

## WILDWOOD CREST BOROUGH COMMISSION REORGANIZES

The Borough of Wildwood Crest held its reorganization meeting for the Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center.



Joyce Gould (left), Don Cabrera (center) and David Thompson were each sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 3, for four-year terms as members of the Wildwood Crest Board of Commissioners. Cabrera was appointed as mayor.

Don Cabrera and Joyce P. Gould returned to office and were joined by newcomer David C. Thompson.

Cabrera, who is beginning his fifth term as a member of the Board of the Commissioners, was named Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Recreation. Cabrera was also appointed as mayor.

Gould, who is starting her seventh term as a member of the Board of the Commissioners, was named Commissioner of Revenue and

Finance. Gould was also appointed as deputy mayor.

Thompson, who is beginning his first term as a member of the Board of the Commissioners, was named Commissioner of Public Safety.

The commissioners are set to serve four-year terms that are scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

In addition, Ronald Gelzunas was appointed as the new borough solicitor. Various other appointments to volunteer posts on various boards in the borough were also approved at the meeting.

**For more information, contact the borough clerk's office at (609) 729-8040.**

## WILDWOOD CREST ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Wildwood Crest Adopt-A-Beach program is seeking additional volunteers to help beautify the borough's beaches.

The Wildwood Crest Adopt-A-Beach program was established in 2016 and consists of groups adopting one of the borough's 42 beach street-ends for litter abatement. The goal is to work with the community to protect the environment by keeping trash off the beaches and out of the ocean.

The Adopt-A-Beach program has helped keep the Wildwood Crest beaches ranked among the cleanest and best both across the state and nationwide.



Volunteers in the program have their group names displayed on the Adopt-A-Beach sign at a designated street end.

**For more information and to receive an application, please call the Adopt-A-Beach coordinator at the Department of Public Works (609) 522-7446 or email [ksagal@wildwoodcrest.org](mailto:ksagal@wildwoodcrest.org).**

Like the program on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WildwoodCrestAdoptABeach](http://www.facebook.com/WildwoodCrestAdoptABeach) to receive important updates regarding new community events planned for 2018.

## 16TH ANNUAL WILDWOOD CREST BOROUGH-WIDE YARD SALE IS MAY 5

Bargain hunters are encouraged to spend the day in Wildwood Crest for the 16th annual Borough-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature nearly 200 yard sale locations throughout the borough.

Those wishing to become an official yard sale location must submit a registration form by Friday, April 27, to Wildwood Crest Borough Hall. The fee to participate is \$15.

Registration forms are available at the Wildwood Crest Public Works Department, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall and the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center. Registration forms can also be downloaded online at [www.wildwoodcrest.org](http://www.wildwoodcrest.org).

Maps featuring yard sale locations will be available beginning Friday, May 5, at the following locations: Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue; Crest Pier Recreation Center, 5800 Ocean Avenue; Joseph Von Savage Memorial Pool, 8800 New Jersey Avenue; and The Hardware Store, 105 W. Aster Road.

**The yard sale location map will also be available online at [www.wildwoodcrest.org](http://www.wildwoodcrest.org) beginning Friday, May 4.**

**Rain date for the event is Sunday, May 6.**

Residents and visitors are reminded to obey all traffic laws as they travel through town on the day of the event. Following the yard sale, registered participants are strongly encouraged to leave bulk items, electronics, metal and rigid plastics curbside for pickup by the Wildwood Crest Public Works Department.

**The Borough-Wide Yard Sale is sponsored by the Wildwood Crest Department of Public Works. Call (609) 522-7446 for more information**

## **CREST MOTEL RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF TOP 'MUST-SEE' BUILDINGS IN STATE**

The Caribbean Motel in Wildwood Crest has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Must-See Buildings in New Jersey, as per USA Today Travel and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).



The designation was announced via a story published Wednesday, Jan. 31, on USA Today.com.

The Caribbean Motel, which is located at the corner of Buttercup Road and Ocean Avenue (5600

Ocean Avenue), was cited for its spectacular Doo Wop architecture. The Caribbean was built in 1957 and was recently renovated without losing its original popular appeal, which included angular elements, tropical themes and colors and bright neon signage.

The Caribbean Motel has long been considered one of the iconic structures of the Wildwoods Doo Wop District, which is home to the largest concentration of preserved mid-20th century Doo Wop buildings in the country, according to a 2014 article published by nj.com.

According to the article published by USA Today, AIA chapters across the country were asked to name 25 structures visitors in their state should see. Also included on the list for New Jersey are the Statue of Liberty near Jersey City, Lucy the Elephant in Margate, the Emlen Physick House in Cape May and the Thomas A. Edison House in West Orange.

## **WILDWOOD CREST TO HOST COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM ON POTENTIAL FLOOD INSURANCE MITIGATION**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest will host a community outreach program on flood mitigation on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center located at Heather Road and Ocean Avenue (5800 Ocean Avenue).

The program will provide information on flood insurance coverage options and FEMA regulations and requirements.

Professionals from Flood Risk Evaluator (FRE) will make opening remarks and provide information on new laws and regulations that may affect flood insurance policies, as well as discuss mitigation steps and potential policy holder savings. Following opening remarks, residents can meet with FRE professionals one-on-one to review their current elevation certificate and flood insurance policies and determine proper mitigation steps needed to lower premiums.

**The program is free to all attendees but registration is required. To register, log on to [wwcrestoutreach.eventbrite.com](http://wwcrestoutreach.eventbrite.com) or call (866) 599-7065.**

## **CREST TO HOST SUMMER KICKOFF CONCERT WITH THE CHATTERBAND**

The long-anticipated start of the summer season at the Jersey Shore will once again be celebrated with the first of 24 free outdoor concerts hosted by the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

The Chatterband will perform Sunday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough of Wildwood Crest's annual Summer Kickoff Concert at Centennial Park, located at Fern Road and Ocean Avenue.

The Chatterband is one of the longest-running and most popular bands in the Delaware Valley. A nine-piece band with a full horn section and dynamite and versatile lead singers, The Chatterband regularly performs many of today's pop, rock and dance hits, along with many of the most iconic pop, rock and dance tunes of all time. The Chatterband annually plays well over 100 shows per year and has been a regular performer in Wildwood Crest for more than a decade.



The Summer Kickoff Concert is a FREE all-ages show. Attendees should bring a blanket or a chair. Centennial Park is located at Fern Road and Ocean Avenue.

The weekly Wildwood Crest Summer Music Series will begin in late June. Centennial Park will feature live music shows each Saturday from June 30 through Sept. 22 and each Wednesday from June 27 through Aug. 29. The full schedule is available online at [wildwoodcrest.org](http://wildwoodcrest.org).

**For more information call the Wildwood Crest Recreation/Tourism Department at (609) 523-0202.**

## **WILDWOOD CREST GIVEN STRONG FINANCIAL RATING BY MOODY'S**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest has recently been issued an excellent Aa3 rating by Moody's Investor Service in its most recent report of the borough's finances.

In the report issued Dec. 22, Moody's rated Wildwood Crest's financial position as robust, its credit overview as good, its economy and tax base as very healthy, and its debt and pensions liabilities as manageable.

"Wildwood Crest's solid financial position is the result of day-to-day planning, controls, budgeting and sometimes unpopular decisions made for the long-term fiscal health of the borough," said Alicia Belansen, the borough's chief financial officer. "This ultimately benefits the taxpayers. Our elected officials and staff have always attempted to maintain a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility."

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The Moody's report also cited Wildwood Crest as having "a very strong financial position, a healthy socioeconomic profile and a solid tax base." It also stated that Wildwood Crest's adjusted net pension liability compared to operating revenues is favorably under the U.S. median.

"This excellent report from Moody's is a direct reflection of the strong work done on a daily basis by the dedicated staff of the borough, in particular the finance department led by our CFO Alicia Belansen," said Wildwood Crest mayor Don Cabrera. "In today's economic climate, it is often a difficult task to remain vigilant with regard to sound financial practices and Alicia, the entire finance department and all borough staff continue to do an excellent job in this regard."

Moody's Investors Service is the bond credit rating of Moody's Corporation. It provides worldwide financial research on bonds issued by commercial and government entities. Moody's is considered one of the "Big Three" credit rating agencies along with Standard & Poor's and Fitch Group.

**For more information, call (609) 522-5176.**

## **WILDWOOD CREST TO HOST HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO JUNE 21**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest will host its second annual Health & Wellness Expo on Thursday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center located at Heather Road and Ocean Avenue.

The event is free and open to the general public.

The Health & Wellness Expo includes a mobile mammography unit, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings, family chiropractic, skin cancer prevention information, healthy eating tips, smoking cessation information, fitness demonstrations and more.

A variety of vendors will also be on hand to promote health and wellness.

No pre-registration for the event is necessary.

**For more information about the Wildwood Crest Health & Wellness Expo, call the Wildwood Crest Recreation Department at (609) 523-0202.**

**The Borough of Wildwood Crest is also seeking volunteers for its new Wellness Committee and any wellness ideas. Contact Nick Holland at [nholland@wildwoodcrest.org](mailto:nholland@wildwoodcrest.org) for information.**

## **CREST NEWS TIDBITS**

**2018 Budget:** The 2018 Wildwood Crest municipal budget was scheduled for introduction at the Wednesday, Feb. 21, meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The budget is set for adoption at the Wednesday, March 21, meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Call the borough clerk's office at (609) 729-8040 for more information.

### **Sunset Lake Shoreline Stabilization/Kayak Launch Area:**

The borough is awaiting word on an application for \$300,000 in Cape May County Open Space Parks and Recreation funding to pay for recreational improvements in the Sunset Lake area (Rambler Road to Miami Avenue). Plans include the addition of an ADA-compliant kayak/paddleboard launch area, a fishing and observation pier and the replacement of the current gazebo/pavilion. Other amenities in the plan include drinking/filling stations, low-level lighting, concrete improvements and bike racks. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2018 or early 2019.

**Improved Website Forthcoming:** The Borough of Wildwood Crest is set to launch a redesigned website ([wildwoodcrest.org](http://wildwoodcrest.org)) sometime in March. All municipal and tourism/special events information can be found on the site. Those interested will be able to sign up for email and/or text message alerts in the very near future. More details coming soon.

**Municipal Calendars Available:** FREE copies of the 2018 Borough of Wildwood Crest Municipal Calendar are available at the following locations: Borough Hall, Crest Pier, Von Savage Pool, Nesbitt Information Center (May through September). Calendar includes pertinent borough information regarding trash/recycling schedules, schedules of borough meetings, special events and more! A PDF version of the municipal calendar will be available online at [wildwoodcrest.org](http://wildwoodcrest.org) when the redesigned website is launched in March.

**Crest Best 10-Miler:** The inaugural Crest Best 10-Miler running race, produced by DelMoSports, will take place Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 6-7. Kids' race and 5K run Saturday, five- and 10-mile runs Sunday. Showcasing the beautiful Wildwood Crest scenery! Very affordable rates! Register now at [delmosports.com](http://delmosports.com). Call the Wildwood Crest Recreation Department at (609) 523-0202 for more details.

**Free Bulk Pickup March 7:** The Wildwood Crest Department of Public Works will hold a free bulk pickup day on Wednesday, March 7. Contact DPW at (609) 522-7446 or at [ksagal@wildwoodcrest.org](mailto:ksagal@wildwoodcrest.org) to be placed on the pickup list.

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## RECREATION NEWS

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**Grades K-2 Indoor Soccer League:** Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings through March.

**Gymnastics/Tumbling Program:** For children in Pre-K through Grade 1. New session begins in March. Registration forms available.

**Fitness Room:** For residents only (FREE!). Available Mon.-Fri. 9:30 am-8 pm, Saturday 9am-4 pm, Sunday 11am-3pm.

**Fitness Programs:** Crest Pier Recreation Center – Fit 50s Plus (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 am); Chair Fit (Wednesday at 10 am); Zumba (Saturday at 9 am). Joseph Von Savage Memorial Pool – Aqua Flow Water Aerobics (Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 am).

**Pier Playmates Summer Day Camp:** Registration for new campers begins Friday, April 27.

**Summer Basketball Leagues:** Open to boys entering grades 3-5, 6-8 & high school. Leagues begin late June/early July.

**Info: Crest Pier – (609) 523-0202, Von Savage Pool – (609) 522-0084; email – wildwoodcrestpier@yahoo.com**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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**Board of Commissioners:** Wednesday, March 7, at 9:30 am; Wednesday, March 21, at 5:30 pm; Wednesday, April 11, at 9:30 am; Wednesday, April 25, at 5:30 pm; Wednesday, May 9, at 9:30 am; Wednesday, May 23, at 5:30 pm; Wednesday, June 6, at 9:30 am; Wednesday, June 20, at 5:30 pm

**Planning Board:** First Wednesday of month at 5 pm at Borough Hall

**Zoning Board:** Third Tuesday of month at 5 pm at Borough Hall

**Tourism Commission:** March 14, April 11 and May 16 at 4 pm at Crest Pier Recreation Center

**Recreation Commission:** March 14, April 11 and May 16 at 5 pm at Crest Pier Recreation Center

**Environmental Commission:** Second Thursday of month at 6:30 pm at Borough Hall

## TRASH/RECYCLING INFORMATION

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**Weekend Trash Drop-Off:** Available 3-5 pm every Saturday and Sunday at Public Works through April 30. Beginning May 1, available 7 am-7 pm every Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Use the Bayview Drive entrance between Newark and Jefferson avenues.

**Holiday Trash Collection Note:** Trash/recycling will NOT be collected on Friday, March 30 (Good Friday holiday). Zones with usual Friday pickup will be serviced Monday, April 2. Trash/recycling WILL be collected on all summer holidays (Memorial Day May 28, Independence Day July 4 and Labor Day Sept. 3).

**Info: Public Works – (609) 522-7446; email – ksagal@wildwoodcrest.org.**

## BOROUGH CONTACTS (Area code 609)

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**Police: (non-emergency)** 522-2456  
**Ambulance Corps: (non-emergency)** 522-0844  
**Public Works:** 522-7446  
**Recreation:** 523-0202 (Crest Pier) / 522-0084 (Von Savage Pool)

**Administrator:** 729-8041  
**Clerk:** 729-8040  
**Tax Collector:** 522-3843  
**Tax Assessor:** 522-3891  
**Finance Office:** 522-0401  
**Municipal Court:** 522-1352

**Fire Prevention:** 729-5152  
**Code Enforcement:** 729-8091  
**Construction/Zoning:** 522-3916  
**Mayor Don Cabrera:** 729-8043  
**Commissioner Joyce Gould:** 729-8042  
**Commissioner David Thompson:** 729-8033



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