

Committee Meeting – August 3, 2009
MAYOR’S REPORT

2009 BUDGET:

The 2009 Municipal budget was adopted at our special meeting last Monday. The tax rate of .409 plus .010 for open space remained the same as last year. This rate combined with a slight increase in the County rate and a slight decrease in the school tax rate resulted in a total tax rate equal to 2008. I again need to commend our administrator, our CFO and our auditor for crafting this year’s budget and working closely with the Division of Local Government Services and receiving their stamp of approval.

MENK REPAIRS AND THE COUNTY:

As of late last week, the Deputy Mayor, our Administrator and Attorney met with County officials to discuss reimbursement of our expenses with respect to the ongoing repairs and inspections of the 477 Menk homes at the Mirage. Deputy Mayor Cirulli will give us an update during his report tonight.

THE RECENT FBI ROUNDUP:

As I’m sure you are all aware, the FBI recently arrested 44 public servants, rabbis and others in a sting aimed at stemming corruption in our State. Among those arrested was our 9th District Assemblyman, Daniel Van Pelt. Both the Deputy Mayor and I issued a press release the day following this incident calling for the Assemblyman to resign his position. While we both believe in due process of the law and that we are all “innocent until proven guilty”, we also believe that until such time that Assemblyman Van Pelt is proven innocent, he should step down from his position. He has resigned his seat on the Assembly as of last Friday.

SPIAGGIA E LUNA GRAND OPENING:

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of Spiaggia E Luna, the newest restaurant in the Historic District on East Bay Ave. Both Committeewoman Ryan and Committeeman Lisella joined me and many others in celebrating this event. I am very happy to see yet another entrepreneur having the faith to invest in the Historic downtown of Barnegat.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST:

Every Thursday through September – The Jersey Fresh Farmer’s Market in the Municipal lot next to the Gazebo Park, now featuring free bluegrass music in the Gazebo.

Starting this Wed August 5th and running through Sunday the 9th is the Annual Barnegat Community Carnival held at the Cecil S. Collins School front parking lot. The hours each night are from 6PM - 10PM. Wrist Band special nights are Wed Thurs & Sunday with \$5.00 off (just print this page as a coupon.)

**Special guest bands and DJ nightly with a Car show on Saturday!
This is the biggest carnival yet!**

August 15th – The first annual poker run will be hosted by the Pinewood Estates Volunteer Fire Co.

August 29th - Flea Market at the Barnegat Dock sponsored by the Historical Society.

For more information on these and other events in Barnegat, visit our website at www.barnegat.net.

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