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Consultant: Merger is a money-saver

Report concludes it would mean huge residential tax-bill reduction

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SEASIDE PARK - Residents of the borough and neighboring South Seaside Park could see large tax reductions — of 40% to 51% — if they were to merge, according to a report by a consultant hired to study a potential merger.

“If annexation proceeds, Seaside Park residents may see an average tax decrease of 40% to 51% depending on property class, while South Seaside Park residents would see similar reductions,” states the report completed by Government Strategy Group. “However, this outcome assumes \$8.98 million in debt assumption (recommended scenario), \$670,000 in one-time transition costs, and hiring 13 new employees over 12 to 18 months, and is impacted by school funding and regionalization laws and

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Could school be renamed for Trump?

Colts Neck board member makes proposal to honor the president

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COLTS NECK - Conover Road Primary School could be renamed Donald J. Trump Primary School under a proposal floated by school board member Robert Scales.

During the March 4 board meeting, Scales asked, “Who truly is like an ally of our district?”

He proposed an exploratory committee to rename the district’s primary school.

While other board members agreed with the move, some residents called it polarizing.

Colts Neck School Board and Trump

The proposal is the latest in a series of decisions by the Colts Neck School Board to court the Trump administration. Other actions have included contacting the White House about trans girls’ participation in girls’ sports and inviting Education Secretary Linda McMahon to visit Cedar Drive Middle School in De-

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A GREEN WEEKEND



The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Asbury Park, held March 8. PETER ACKERMAN/ASBURY PARK PRESS

Asbury Park celebrates St. Patrick with a parade

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Asbury Park turned green for its annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 8.

Stepping off at 1 p.m. on Ocean Avenue, marchers headed down Cookman Avenue and ended at Main Street.

Former New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno served as grand marshal of the parade.

The parade capped off events including fundraisers like the annual Shamrock 'N Roll at the Wonder Bar, Drag Me To The Parade at Georgies, as well as a grand marshal celebration.

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Members of Middlesex County Pipes & Drums march into Seaside Heights at the Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 7.

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Seaside Heights event ends with bagpipes, party

Sarah Griesemer

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Seaside Heights was awash in green on Saturday, when the borough hosted the annual Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade, founded in 1976, featured floats, bagpipers, marching bands and local organizations. It was preceded by mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on

Grant Avenue before kicking off at J Street and marching north to Carteret Avenue.

The parade's grand marshal was Sammy Hammer of The Crab's Claw Inn in Lavallette, who marched alongside Irishwoman of the Year Peggy Hurley.

A post-parade party featuring a 40-foot American flag and bagpipe bands playing “Amazing Grace” followed at Hershey Motel on the Boulevard.

NWS to Ocean and Monmouth: That was not quite a blizzard

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What do you mean it wasn't a blizzard?

That Feb. 23 snowstorm that dropped more than two feet of snow in some parts the Jersey Shore was indeed a blizzard in parts of northern New Jersey, New York City, Long Island and parts of Connecticut, according to the National Weather Service.

But not in Monmouth and Ocean counties, no matter how much snow you shoveled.

The weather service's criteria for a blizzard include sustained winds or frequent gusts of at least 35 mph, accompanied by falling and/or blowing snow that frequently reduces visibility to less than a quarter mile for three or more hours during the storm.

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Snow covers the trees, pathways and buildings at Historic Walnford on Feb. 24 after a snowstorm in Allentown, New Jersey. TANYA BREEN/ASBURY PARK PRESS

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