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Developer B.G. Capital's plan for the former St. Ann Rectory property includes upscale townhomes and duplexes, with state-of-the-art community amenities.



Shay Roddy

The former Fairview Cafe sits closed, in Wildwood.

CAFRA Puts Brakes on Major Wildwood Developments

Old St. Ann Redevelopment Delayed

By SHAY RODDY

WILDWOOD - The city's Planning and Zoning Board approved plans for a residential complex, which would occupy a full square block of the island where the St. Ann Rectory and School once sat.

The school's demolition and construction on the property, however, could be delayed several months or longer, after the developer was notified that Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) permits issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would unexpectedly be required.

"When you send an application into CAFRA, it's not a two-week turnaround."
-Wildwood Mayor Peter Byron

The rectory was demolished in February, before the CAFRA issue came to light, over the objection of local historic preservationists, who garnered 2,700 virtual signatures on an online petition to try to save the building (<https://www.change.org/p/current-future-owners-of-st-ann-s-property-save-the-st-ann-s-rectory-wildwood-nj>).

Until the permitting issue is resolved, demolition and construction at the sites has come to a

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Entertainment, Student Housing Project Stalled

WILDWOOD - A planned bar and restaurant with a pool, other commercial spaces, and a J-1 student housing complex would occupy a block of Pacific Avenue, between Schellenger and Lincoln avenues, however an unexpected CAFRA permit problem is delaying demolition.

The former homes of the Fairview Café, 2nd Street Annie's and M.T. Bottles were to be demolished in favor of a 74-unit housing complex, marketed to foreign students in Wildwood for the summer. The developer didn't anticipate a need for Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) permits.

The planned complex would occupy three

floors, above a new bar and restaurant with a pool, and other commercial space, Wildwood Mayor Peter Byron said.

BG Capital is developing the project, which was designated an "area in need of redevelopment" by the Wildwood Board of Commissioners Feb. 24.

The Philadelphia developer currently has three projects in Wildwood, including redeveloping a full-square block that the St. Ann Rectory and school occupied, along with another smaller residential project, Byron said. The St. Ann project, titled "100 E. Magnolia" by the developer, will

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Goal: 75% Staff Vaccination

Local Long-term Care Facilities Well on Their Way

By KAREN KNIGHT

COURT HOUSE - A random survey of local long-term care (LTC) facilities indicates they are nearing a nationwide goal of vaccinating 75% of

staff for Covid by June 30.

The American Health Care Association (AHCA), representing more than 14,000 nursing homes and LTC facilities across the country, and LeadingAge, an association of more than 5,000 mission-driven aging services providers, announced Feb. 25, with the help of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the nationwide goal of getting 75% of the approximately 1.5

million nursing home staff vaccinated by June 30.

The county-operated Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, four Genesis Health-Care-operated facilities, and a facility operated by United Methodist Communities (UMC) have conducted vaccination clinics over the past several months for staff and residents. All continue to encourage staff and residents to be vaccinated and continue to adhere to restrictions, safety protocols

and follow the CDC's recommendations to protect their communities.

"Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has made significant progress in vaccinating staff members," said Jennifer Hess, Crest Haven Administrator. "Already, the facility had seen a very positive response from its staff in getting the Covid-19 vaccine. Nearly 60% of the staff is

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Atlantic Cape to Move Drone Program to CMCo Campus

Courses to Begin in Fall

By VINCE CONTI

COURT HOUSE - This fall, Atlantic Cape Community College will begin relocating its small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) program to the Cape May County campus, in Court House.

The program offers four courses in a rapidly growing industry that opens students to a broad range of career options.

Heading the areas of study is a 60-credit sUAS field technician degree program that awards an associate in Applied Science degree. Also available is a 33-credit field technician certificate program.

There are two professional series programs as well, one a 17-19 credit course of study as a sUAS repair specialist and the other a 15-credit sUAS specialist program providing students with the knowledge needed to safely operate a small unmanned drone in the National Airspace System. The range of programs gives potential students ways to channel their pursuit of drone education in ways that fit their lives.

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Atlantic Cape Community College Professor James Taggart, far left, reviews items to be covered in a drone's pre-flight inspection with students.

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