

Committee Meeting – August 1, 2011
MAYOR’S REPORT

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

As of today, we are still awaiting the state’s approval of our 2011 budget. As soon as we have word from Trenton following their review, we will schedule the adoption of the budget.

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS:

You may have noticed that we are in the process of cleaning, fixing, painting and planting around the outside of town hall. A concerted effort is underway to improve the overall appearance of both the interior and exterior of our facility. We will also be making some improvements to our food pantry and the Cox House property in the very near future. Most of this work is being performed by our in-house staff, along with some outside contractors and the Ocean County prisoner work program.

NEW COMMERCIAL RATEABLES:

There are a few new commercial property owners making application for development along West Bay Ave. One is a proposed 35,000 square foot shopping plaza at the lot directly across from the Genuardi’s plaza. Another is for a bank and retail site on the property between the old WaWa and the Lukoil gas station.

MEYER’S LIQUOR STORE:

The new Meyer’s Liquor store is now open on Route 9. While they still have to raze the old store, patrons can access the new store from the municipal parking lot between Route 9 and Birdsall Street.

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JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY:

This past Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending the second graduation of the Junior Police Academy. Thirty-five young boys and girls completed the week long course and were awarded certificates from Patrolman Mark Bernstein, Detective Mike Mitchell and Patrolman Steve Tatur, who conducted the class. Also assisting with the training were other local police, fire and first aid departments along with the state police.

ANOTHER BUSY BARNEGAT WEEKEND:

With the heat of summer here, Barnegat was bustling with activity this weekend. The bathing beach was packed with sun worshipers; the dock was busy with boaters, crabbers and fisherman along with the Historical Society’s flea market on Saturday. The American Legion’s annual clam bake also on Saturday drew 100’s of hungry visitors. It’s great to see so many people enjoying what Barnegat has to offer.

Thank you,

Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
Mayor, Barnegat Township