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Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association, Inc. – A non-profit taxpayer advocacy organization

2007 Membership Dues and Donation Request

At the November Board meeting, the Board voted to make two changes to the Association's Dues structure for 2007. The first change was to increase the membership fee to \$20 annually. The second change was to base the membership on household rather than individual, with one membership fee covering all of the adults in the household. The 2007 Membership Application, which is included in this newsletter, reflects these changes.

The increase in the dues is due to the increased costs of obtaining, printing, and disseminating information about City operations. In 2006, SICTA also incurred the cost of successfully challenging the City's attempt to insert language in the ballot statement that was designed to "mislead the voters". As a result of our efforts, voters approved a change from a Commission to a Mayor-Council form of government.

During the past year, we have also enhanced our website, which is a very efficient way for SICTA to keep the taxpayers informed. A new feature is a "news corner" where we post recent newspaper articles related to Sea Isle City. We also encourage all members to sign up for "email alerts" which allows us to provide you with late-breaking news at virtually no cost. This will undoubtedly be useful as we approach the municipal election.

Your dues will allow the Board to produce four Newsletters and maintain the website during the year. Members are asked to consider also adding a **Voluntary Donation** to the Association, when they submit their Dues payment. The extra funds will enable the Board to produce additional Newsletters and continue our efforts to fully represent the Taxpayers in the transition to a new form of government.

In the last twelve months SICTA has significantly increased its activities in representing you, the taxpayer, in City issues. SICTA has produced more and greater in-depth research into the City's financial and quality of life matters, and has broadened the scope of our communications to our members. Many members have told us that they appreciate these efforts, which are all conducted by volunteer members. If you value these services, please

support SICTA by joining or renewing your membership and considering a voluntary donation.



2007 SICTA Meeting Dates

Public Safety Building Commissioner's Meeting Room

ALL MEETINGS ARE ON SATURDAYS

Jan 13, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting **
Feb 10, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Mar 10 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Apr 7, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
May 12, 2007	10:00 AM	General Meeting
June 9, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
July 7, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Aug 11, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Sept 8, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Oct 13, 2007	1:00 PM	General Meeting
Nov 10, 2007	1:00 PM	Board Meeting
Dec 8, 2007	10:00 AM	Board Meeting

** All members are invited to attend the Board Meetings

Please check **www.sicta.org** for announcements or last minute changes.

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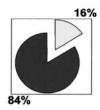
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ALL SEA ISLE CITY TAXPAYERS

SICTA MEMBERSHIP





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BEACH REPLENISHMENT UPDATE

In the last SICTA newsletter, we told you about the Great Egg Harbor-Townsend's Inlet Project Beach Replenishment Project which involves the area from 32nd Street in Ocean City down through Strathmere and all of Sea Isle City.

On a positive note, the Chief Engineers Report on GEH-TI was signed and completed since our last update.

The next hurdle was for this Army Corps of Engineers Project to be included in the Water Resources Development Act and passed in 2006. In what has been a disappointment to environmentalists across the country, the WRDA bill stalled in conference committee. The WRDA bill, which authorizes Army Corps projects ranging from repairing locks and dams,



deepening ports, restoring marshes and replenishing beaches, used to be passed every two years. However, Congress has failed to pass a WRDA appropriations bill since 2000. The Army Corps cannot begin this project, so important to Sea Isle City, until authorized by

the WRDA and then funded by Congress. We hope the new Congress will take up WRDA when it starts its session.

Please urge your Congressman and Senators to pass WRDA.

Sea Isle bests Pentagon



The City's latest building makes the legendary misspending practices of the Pentagon look like small potatoes. In 2004 the Board of Commissioners

passed a Bond Ordinance to improve Dealy Field. One part of the improvement plan was a "storage facility with rest rooms" at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Construction is now underway for a building that will include staff offices, rest rooms, and one or more meeting rooms. The estimated cost of completion is over \$800,000. When calculated on a square foot basis, the cost is more than \$550 per square foot. By comparison, several of the new commercial projects in the downtown have completion costs in the range of \$200-225 per square foot. The Commissioners could not explain why their building costs are higher than the private sector.

Proactive efforts, like beach replenishment, have demonstrably decreased recovery costs from severe storms. Our beach is Sea Isle City's most precious asset. We are falling behind neighboring towns in our beach replenishment efforts. Let our local officials know that this is an important issue to you. We must do everything we can to restore and protect our beach. This is significant from both an economic and a public safety perspective. To see the dramatic effect of similar beach replenishment projects in Cape May County take a look a the "before and after" pictures on the SICTA website: http://sicta.org/research/wrdaletter.pdf

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007

STEP 1: Check appropriate box Application is for a STEP 2: Provide household information	new renewal membership	
Property Taxpayer/Owner(s):		
Sea Isle City Property Address:		
#:	St Type: [(Blvd, St, Ave, e	tc.)
Suffix: (1 st FI, North, Rear, etc.)	Condo #	
Property Tax Mailing Address:		
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#: St Name:	St Type:	┙
Suffix: Condo #		
City: S	State: Zip: D-D-	
Phone #'s: SIC:	Other:	
STEP 3: Provide household adult members		
	E-mail Address	
<u>Last Name</u> <u>First Name</u>	(SICTA alerts will be sent with an option to cancel)	
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3 rd		
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STEP 4: Complete questionnaire		
☐ We want to get more involved in taxpayer issues and	d SICTA volunteer activities.	
☐ We would like information on voting in Sea Isle City.		
☐ If there were one thing we would improve in Sea Isle	e City, it would be:	
STEP 5: Remit membership check (Membership due:	es cover all adults within your household)	
Checks payable to "Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association		
Send check & application to:	Donation (Optional) \$	
SICTA, PO Box 82, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243-0082	Total Amount Enclosed \$	
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Articles, meeting announcements, SICTA alert subscriptions and other useful taxpayer information

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