



Longport Town Topics

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Preparing Makes Sense – Get Ready Now !

The Office of Emergency Management and the Community Rating System are concerned for your welfare. Everyone should have a plan. The likelihood of you and your family surviving a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving an emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense, *Get Ready Now!*



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You should **plan in advance** what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Ask about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If they do not have an emergency plan, consider helping develop one.

- Prepare a Plan for staying or going
- Prepare a Kit for staying or going
- Be informed & get involved



December snow storm 2010 20" of snow fell within 24 hrs.

Clearing the Snow for Safe Travel !

The Public works department has been out in force during the past snow storms clearing the streets, **but they need your help !** During snow events like we have experienced in December and January, please be patient with the streets being cleared of snow...**our priority is your safety and well being!**

The Police Department & Public Works needs to get the streets open as soon as possible for access for emergency vehicles. With cars parked in the street, in front of your home or both sides of the street, it makes snow clearing that much more difficult. When snow is called for, **please**, if you have a driveway, use it or arrange with your neighbors to park on the same side of the street! This will allow Public Works to plow the entire street, curb to curb or a good portion of it.

The Police Department reminds us that it is a state law to clear ALL snow & ice off your vehicle before you drive!



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Department News & Updates

Tax office

The Tax Collector is charged with the responsibility for receiving and collecting all taxes and assessments both current and delinquent. Taxes are due: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st. You may view your Tax Bills online as well as pay them via Credit Card or Check anytime. There is no charge to view or print your tax bill but fees do apply if paying online. Tax office is open Monday – Thursday 9am -430pm. Sign up today for your tax bill reminder and for additional information go to www.Longport-NJ.us Online Tax Bills and Payments. *Note: Open Fridays during Tax Season!*

Building Department

Before you pick up that hammer, shovel, tool or hire a Contractor, the Building Department reminds you that a Borough issued Zoning/UCC issued permit is required for any repairs, alterations and/or changes that deviate from the original building plans. Building permits must be posted in a window or other prominent place at the construction site. If you see any construction, additions or alterations to a home without a building permit “**Yellow Placard**” displayed in their front window, report it to the Building Department. When work is being performed on your home, make sure you or your contractor call for all appropriate inspections. **Please note** – final inspections are required before final payment is made to the Contractor. Additionally, the Building Department has printed information on “**How to select a Contractor.**”

Public Works

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority ACUA has posted the 2011 Longport Collection Services. (page 4) Public Works reminds you that **Bulky Waste** – up to two items per trash day can be included with trash collection every Monday, no construction waste, electronics or TV’s. Call Public Works for metals/appliance pickups at 822 5759. **Electronics** – as of Jan. 1st, 2011, state law prohibits electronics from being disposed of as trash. Go to www.acua.com/electronics for recycling information.

Water and Sewer

Well #2 pump has been replaced and is now operational. Well # 3 pump has been removed and the shaft is currently being cleaned, tested and should be operational within the next several weeks. A new emergency generator has been ordered and several of the older fire hydrants are currently being replaced.

Fire Department

In 2010 the members of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department responded to 141 Fire Alarms and 153 Emergency Medical Incidents. The members of the Department spent 854 hours on fire alarms, 696 hours on EMS incidents, 657 hours on training, and 978 hours on other department activities, including; annual 4th of July run/open house; breakfast with Santa, storm standbys, apparatus maintenance and equipment. Your Volunteers have contributed a total of 3,185 man hours in 2010.



Mayor Nick Russo (left) and firefighter Tom Flynn (right) received awards from Chief Clayton (center) at the annual Fire Department Installation Diner



Lifeguard Brian Meehan (center) honored for 14 years of service



Pat & Jackson Agnellini hang the first of many contributions on the Mitten Tree in Borough Hall in early December. Items of new clothing including hats, scarfs, mittens, and also “fun” underwear for young children were delivered to the Kid’s Closet of the South Jersey Food Bank and to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission just in time for the freezing cold spells in early January. The Mitten Tree has been a Longport Tradition started by the Longport Historical Society in 2004.

Longport News Briefs

What's happening around the town !

- **New Police Cars in Service**

Three new Chevy Tahoe's have joined the police fleet. The new vehicles all feature state-of-the-art computer systems that give the users greater access to information. They replace two Expeditions and one Crown Victoria. Flag one down & check it out!

- **Winter Emergency Information**

This winter will bring its share of frozen pipes and water leaks. Please do not leave your home unattended, hire a property manager to keep an eye on things. If you do leave town, please leave your out of town phone number with the Longport Police Department. In the event of an emergency the Borough will be able to contact you. For more information, please call the Police Department at 822 -2141

- **Borough Hall Renovations**

The Commission Chambers are currently undergoing a facelift. New heating/air conditioning, lighting, carpeting, sound system, and ceiling will be installed over the next several months. All scheduled Commission Meetings will be held second floor in the Centennial Room.

- **Beach Badge Design Contest 2011**

The beach badge design competition will be open to all children and grandchildren of Longport residents. All designs must be on a 8 1/2' x 11" sheet, no more than 3 colors and submitted by February 13th. The winning selection will be made at the February Senior Citizen Luncheon.

- **Senior Luncheon Program**

February 16th –Sponsored by Premier Properties & the DiPentino Family

March 16th – Sponsored by the Longport PBA

April 20th – Sponsored by Matthew Vassallo Real Estate *Reservations preferred - please call 823 2731*

- **Herb Stern Scholarship Fund**

The Scholarship Fund will again award up to \$5,000. to graduating Longport High School seniors or current college students. Over the past several years, awards have totaled \$17,500. Tax deductible contributions to this Fund are still accepted and can be mailed to Herb Stern, Treasurer, 22 so. 33rd Avenue. Longport, NJ. 08403

- **Repairing Bulkheads**

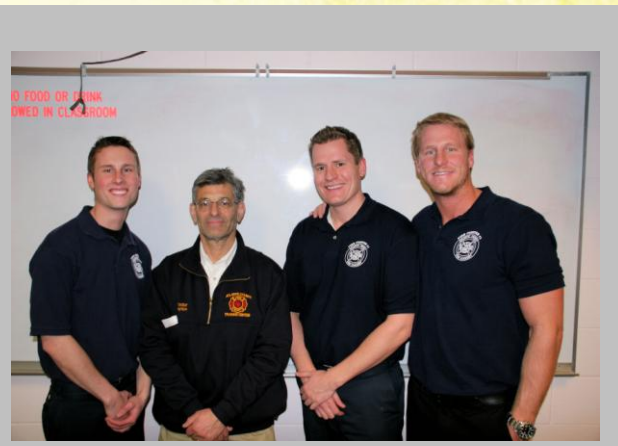
Engineering is currently underway for street drainage and bulkhead replacement for 29th & the bay. Project completion is scheduled for early summer.

- **John A Kuzmann Memorial Post, No. 469**

Commander Larry Pacentrilli will again sponsor youth programs including the Longport & Margate 8th grade Citizenship Awards, Constitution essay & safety poster contest. Representatives are sent to the NJ Jersey Boys and Girls State Conference. **40th Edition of the Longport Phone Directory will be delivered in June. Call now & submit your adds & boosters! 822 4581**



Three new Police Department 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe's contain state-of-the-art computers, new-era graphics and emergency lighting on their interior. Flag one down the next time it passes your house & have a look. But we highly recommend that you try to stay out of the back seat!



Chief Lefty Clayton(second from left) welcomes Longport's newest fire fighter graduates John Hoffman, Kurt Kwart & Aston Funk

Commissioners Blog

Commissioner James Leeds – “Clean Ocean Beach Sweeps” are scheduled for April 30th & October 22. Please join us and volunteer for the day! This summer will see new trash enclosures on several beaches. If successful all beaches will follow. Beach steps damaged during the past storms are currently being repaired and this summer, look-out for our new beach sweeper.

Commissioner Dan Lawler – As everyone is aware many municipalities have faced budget cuts and state mandated caps. The Borough of Longport has been able to maintain its services and staffing within all departments in 2010. 2011 is going to be a tough budgetary year but with all departments working together and cutting cost where possible, Longport will be moving in the right direction. I am looking forward to a great year and the summer's warm weather.

40th Edition of the Longport Phone Directory - Adds & Boosters due by March 31st. Call John Murphy 822 4581

Mayor's Corner



Mayor Nick Russo

WOW! The winter of 2010 – 2011 is certainly becoming a winter to remember. There have been record amounts of snowfall and this has affected all of the Public Works budgets in Atlantic County. I have received numerous calls from residents praising the work of Public Works Dept. and this is certainly a positive reflection on Public Works Supervisor William Trinkle and his entire staff.

I would also like to commend the Police & Fire Dept. for all the extra service that was extended to our residents especially during the inclement weather. The Police and/or Fire response time to any emergency is excellent, even in the worse weather conditions.

I am pleased to announce that the renovations and HVAC upgrade has begun in the Commission Chambers. As anyone who has seen the condition of the Commission Chambers, this improvement was in dire need. Hopefully, this project will be completed in a couple of months and, once completed, I invite all residents to come and see the “NEW” Commission Chambers.

I would like to remind everyone, especially as we begin 2011, that we have a talented staff in Borough Hall eager to serve our residents. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions that we can be of service to you.

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