

***BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP 2011 REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 1, 2011***

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our annual reorganization. I again would like to thank the Township Committee, Senator Connors, the Barnegat Republican County Committee and the Barnegat Republican Organization for their continued support.

And a special thank you to my wife, Ginny and my son, Jeff Jr. The many hours that it takes to fulfill my position on the Committee and as the Mayor of Barnegat Township could not be done without their support.

I also want to congratulate Deputy Mayor Al Cirulli on his re-appointment and welcome Al Bille as our newest Committeeman. And I don't want to forget to thank now former Committeewoman Dorothy Ryan for her 3 years of dedication to Barnegat.

And, of course I must thank all of you, the residents of Barnegat Township for the opportunity to again serve as your Mayor in 2011.

2010 was a busy year for Barnegat. The long awaited completion of the West Bay Avenue widening and Garden State Parkway exchange is now history. Just recently, the last remaining off ramp on the Parkway was opened. The Super WaWa and CVS are now open, the shopping plaza on Route 9 is filling up and a new Meyer's Liquors and Green Thumb Day Care are underway in the Historic District. Also, the Advance Auto Parts on West Bay Avenue will be completed in a few months. The 130,000 square foot Barnegat Crossings shopping center on Lighthouse Drive is approved and we hope to see them break ground sometime this year.

As for Township projects, we have completed reconstruction and resurfacing of Rosehill Road, Memorial Drive and Railroad Avenue, four streets in Settler's Landing and we installed over 2 miles of sidewalks throughout the town in conjunction with the Safe Routes to Schools program. Our salt storage shed and fuel filling station, are complete, and plans are underway for an expanded public works facility that will house all of the Township's needs as well as all of the needs of our school district.

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2011 may not be as visibly busy as last year but Barnegat will continue to grow both in residential and commercial construction. This Committee will again face increased challenges of meeting the needs of a growing population. Our residents expect and deserve the best possible services from the five of us and the Township as a whole, at a reasonable cost.

In this regard, this Committee will continue to pursue and increase shared services and smart growth planning. With additional restraints placed on our 2011 budget, we will need to avidly search for ways reduce our spending with a minimum impact on our services to the community. I am confident that by working together we can all keep Barnegat a safe and affordable place to work, live and raise our children.

I want to thank our administration and staff for all of their efforts over the past year. Our Administrator, Dave Breeden, our Clerk, Kay West and our Deputy Clerk, Sharon Auer, have done an outstanding job as have the rest of our employees throughout all of our departments. I'm certain that my fellow Committee members will agree that we are very fortunate to have such a great group of people working for us and for you in Barnegat Township.

After today's meeting, I would like to invite all of you here today to join us at the recreation center directly behind town hall for a light lunch and a one on one with the new township committee.

I would like to thank the members of our clergy, our elected officials and all of you for being a part of Barnegat's 2011 reorganization. May I wish you all a very safe, happy and healthy new year.

Thank you,

Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
Mayor, Barnegat Township