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Accident fuels stop sign efforts

Lake Terrace Avenue residents petition for signs following near-fatal accident involving two-year-old boy

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BRADLEY BEACH — From their home on Lake Terrace Avenue, the Decker family has been watching cars speed to and from the beach and other destinations for six years.

They say the 25-mile-per-hour limit is largely ignored by motorists passing through the four-way intersection of Lake Terrace with Madison and Fletcher Lake avenues.

Their concerns were heightened on June 11, when a two-year-old boy was struck by a car there.

Matteo Esparza was struck on Lake Terrace Avenue, near the park, according to Police Chief Leonard Guida.

"The child is lucky he lived," said Robert Fuggi, a Toms River attorney representing the boy's parents. He said Matteo suffered substantial injuries to his body and brain.

Chief Guida declined to comment on the accident, as an investigation is still pending. But he confirmed frequent speeding at the location and said his department has responded to it.

The residents want stop signs installed at the intersection, but Lake Terrace is a county road and they have been unable to convince county officials of the need, Jesse Decker said.

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Jimmy McAnee [center] spent time with his host family from 30 years ago, former Avon-By-The-Sea Police Chief Joe Hagerman and his wife Pat. Mr. McAnee, of Derry, Northern Ireland, stayed with the Hagermans for five consecutive summers before deciding to stay in America at the age of 17.

One last swim

Tradition shared by Avon and Derry, Ireland comes to an end after 35-years

BY CHRISTOPHER NEELY
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AVON-BY-THE-SEA — The City of Derry Swim Club has traveled here from their homeland of Northern Ireland every July since 1981. It's a tradition known by many in the borough, but on Tuesday night all who've been involved were invited to the Norwood Inn for one final and emotional goodbye.

ESCAPING TROUBLES AT HOME

It all began with Seamus McAnee, a Derry native with an affinity for singing, who would travel to America

each summer to sing with the Sean O'Neil Band.

One night in 1980, Bill Nunnally, a lifetime resident of Avon-by-the-Sea, caught the Sean O'Neil's set and was impressed with their singer. He then introduced himself to Mr. McAnee and the two hit it off.

Over dinner with their wives, the two men later discovered they both had young sons, Jimmy and Matt, who were swimmers and that Mr. McAnee was the coach of a swim team back in Derry.

Mr. McAnee told Mr. Nunnally about the troubles facing Northern Ireland at the time. The religious schism between Protestants and Catholics had grown increasingly

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Beachgoers can surf the net for free

Areas of Manasquan beach now have free Wi-fi, offered by local marketing company and area businesses

BY CHRISTOPHER NEELY
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MANASQUAN — Surfing is now allowed at Manasquan Beach between lifeguard stands six and 10 — Internet surfing, that is.

While the borough's surfing mavericks still cannot bring their boards into the waters of the Main Beach, those who love to surf the Internet now have a reason to bring their laptops and mobile devices.

Since the beginning of July, beachgoers in Manasquan who normally hang out by Gee Gee's Pizza between lifeguard stands six and 10, have experienced something previously inconceivable: a free, powerful and high-speed Wi-fi connection. Whether up near the macadam or down by the shoreline getting their toes wet, thanks to a new marketing push by local businesses, beachgoers in Manasquan are now able to experience a full, four-bar Internet connection — for free.

According to Brian Culley of Best Results Marketing, of Brielle, the new Wi-fi signal comes as an attempt by some local businesses in the borough to try a new advertising strategy that allows them more

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Brielle School teachers rated 'highly effective'

'AchieveNJ' evaluations measure teachers in schools throughout New Jersey

BY ADRIANNA SHASHATY

Area homes used in rental scams

Sea Girt Police warn residents of ongoing rental, IRS scams

BY CAREN MAY
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SEA GIRT — The borough's police department is currently investigating a series of summer home rental scams that have cost victims thousands of dol-

lars, account listed on the invoice," Detective DeMillio said.

When the victims arrived at the homes on the agreed-upon check-in dates, each found that the houses were not actually for rent, he said. In one case the victim found an empty lot where the home was supposed to be.

Victims of such scams have included people from New York, Virginia, and Massachusetts. The most recent adver-

