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Egg Harbor City opens Nature Trail at City Lake Park



SustainableEHC, the city's green team, July 14 held the grand opening of the newly marked Nature Trail at City Lake Park.

About 30 residents attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, which included comments from Mayor Lisa Jiampetti, green team members who worked on the trail project, and funders from SustainableJersey and Atlantic City Electric.

The project included the installation of a trail head kiosk where a map of the trail and rules and regulations are posted, interpretive signage for Landing Creek and the Mountain Laurel loop, directional signage along the 2-mile trail made by resident woodworker David Williams, and benches made from recycled oak trees by Schairer Bros. Sawmill.

Friends of Egg Harbor City Lake Park assisted with several cleanups along the trail.

Resident Michael A. Sheridan, who conceived and implemented the trail project with the help of the

Lots to do this month in EHC!



The Citywide Yardsale will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 5** on streets and terraces throughout the city. Families put out their no longer wanted items to be snatched up by bargain hunters.

Residents are encouraged to park their vehicles in the terraces behind their houses to allow shoppers to park on the street. Motorists are urged to be cautious when driving through the city that day as many shoppers are so excited about their great finds that they may not be paying attention to their surroundings.

Public Works Department, planted several mountain laurel bushes, with more plantings planned for the fall.

The project was funded with a \$5,000 stewardship grant from Atlantic City Electric through the Sustainable Jersey grant program.

The trail is open year-round to hikers. Parking is available in the lake parking lot. Driving or parking on the trail is prohibited. Hikers are cautioned to be alert during hunting season.

Mayor's Wellness Walk Route traverses city streets



For those not interested in taking a 2-mile walk in the woods, as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Mayor Lisa Jiampetti has established the 2-mile east-west Mayor's Walk Route along city streets.

Don your walking shoes and head out the starting point at Peace Pilgrim Park on the 500-block London Avenue, where a map of the route is posted.

The walk takes you along some of the city's less traveled streets, including Claudius and Diesterweg streets.

The walk loop heads east toward Havana Avenue, travels south to Campe Street and back London Avenue at Peace Pilgrim Park. A longer route travels past London Avenue to Washington Avenue and back to the park.

There are markings on the roadway at quarter-mile intervals and inspirational signs along the

There is no cost to participate. A list of homes will be published on the yardsale Facebook Event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/594508776149284>.

To get your yardsale listed, add your address to the "Discussion" tab on the event page.



Spaghetti Dinner

The 26th annual Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner will be held 4-7 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 5** at the EHC Firehouse, 631 Philadelphia Ave.

The dinner cooked up by the department's best chefs is a great way to share some of those yardsale dollars for a good cause. Don't miss Grandma Peterson's famous meatball recipe.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, and eat-in or take-out meals are available.

Proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

route.

A large sign in front of the Egg Harbor City Historical Society Roundhouse Museum instructs walkers how to properly stretch before and after their walk.



City Council to hold second public hearing on \$940,000 bond ordinance

The City Council July 13 held a public hearing and adopted an ordinance appropriating \$940,000 for various capital improvements and equipment purchases.

Due to errors in publishing in the Hammonton Gazette, the city's official newspaper, the ordinance was re-advertised according to law in the Gazette and The Press of Atlantic City for a second public hearing to be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10.

The ordinance appropriates funds to purchase a street sweeper and several public safety cameras, wetlands restoration, and make improvements that will benefit the city's youngest citizens, as well as improve access to recreation for people with disabilities.

The capital expenditures come on the heels of the sale of the city's water and sewer utility to New Jersey American Water Company. The sale was approved by the NJ Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs, which required the city to use the proceeds of the \$21.8 million sale to pay off all of the city's existing debt and use 50% of the remainder of



27th annual EHC Olympics

The 27th annual Egg Harbor City Olympics will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, **Aug. 12** at City Lake Park.

The event includes fun kids' games on the beach and in the water, such as sack races, yard-dashes, handstands in the water and a swim to and from the dock.

The first EHC Olympics, started during the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta, Georgia. It featured athlete and football coach Gary Melton carrying the Olympic torch he carried across New Jersey before the opening of the Olympic games.

Subsequent years featured notable area athletes, including World Champion rower Matt Guerrieri, a Junior Olympian swimmer and Absegami and Cedar Creek championship athletic teams.

Sponsored by the Egg Harbor City Municipal Alliance, the games are open to children pre-k to middle school, and include T-shirts, prizes and free lunch.

There is no cost to

the proceeds for community projects.

The ordinance will also appropriate funds for the demolition of an unsafe building on Philadelphia Avenue, electrical upgrades at the campground at City Lake Park, and improvements to the city's recreational complex at Key-Rec field.

The city has already contracted with KC Signs & Awnings to install a new electronic scoreboard at Key-Rec at a cost of \$32,680 through a cooperative purchasing agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission. Other improvements at the recreational facility are planned for the kitchen and snack bar operated by the Crusaders Youth Athletic Organization.

The City Council held a special public meeting March 30 at the Teamsters Local 331 Union Hall to discuss needed improvements, estimate costs and prioritize projects.

The council reviewed a long list of needed improvements and agreed to six major projects:

- wetlands restoration at the old water treatment plant on Liverpool Avenue and Claudius Street at an estimated cost of \$125,000;
- improvements at Key-Rec totaling \$300,000;
- purchase a new street sweeper for approximately \$200,000;
- electrical upgrades at the campground at a cost of \$175,000;
- provide a cash match for a \$400,000 grant received for ADA improvements at City Lake Park totaling \$40,000;
- demolish the old Weisbecker's dry cleaner building on Philadelphia Avenue at a cost of \$50,000; and
- install additional security cameras in the Downtown Commercial District at a cost of \$50,000.

NJ American Water to honor former Councilman Ed Dennis

New Jersey American Water Company 10 a.m.

participate, but registration is required.

To register, call City Clerk Meg Steeb at 609-965-0081, opt. 5.



5th annual Food Truck Festival

The Egg Harbor City Economic Development Corp. will hold its fifth annual Egg Harbor City Food Truck Festival 3-8 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 12** on the 100- and 200-blocks of Philadelphia Avenue.

More than 20 food trucks will line the avenue and entertainment will be offered at various locations. Bands include FiFi and the Bones, Ill Rendition, Malanie & Tony Acoustic Duo and Mundai Night Live.

A mini car show will be held on the 200-block. First, second and third place, and People's Choice awards will be presented. Registration is available for 30 available spaces at a cost of \$25 per space. Register by Aug. 10. No entries will be accepted on the day of the festival.

For more information, including food truck vendors, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1616282313079>

Saturday, **Aug. 5** will honor former longtime City Council President Ed Dennis with a plaque installed at the Egg Harbor City Water Treatment Facility on Philadelphia Avenue.

Dennis was the driving force behind getting Egg Harbor City's aging utility modernized and the new water treatment plant built in 2013. New Jersey American Water completed its acquisition of the utility system on June 1 at a cost of \$21.8 million, promising system upgrades that will better serve ratepayers.

NJ offers back-to-school tax holiday



With the back-to-school season right around the corner, the NJ Department of the Treasury is offering parents, teachers and students a 10-day back-to-school sales tax holiday Saturday, **Aug. 27 through Monday, Sept. 5**.

The tax holiday will cut the cost for the most essential items needed for educational success, and will apply to items bought both in-store and online.

Tax exempt supplies and equipment include:

- school supplies, such as pens and pencils, notebooks and binders;
- school art supplies, such as paints and paintbrushes, clay and glazes;
- school instructional materials, such as reference books, reference maps, globes, textbooks and workbooks;
- computers priced less than \$3,000; and
- computer storage equipment, printers and personal digital assistants priced less than \$1,000.

For detailed information, see <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/business/salestax/salestaxholiday.shtml>

Historical Society Summerfest Potluck Dinner



The August meeting of the Egg Harbor City Historical Society will take place 6 p.m. Monday, **Aug. 28** on the grounds of the Roundhouse Museum.

Members and guests will gather for the society's annual Summerfest Potluck Dinner. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share.

The museum, located at 533 London Ave. across from Peace Pilgrim Park, features exhibits depicting the city's rich history, including Dr. Smith's health resort, relics of the city's three railroads, how the city flourished before the invention of the automobile, and history of churches, athletic teams, musical societies, industries and more.

The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Admission is free.



2024 General Election Preview

This year's general election on **Nov. 7** is an important one for New Jersey residents, as the entire NJ Legislature is up for election.

Residents should be aware that the geopolitical boundaries have been changed and Egg Harbor City is no longer part of the 2nd Legislative District.

Along with Mullica Township and Hammonton, Egg Harbor City is now in the 8th Legislative District, which also includes all of Burlington County.

Candidates up for election at the state, county and local levels are:

NJ State Senate (1 seat)

- Latham Tiver (R) of Southampton
- Heather Cooper (D) of Marlton

NJ General assembly (2 seats)

- Incumbent Michael Torrissi Jr. (R) of Hammonton
- Incumbent Brandon Umba (R) of Medford
- Andrea Katz (D) of Chesterfield
- Anthony Angelozzi (D) of Hammonton

Atlantic County Executive

- Incumbent Dennis Levinson (R)
- Margaret "Peggy" Capone (D)

Atlantic County Sheriff

- Incumbent Eric Scheffler (D)
- Joe "Tokyo" O'Donoghue (R)

Atlantic County Commissioner-at-Large

- Kim O'Brien (R)
- Habib Rehman (D)

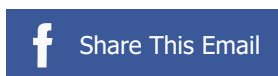
For Egg Harbor City Council (3 seats)

- Incumbent Karl Timbers (D)

- Incumbent Mason Wright Jr. (D)
- Ryan Rodriguez (D)
- Incumbent Donna M. Heist (R)
- Mattia Brown (R)
- Benjamin F. Risley Jr. (R)

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 17.

To register or learn more about voting in Atlantic County, see <https://www.atlanticcountyclerk.org/elections-2/>



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