

**Committee Meeting – February 1, 2010**  
**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**MENK UPDATE:**

The UCC repair work is continuing at the Menk homes in the Mirage with about 10-12 homes being completed by All County each week. Also, more crawl spaces have been inspected for water and repairs are being scheduled. We are getting close to completing the 4+ year long undertaking and will soon begin the task of seeking reimbursement for our expenses involved in it.

**MEADOWEDGE PARK PROGRAMS:**

Last Saturday I attended one of the first in a series of programs held at Meadowedge Park. This particular seminar was for Fire Awareness and was hosted by the NJ Forest Fire Service. A group of 23 residents participated. Additional seminars will be held over the next few months. If you are interested, please contact our Recreation Department or visit the Township’s web site for more information.

**SHARED SERVICES:**

The Township is continuing its quest for shared services with our School Board and with Ocean Township. Last week, Committeewoman Ryan, Dave Breeden and I met with school officials to move forward many of the shared projects such as; new recreation fields, paving and sidewalk projects and our upcoming new public works facility. Township officials from both Barnegat and Waretown are currently in discussions to formally adopt shared services agreements pertaining to Public Works, Water/Sewer and administrative services. Our administrator will expand on this during his report.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:**

February is Black History Month with events and celebrations being held throughout the area that commemorate the early beginnings of our nation and the importance of the African American’s role in our heritage. The Barnegat branch of the Ocean County Library will again host a special program on Saturday, February 27 at 7 PM that will feature “A History of Motown with the music of Michael Jackson”. The event will be held at St. Mary’s Parish Center in Manahawkin. Contact the Library for registration @ 698-3331.

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**THE NEW BUS SHELTERS:**

Four years ago, the Township replaced the bus shelters along Route 9 through a company at no charge to the Township. At that time the Historic Preservation Commission asked that we not use the commercial looking shelters with advertising in the Historic District. At that time, I personally took on the challenge to have more historically correct shelters erected and at the same time move the two shelters north on Route 9, away from the intersection of Bay Avenue and do it all at no cost to the taxpayers. I never thought that this would be such an involved undertaking. But, after all this time, they are finally done as you can see from the pictures here tonight. I have invited the parties responsible for bringing this project to fruition here tonight to formally thank them on behalf of the Barnegat residents and me. They are, Vince Sibona of the Sibona Group for donating the designing of the shelters and providing construction drawings, Ed Walters of the Walters Group for donating the materials and labor for their construction, Bill Kunze of the Walters Group for overseeing the construction process, Fred Rubenstein of NJ Transit for coordinating the relocation of the bus stops and John Hess of Birdsall Engineering for arranging the permits with NJDOT.

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