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Cuevas chosen to fill Point BOE seat

By Joe Bagnell

POINT PLEASANT — After conducting public interviews of four potential candidates during Monday night's meeting, members of the board of education here voted unanimously to appoint Louis Cuevas to fill the vacant seat on the board.

LOUIS CUEVAS

Mr. Cuevas, a detective for the Neptune Township Police Department, lives on Short Place with his wife Denise and their three children; Jaclyn, 9, Alexis, 8, and Brandon, 5.

Mr. Cuevas said he decided to seek the position as a way to contribute to the school system and the community.

"I love this town, and I am impressed with the quality of education that my kids have been given," Mr. Cuevas said on Tuesday.

The seat on the board was vacated during the board's annual reorganization meeting in late April when Thomas Long, a former board president, stunned his colleagues and district parents by announcing his immediate resignation from the board. Mr. Long, who won his fourth consecutive term on the board this spring, attributed his decision to resign to "negativity."

According to state law, the board of education had 60 days to choose a new member to fill the open seat. If the board could not agree on a candidate to fill the open seat, the county superintendent would have appointed a member to the board.

Since Mr. Cuevas has has been chosen to fill the seat left vacant by Mr. Long's resignation, he will hold the post until the next school board election in April. If Mr. Cuevas wishes to hold onto the board seat for the full length of Mr. Long's term, he will have to be elected to a two-year

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Balancing Act

LAUREN PARKER, The Ocean Star

Eight-year-old Ben Thomas used his arms to balance himself as he honed his surfing skills on the Bay Head Beach this week.

ADAM HUTCHENS, The Ocean Star

Hundreds of runners dashed from the starting line during Save Barnegat Bay's inaugural 8K fund-raising race on Saturday.

Save Barnegat Bay race draws hundreds

By Brian McGinn

LAVALLETTE — The rainy weather and clouds held out long enough to allow the 563 runners and walkers to enjoy the inaugural Save Barnegat Bay 8K Race and Fitness Walk held here on Saturday.

Jennifer O'Reilly, associate director of Save Barnegat Bay, said the threatening weather actually produced perfect conditions for the scores of runners and walkers.

"It really was perfect weather," Ms. O'Reilly said. "It was overcast and there was a cool breeze blowing off the bay. It was just perfect."

But the weather was not the only perfect thing last Saturday morning, so too was the race turnout.

In all, 393 runners participated in the 8K race that took participants on a fast-paced tour of the beauty the Barnegat Bay has to offer.

For those who were not up to the run, another 170 walkers participated in the 3.3-mile fitness walk, which also provided participants with picturesque views of the bay.

"We blew ourselves away in terms of first-year participation," Ms. O'Reilly said. "I'm not a racer myself, but there is such a running subculture we were unaware of."

She said runners came from all over the country, some from as far away as California, to participate in the first annual 8K run.

Ms. O'Reilly said there were so many people participating in the race that organizers actually ran out of the goodie bags and T-shirts that were being given away to race and walk participants.

She said the event also drew so many volunteers — more than 70 in all— that organizers ran out of T-shirts for them, as well.

"The best part was, that even with us running out of everything, not one person complained," Ms. O'Reilly said. "Everyone was so positive and so excited."

She said an additional aspect of the race that was "really cool" was driving down the race route and seeing residents and business owners lining the streets, cheering for the runners.

"It was a very cool moment for Save Barnegat Bay," Ms. O'Reilly said.

Saturday morning's festivities were the brainchild of co-founders and race directors Jamie Watson and Joe Yewaisis.

Ms. O'Reilly said Colleen Klutz, who handled all the registrations, was also a huge part in making the first annual race go off without a hitch.

In addition to event organizers, she said the Lavallette Police Department, first aid squad, fire department and Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] were integral to making the event a success.

However, while the weather was beautiful and the competition was fierce, there was a broader intention behind the 8K race and fitness walk —to raise funds for Save Barnegat Bay and to raise the community's awareness of the organization's mission.

Ms. O'Reilly said this year's event was "more successful in raising awareness" than raising funds, because of a number of one-time costs organizers had to cover, such as purchasing the banners and signs to hang around the race course.

Ms. O'Reilly said this week she did not know the exact dollar amount raised from last weekend's race because receipts were still being counted and donations were still coming in.

She said the group is hoping to hold the

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Engineer: Grates may not be bike safe

By Brian McGinn

LAVALLETTE — Last week, armed with a copy of a document from the Ocean County Clerk's Office, Councilman Joseph Ardito and Councilwoman Britta Wenzel slammed the project to create a bicycle route along Bay Boulevard here as a waste of time and money.

"We're replacing bike-safe grates with bike-safe grates," Councilman Ardito said at last week's meeting of the governing body.

However, a new voice recently entered the ongoing debate, contending the report cited by the two council members does not necessarily prove the grates slated to be replaced on Bay Boulevard meet bicycle safety standards.

This week Ocean County Engineer Ronald Lotrecchio said the report — obtained through an Open Public Records Act request [OPRA] filed by Pershing Boulevard resident Celeste Brockwell and presented to the governing body by Council Members Wenzel and Ardito — only proves the grates on Bay Boulevard are not hazardous to bicyclists.

"This [report] does not mean these grates are in strict compliance with bicycle road safety standards for the use of grant money," Mr. Lotrecchio said. "Whatever the individual grant requires as the standard, that is what is must be complied to."

He said that type of in-depth analysis is not done by the county, but rather by the engineering firm hired to prepare the grant application.

In the case of Lavallette's grates, the borough's engineering firm, O'Donnell, Stanton & Associate's, investigated each grate and determined which ones needed to be replaced.

Mr. Lotrecchio said in the report presented to the council and the public last week, the county only looked at each grate and decided if it was hazardous to bicycle riders or not. County officials did not perform any detailed analysis of the grates to determine if they met the grant's safety requirements.

"We looked at them, and if they were not hazardous, they were deemed bicycle safe," Mr. Lotrecchio said. "[In that report] we only determined if they were hazardous or not, not if they were conforming to current bicycle safety standards."

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The Newest Addition To The Fleet

LAUREN PARKER, The Ocean Star

Point Pleasant Beach Police Officer Andy Gunning [from right] Point Pleasant Beach High School senior Luke Thomson, Allen Picker of All Time Auto Body and Marc Mastrojohn of Tire Craft of Point Pleasant showed off the recently completed COPS Club Police Car they all worked on. For more information on the car, see the story on page 12.

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