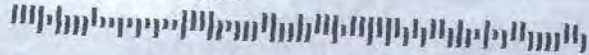


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## Developer Seeks New Height for Building with 'Beautiful Bones'

**RE L. PAPA IANNI**  
Cookman Avenue corridor has been getting taller in recent years. A new project by Barry Schlott is approved by the township, but the additions he is making to an existing building are in line with them.

Enterprise has proposed adding three floors to what is the Barry Schlott building at 74 Cookman Ave. Andrew Karas said the building, which at one time was in disrepair but has beautiful bones."

The feasibility of adding three floors to the building is being studied. The entire building is being renovated. The new building will have three floors of residential units, with seven units on each floor. He said the building back to its original design will take "significant investment."

Regulations stipulate a maximum height of 45 feet, but

Karas pointed out that several buildings in the Central Business District have been granted height variances, of 60 or 70 feet.

Originally, he said, plans called for 85 feet, but were amended to 70 feet.

Architect Alex Merlucci explained that the new addition will be modern in style, but will "relate in rhythm and architecture to the original building."

"It will bring new life by adding a new piece to it," he said.

Carter Sackman also spoke at the meeting saying, "I thought this one could be an iconic building. I know it's different. I understand for some people they might like it, others might be whoa, that's a whole historic building...contrasting that modern."

But Sackman said the plans focus on what is historic, without trying to match it, which he said would be very difficult.

City Attorney Frederick

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An adult day care facility is being proposed for this Ocean building.

## Adult Day Care Proposed for Ocean Office Building

By **DON STINE**

Colonial Terrace residents are urging the Ocean Township Board of Adjustment to deny a use variance to convert a long-time office building, off Wickapecko Drive and adjacent to the William F. Larkin Golf Course, into an adult medical day care facility.

"This is not the best location for it and we are concerned.

Nobody has a problem with a day care center to serve the needs of our senior citizens but the idea of putting it in this residential neighborhood makes little sense to many people. There are other locations that are more suitable for this use," said Laura McBride, president of the Colonial Terrace Protective Association.

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## Don't Throw Away Those Old Shoes; Donate Them

By **DENISE HERSHEL**

If you no longer feel you're putting your best foot forward in that pair of sneakers in your closet or if your steppin' out shoes should just stay home consider this.

Donate those sneakers, shoes and boots to the Bradley Beach

the Bradley Beach Library Board of Trustees, said donating unwanted shoes is one way in which the public can help in their local community.

Beaudette, who is co-chairperson of the shoe collection along with Kathie Deak, Bradley Beach Friends of the Library

Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families.

"This is the first time we are running this event which the Friends of the Bradley Beach Library is sponsoring. A local church in our area ran a drive like



## Developer

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Raffetto said City Planner Michele Alonso, who was on vacation, would need to review

the height amendment.

Council agreed to have the proposal sent to the Planning Board

for review of the amendments before sending the plans back to the council for final approval.

## Adult Day Care

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"It is incompatible with the surrounding residential area and we question why the township would now flip the zoning to allow this type of business there," she said.

An application has been filed with the Board of Adjustment by Lakeview Adult Medical Center LLC seeking a use various to allow the day care facility at 1001 Wickapecko Dr. The center is not a permitted use in the zone

The 1.3-acre site has always

been zoned for single-family, residential use only but variances have been granted in the past to allow for offices in the one-story, 9,460-square-foot building that has been there for decades.

Another meeting on the application, there have been four previous ones, will be held on Thurs., May 18.

In addition to the use variance, the applicant is seeking to restripe the existing parking area to allow for buses to both park or to drop off and pick up clients and for a 26-square-foot illuminated sign to face Wickapecko

Drive. The applicant estimates that the facility will serve up to 200 clients a day during morning and afternoon shifts.

Opponents to the application maintain that there is no turnaround space for the buses on the site and that they will be forced to backup, which sound the safety alert beepers, or make k-turns to exit the site

McBride said the adjacent golf course is becoming more and more active and that hours of the daycare facility overlap hours the golf course is open. Both the daycare facility and the golf course

will share the same driveway. She said that Wickapecko Drive is only 50 feet wide and is not designed to accommodate the type of bus traffic that will be generated by the facility.

Deal Lake Commission Chairman Don Brockel said his group is concerned about possible pollution from the buses, especially oil, entering Deal Lake, which is adjacent to the site.

"This will be a commercial operation and we are concerned about the bus traffic. They need to come up with some remedia-

tion about oil coming from the buses because, right now, the storm water runs directly into the lake. They need to come up with a plan to deal with this," he said.

Established in 1953, the Colonial Terrace Protective Association has about 80 percent of the 143 residential homes in the neighbor as members.

"We are a very active association and are very involved with community and Deal Lake activities. We don't just complain- we participate and give back to this area," McBride said.

## Old Shoes

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sandals and high heels are needed. It's time to clean out our closets and do a good deed."

Beaudette said that the community has really come together in support of all of the Bradley Beach Library's fundraising effort these past two years to complete the ADA project.

"I am so grateful and it is time to help people less fortunate than us by paying it forward. There is no need for our community to open their wallets; just donate their new or gently worn shoes and the Friends group will take care of the rest," she added. "Throwing away your worn shoes is bad for our environment so this shoe drive has a two-fold out-

come. Our ADA project helped people step into our library by using our elevator and being able to enjoy all that our great little library has to offer and now by helping people in developing countries become successful and walk everywhere in comfort."

They hope to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes.

All types of men's, women's

and children's new and gently used shoes from dress to work to play will be accepted. There will be different bins for people to drop off their shoes at the following locations in Bradley Beach Library, 511 Fourth Ave., Bradley Beach borough hall, 701 Main St.; Kearny Bank, 501 Main St. in Bradley Beach; Jersey Shore Fitness Center, 711 Brinley Ave.

and Art and Sole, 424 Main St., Avon; porch of a private residence, 312 Evergreen Ave. and porch of a private home, 107 Ocean Park Ave., both in Bradley Beach.

For more information about the shoe collection drive contact Janet Torsney or Rita Post at the Bradley Beach Library at 732-776-2995.

## Real Estate Transactions

Local real estate transactions from April 24 through May 1

There are 44 homes currently Under Contract of Sale, and 60 Available For Sale