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WINTER 2014

## Coping with winter's worst blasts

NEW CASTLE, DE—It's been an amazing winter so far—snow, ice, freezing rain, more snow and endless cold. Nevertheless, the Authority continues to ensure its facilities are accessible to the travelers who rely on the Delaware River and Bay Authority's bridge, Ferry system and airports to get them to their destinations. As these photos show, our employees are up to the task, no matter what Mother Nature throws at the region. ■



*Battling the weather —Delaware River and Bay Authority employees work to keep the Authority's facilities open, even in the worst winter weather. A snow blower throws billowing clouds of snow off the runways at New Castle Airport while a snow plow train keeps the Delaware Memorial Twin Spans open for travelers. Above the MV New Jersey moves through the ice on a cold January morning in the Cape May canal to get to the terminal.*

## Celebrating 50 years at the Ferry

It's almost here—the Cape May-Lewes Ferry's big anniversary. This year the Ferry, the Authority and the people of the Delaware Bay region are celebrating the Ferry's 50 years of service.

While the Ferry's actual anniversary isn't until this summer, the Authority has already begun the celebration. There are fascinating displays of great moments in the Ferry's history inside both terminals; accounts of our customers' experiences are on our website; and residents and customers can take part in a lasting way in the celebration.

Ferry officials have made available commemorative, engraved bricks that will be placed at the entrances of both Ferry

terminals. These attractive, permanent bricks will be installed in the spring of this year so they will be in place for the Ferry's actual anniversary on July 1.

"This is an exciting way for the community to celebrate and contribute to the history of the Ferry," explained Heath Gehrke, director of Ferry operations. "With the commemorative brick program, our fans have a special way to become part of the Ferry's history and put their own stamp on the 50th anniversary celebration."

The cost of the individual bricks has been kept low in order to make them affordable for anyone who wants to be part of the celebration. Any proceeds

from the sale of the bricks beyond actual cost will be used to help pay for the public celebrations.

The bricks are available in one standard size, (4 inch x 8 inch) and will cost \$50 per brick with a 3-line, 20-character per line engraving. Corporate brick sponsorships are also available.

Brick orders can be made online at [www.cmlf.com](http://www.cmlf.com), now through April 21.

Look for future announcements of other exciting activities and opportunities to take part in celebrations of the Ferry's 50 years of service to the region. ■



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## New airport historic district established at Cape May Airport



*Dan Saunders of the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office presents the historic district certificate to (l to r) DRBA Chairman Jim Hogan, Cape May County Freeholder Will Morey, and Dr. Joe Salvatore, founder of the NASW museum.*



CAPE MAY, NJ—A new Airport Historic District was welcomed by representatives of the DRBA, Cape May County, Lower Township and the Naval Air Station Wildwood (NASW) in a December celebration.

Included in the new Historic District are Hangar 1, a cavernous structure used as a training facility for dive-bombers and fighters during WWII and now an aviation museum;

Hangar 2, home to Penn Turbo, a firm that repurposes aircraft; the Terminal Building, which was the control tower/operations center; and a defined “buffer zone” that preserves space without interfering with airport operations or the business portion of the airport.

A speaker at the event, Cape May Freeholder Will Morey, noted how important the Historic District is to economic development of the airport and surrounding communities. ■

## ... and this is the way it was 50 years ago



*Lewes, DE— This display inside the gift shop at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal here shows photos and other memorabilia of the Ferry service's early days. ■*



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ESCAPE THE CAPE RETURNS

The Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Lower Township, and DelMoSports have announced that the East Coast's premier, one-of-a-kind sporting event, *The Escape the Cape Triathlon & Aquabike*, will return for a second season along the Jersey Shore on June 8, 2014.



The Ferry's Cape May Terminal in Lower Township, NJ, expects to host 1,500 triathletes, their families and friends for this exciting endurance event. Just like last year's inaugural event, the races will start aboard a Cape May - Lewes Ferry vessel in the Delaware Bay. ■

### BOCCE FEST IS COMING BACK!

The 2nd Annual Bocce Fest is planned for Aug. 9 this year at the Lewes Ferry Terminal. Last fall, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal at Lewes, DE, hosted the first ever Bocce Fest. Sponsored by Dog Fish Head Brewery and Major League Bocce, the all-day event featured bocce, live music, food and beer. ■

### FRONTIER ADDS DESTINATIONS

Frontier Airlines plans to add non-stop service from Wilmington-New Castle Airport to Atlanta, GA, and Detroit, MI, at the end of April. The addition of these two routes brings the total number of routes from the Wilmington-Philadelphia area to seven. ■

### VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED

US veterans gathered on November 11, at the DRBA's War Memorial Park near the Delaware Memorial Bridge, for the annual observance of Veterans' Day. Delaware Governor Jack Markell, the Delaware Congressional delegation and many elected officials joined DRBA employees in paying respect to our country's veterans during the ceremony. ■

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**Marvin Bristow, an E-ZPass Customer Service Representative, helps Rosemary Harris of New Castle, DE, the new E-ZPass center's first customer.**



## E-ZPass Center relocates nearer the toll plaza



**NEW CASTLE, DE**—The E-ZPass Walk-in Customer Service Center at the Delaware Memorial Bridge has moved to a new location adjacent to the Bridge Toll Plaza. The new center in the Vincent A. Julia building opened to the public on February 24, 2014.

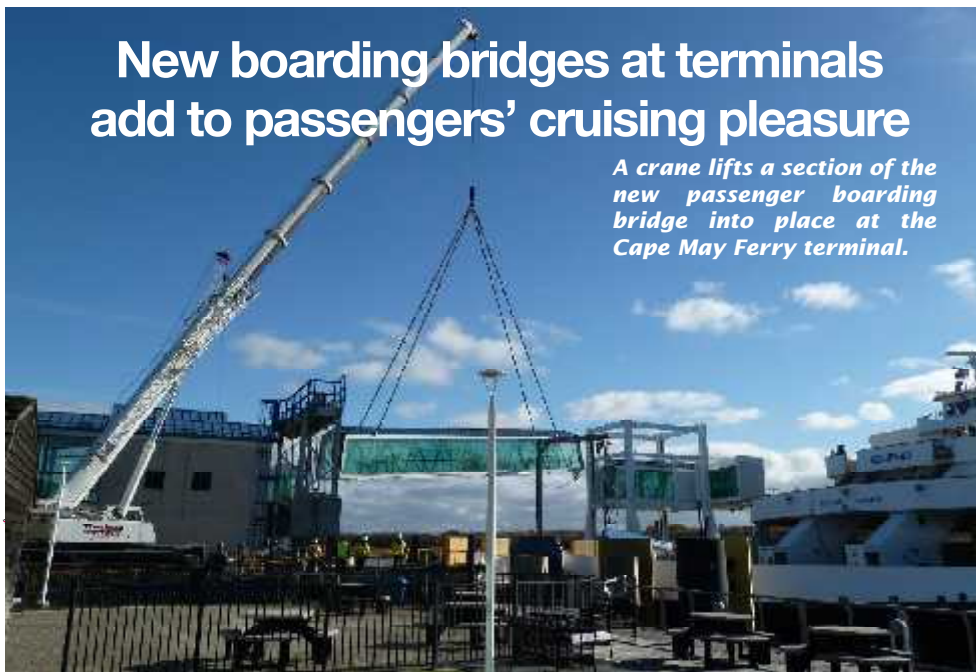
"Our customers deserve the very best

and our new Walk-in Center definitely enhances the customer experience," noted Jim Walls, DRBA's chief operations officer.

Authority personnel were instrumental in undertaking the renovation work which took about eight weeks. An ATM machine was installed as an additional E-ZPass customer convenience. ■

## New boarding bridges at terminals add to passengers' cruising pleasure

*A crane lifts a section of the new passenger boarding bridge into place at the Cape May Ferry terminal.*



**CAPE MAY, NJ**—New passenger boarding bridges at both Ferry terminals took approximately six weeks to install. But they were worth the time and effort as the design enhances the boarding process for customers, providing an experience

much like that of boarding a modern cruise ship.

Construction took place at both terminals simultaneously with the new bridges opening on November 27. The cost of this infrastructure improvement, the third major project for the Ferry system in two years, was \$4.25 million. ■



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## Glasstown Brewing Company starts up at Millville Airport



**MILLVILLE, NJ**—Glasstown Brewing Company, a start up micro-brewery, has leased a 2,800-square-foot building at the Millville Airport where it plans to also give visitor tours as well as offer a retail outlet and a tasting room. Founded by a city resident, Paul Simmons, the Glasstown Brewery pays homage through its name to Millville's past as a glass-making center. The brewery plans to produce gallons of beer per week. Glasstown is the second micro-brewery to lease space at one of the DRBA's airport facilities. In the ribbon-cutting photo above are: (l-r) Larry Miller, Millville Urban Redevelopment Corporation board member, Jennifer and Paul Simmons, owners, Millville Mayor Michael Santiago, DRBA Commissionerr Becki Wilson, and Earl Sherrick, Greater Millville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. ■

## Celebration!



**LEWES, DE**—Forty-three million passengers have taken a ride across the Delaware Bay on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. The Ferry celebrated this milestone on January 8, 2014 when Bill and Fran Kisby (at center) of Millsboro, DE, purchased a ticket for Cape May. As part of the Ferry's 50th anniversary celebration, Ruth Macintire, who was on the inaugural Ferry crossing in 1964, attended the ceremony honoring the Kisbys. ■