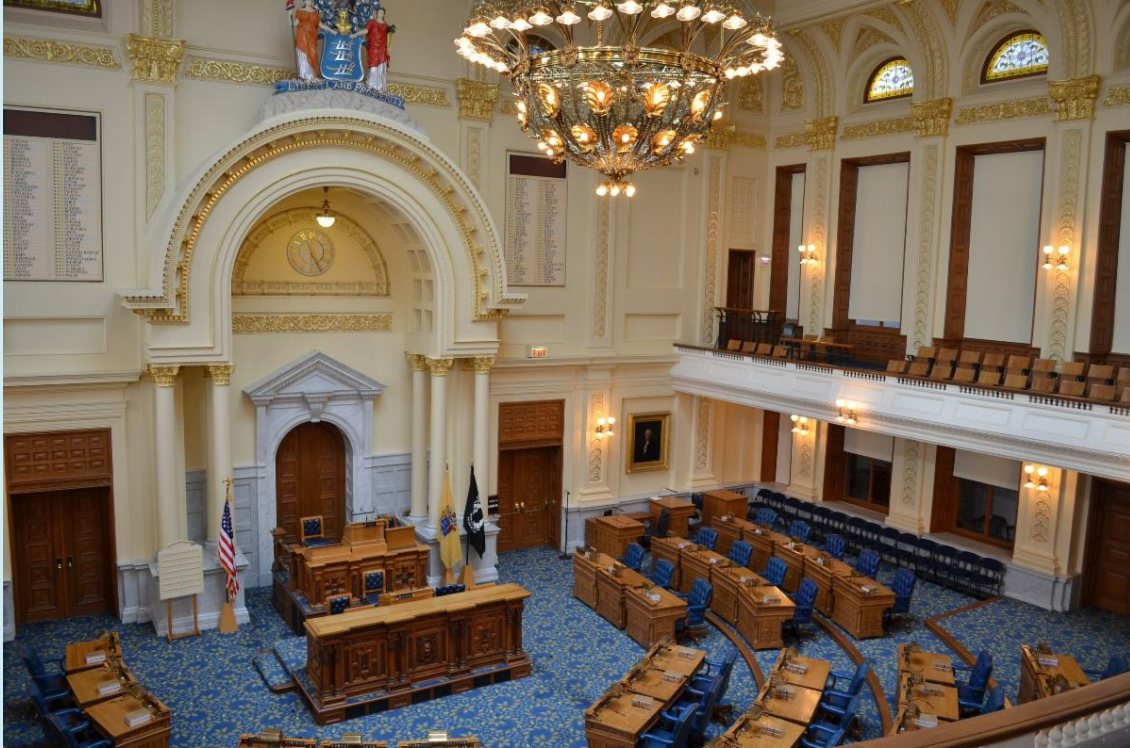
The library will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

enthusiasts will ride through the Egg Harbor City Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 as they raise funds for families affected by multiple sclerosis in the annual Bike MS: City to Shore event.

The ride is expected to raise more than \$4.3 million to help people living with MS.

The route takes riders along Moss Mill Road and Philadelphia Avenue as they make their way to and from Ocean City. The bike trek starts in Cherry Hill.

Motorists are advised to be alert for riders.



STATEHOUSE NEWS

NJ to help seniors 'STAY' in their homes

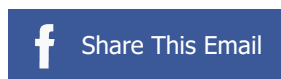
The state will offer a new tax relief program starting in 2026 that will help seniors with limited incomes stay in their homes.

The “StayNJ” program will offer a 50% reduction in property taxes for seniors 65 and over, and rental aid will be offered to tenants to make staying in New Jersey after retirement more affordable. The maximum benefit will be \$6,500 and will be delivered as a direct credit on property tax bills in the first quarter of 2026.

When they approved the 2024 fiscal year budget June 30, the governor and legislature also agreed to provide veterans, seniors and the disabled with an additional \$250 a year increase through the existing ANCHOR property tax relief program. Eligible tenants will see a 35% increase in aid to \$700 a year. Homeowners will receive \$1,250-\$1,750 depending on their income.

These programs are being funded with an additional \$140 million budgeted for the ANCHOR program, and by placing \$100 million, \$200 million and \$300 million in a “lockbox” over the next three years to offset the cost of implementing StayNJ for calendar year 2026.

Learn more at https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml?utm_campaign=20230825_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



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