

**Committee Meeting – October 20, 2008**  
**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**WEST BAY WIDENING TRAFFIC:**

Last week we all experienced a traffic nightmare during the re-striping of West Bay Ave. and the Parkway Bridge. Both I and Freeholder Gerry Little were caught up in the traffic jam and immediately made calls to rectify the situation. Chief Drexler dispatched 6 officers to man the troubled areas and ease the congestion. Since then the traffic has been bearable with the exception of a backup due to a motor vehicle accident on Friday. I have instructed our administrator and Chief of Police to keep a close eye on the traffic situation on West Bay and to have sufficient traffic control whenever it is needed. The County has been notified that should we need to supply additional officers to handle the traffic that they would be responsible for the costs incurred. Additionally and of most concern is the ability of our emergency services to respond to any calls during the construction period. Deputy Mayor Cirulli has coordinated the efforts of both of our fire departments as well as our EMS and Quality Ambulance Service. Mr. Cirulli will explain this further during his report.

Please be assured that we will do whatever is required to minimize the impact to the traffic during the long construction period. We will be in constant contact with the County Engineer’s office and the Turnpike Authority to insure that things go as smooth as possible for us all.

Please note that the Turnpike Authority will be holding a public hearing on the widening of the Parkway on October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at the Lacey Municipal Building courtroom for those who wish to attend.

**HORIZONS AT BARNEGAT ISSUES:**

We are currently looking into issues with respect to framing in 6 Kara homes that have optional water heaters installed. We hope to resolve this concern in the next few weeks. Also we hope to have a solution to the maintenance bond issue for the drainage basins being repaired by Gulf Insurance.

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**MIRAGE ISSUES:**

We are continuing our efforts at the Mirage to resolve issues concerning a number of homes not included in the water in the crawlspace resolution we passed at the last meeting. Our administrator, attorney & engineer will be meeting with these homeowners to address their situations on an individual basis.

**OPTIMIST’S CLUB:**

Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Optimist’s Club of Barnegat’s Spaghetti Dinner. The recreation center was packed with residents enjoying a great meal served up by Jay Solstis of Marchionni’s while supporting the volunteer efforts of the Optimist’s. To top off the evening I had the honor of receiving an award from the Optimist’s Club of South Toms River naming Barnegat as “The Friendliest Town in New Jersey” as a result of their “Walkabout 2008” when a group of children hosted by the Optimist’s passed through Barnegat at 5 AM during their 214 mile trek around New Jersey. This is a great honor bestowed on Barnegat and a testament to the dedicated volunteers in our community. I would like to thank Jerry Thompson & Pete Eschmann of the Barnegat Optimist’s, Ken Matthews & The Gold Duster and my wife Ginny for their help during the walkabout.

**Jeffrey M. Melchiondo**  
**Mayor, Barnegat Township**