

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP 2010 REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 1, 2010

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

I would again like to thank my wife, Ginny and my son Jeff Jr. for continuing to allow me the time to dedicate the many hours that it takes to fulfill my position on the Committee and as the Mayor of Barnegat Township. And I would like to say a very special “thank you” to my grandson Deegan for being here today and helping with the swearing in ceremony.

I also want to congratulate Deputy Mayor Al Cirulli on his re-appointment. Al and I both pledge to continue to work hard and do the best that we can for our residents over the next three years.

And, of course I must thank all of you, the residents and taxpayers of Barnegat Township for the opportunity to again serve as your Mayor in 2010.

This year we will finally see the completion of the West Bay Avenue and Garden State Parkway projects. By this summer, the barricades will be gone, the equipment will be gone and the traffic nightmares we’ve all had to endure will be a memory. The Super WaWa and CVS have received final approvals, with construction expected by year’s end. A major shopping plaza is slated to come before the Planning Board soon, bringing much needed additional retail opportunities west of the Parkway on Lighthouse Drive.

As in the past, this Committee will again face increased challenges of meeting the needs of a fast 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, which will result in a cost savings in expenditures and taxes as well. One of the most effective ways for us to conserve your tax dollars is through combining services with neighboring municipalities and our Board of Education. Some of these services are already in place with many more to come in the upcoming year. I am confident that by working together we can all keep Barnegat a safe and affordable place to work, live and raise our children.

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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 you in Barnegat Township.

At the conclusion of today's meeting I would personally like to invite all of you here today to join us at the recreation center directly behind town hall for a buffet 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 2010 reorganization and may I wish you all a very safe and prosperous new year.

Thank you,

Jeffrey M. Melchiondo
Mayor, Barnegat Township