

SPRING 2009

APRIL-JUNE



LINKING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

LUMBERTON LINK

Mayor & Committee

2009 is shaping up to be a tough financial year for the municipal government. For probably the first time in Lumberton's history, we expect the township's tax revenues to decline in 2009. This, combined with continued funding cuts from Trenton has created a sizeable revenue shortfall for the municipal government. We understand that you are taxed out and something other than the taxpayer has to give. We are working very hard to cut government spending, again. We also understand that cutting or asking others to pay more for what they use is not always popular, but it is the only alternative to tax increases. We still have a lot of work to do, but at this point, we are certain that the municipal government will spend less in 2009 than it did in 2008. We expect to introduce the 2009 budget in late April or early May with a continued focus on improving our infrastructure.

We expect two delayed projects, paving the municipal parking lot on Main Street and the

Safe Routes to School sidewalks, to be completed this spring. The Township will start engineering work to reconstruct Lexington Ave. in 2010. Additionally, the Township will install new sidewalks downtown along Main Street where the sidewalks are either missing or badly in need of replacement.

Additionally, the county road department announced three projects in Lumberton for 2009. The county plans to replace the Crispin Road Bridge with a newer bridge that includes a pedestrian/bike lane. The county also plans to resurface Creek Road and Stacey Haines Road before the end of the year.

We also expect the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to complete the long overdue clean up of the old Electronic Parts Supply Company site off of Coles Ave., between the Village Green and Bobby's Run. The DEP responded to the Town-

ship's on-going requests for action. The DEP plans to tear down one of the two remaining buildings and remove all the contaminated soil. The DEP expects the project to be completed by the end of 2010.

Finally, we will spend some of our Open Space Trust Fund money to develop a final plan for the Municipal Recreation Center Park and a concept for the redesign of the Village Green to better meet our needs after the Farm Fair leaves town for good later this year.

Mike Mansdoerfer,
Mayor
Jim Conway, Deputy
Mayor
Pat Delany
Lew Jackson
Mike Petty

Police



Don't forget 2009

Alarm Permits were due in January: If your home is protected by an alarm system, it is required that you register with our department every year.

Training Lectures: The Police Department has given lectures on such topics as preventing identity theft, proper handling of prescription medication, gangs, and home and business security. We continue to add topics and offer these lectures free of charge. If your group would be interested in these, or any other topic please contact us by phone or through our website.

Police Website: We are in the process of changing our website. The new site will be easier to navigate, more appealing and more informative. We have recently added the "Police Blotter" which provides information regarding recent arrests

and investigations. We will also be linking a video entitled "Terrorism: Awareness and Prevention." This short video shows what to look for and how to report suspicious activity to the police and the Department of Homeland Security.

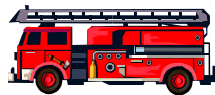
Bicycle Rodeo: The Police Department will be holding a bicycle rodeo on June 13 from 9am- 12pm at the Municipal Complex. There will be riding skills instruction and tests as well as prizes and fun. Everyone is encouraged to bring their bicycle to the rodeo to have them inspected for safety and registered with the department in case of theft. Rain date will be June 14th.

Farm Fair Parking Permits: The Farm Fair will be coming to the Village Green on July 22nd thru the 25th. Lumberton residents who require temporary parking permits

due to altered traffic patterns on their streets are encouraged to obtain these at Police Headquarters after July 1. If you need information regarding the Farm Fair, please direct your questions to the Burlington County Farm Fair Office at 609-267-2881.

National Night Out: Lumberton will be participating in the "National Night Out" on August 4th from 7:30pm -10pm. This will be held at the Municipal Complex and will include demonstrations and displays from the Lumberton Township Police Department, Emergency Squad, Fire Company, and other outside agencies. There will be free food and activities for everyone to participate in. Please come out and join your neighbors in a night of fun and learning.

Fire Department



The Lumberton Fire Department, located at 561 Main Street, in the center of the village area of the Township, provides fire protection for all citizens of Lumberton Township. Our organization consists of an all volunteer membership who provides this service free of charge.

New memberships are always welcome and highly encouraged in the Fire Department. The work is hard, the "pay" is the gratification of giving something to your neighbors and friends, and we provide all training. For more information about membership call the firehouse 609-267-1133, the Fire Chief at 609-261-8053, contact us by email at Chief1300@comcast.net or j.rossell@verizon.net or stop at the station any Sunday morning between 9am and 12 noon to get an application.

Come join us and become part of over 100 years of history and heritage of protecting life and property. Our members are very proud of our past and new members will insure the tradition will continue.

Tree City USA



Lumberton Township has been named a "Tree City USA". The "Tree City USA" program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Having Tree City USA status will help when applying for grant money made available for trees or forestry programs. Congratulations to Lumberton Township who is now a part of the 3,310 communities who have received Tree City USA status!

Don't forget that Arbor Day is April 24, 2009. Check the website; www.lumbertontwp.com for Arbor Day events.

Office of Emergency Management

As in past years, 2009 has the Township Office of Emergency Management monitoring the training of our police and other Emergency Services, to better prepare each unit to respond to any emergency that may be presented to us. With winter slowly coming to an end, we must now get ready for hurricane season and any other situation that may confront us during the summer months. Again we urge everyone to prepare a list and gather items that you may need in case of an emergency evacuation or at least to hold you over until help arrives. "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE" is a myth that you don't want to rely on.

We are asking, in cooperation with the County Dept. of Health, that anyone with special needs please register with the County through hand-outs available at the Township Office or online at www.registerready.nj.gov This will enable the County to have a list of anyone that may need help in the event of major disaster.

BE AWARE & BE PREPARED and help us to help you.

Lumberton Historical Society

The Lumberton Historical Society meets every third Thursday of the month (except July and August) at the Ridgeway A. Gaun Building 602 Main Street at 7:30pm. The museum is open the third Saturday of the month 10am-noon or by appointment. Call Ruth Lewis 609-267-6647. Groups are welcome.

April 16th Meeting Guest Speaker Joe Laufer Burlington County Historian

Historic District Walking Tour for 1st Grade Classes from F.L. Walther School

March 26th lead by Elaine Jardine, April 21, 27, 28 lead by Doris Priest

May 9th We sponsor a plant sale at the Gaun Building 10am-3pm Flats and Hanging Baskets for Mothers Day. For info call Doris Priest, President 609-267-4067

May 25th Memorial Day Parade 1pm in conjunction with the Township Committee the Historical Society will sponsor a parade and ceremony at the Village Green. The Parade starts at Bella Road and ends at the Village Green. No parking at Bella Road available, please park at the Village Green on Main Street. For info call Ruth Lewis 609-267-6647.

May 30th Annual Car Show at the Village Green (new Location) 8:30-2pm Rain date May 31st will be held at the Municipal Complex on Municipal Drive. Pre registered cars \$15.00 Day of registration of car is \$20.00 Call for info Lou Trefz 609-267-8869 or Ruth Lewis 609-267-6647

June 6th Community Yard Sale Village Green 8am-2pm \$10.00 per space. For info call Doris Priest 609-267-4067

Be A Good Neighbor



- Grass Clippings must be disposed of properly by purchasing a grass sticker at the municipal complex for \$2.00 and placing curbside for pickup. It is illegal to dump your clippings, and it causes an unpleasant odor for your neighbors. Please reference chapter 162 of Lumberton Township Code Book.
- Please keep your trash and recyclables separate. The Township has the right to refuse collection of solid waste from any person who has failed to source-separate recyclables. Please reference chapter 227 of the Lumberton Township Code Book. If you need a recycling bucket please call 609-267-3217.
- New security cameras have been installed at the Recycling Drop Off Center on Chestnut Street. Dumping is prohibited, the drop off center is for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans **only**. All bulk items will be accepted the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Public Works Garage, located across the street from the Municipal Complex between 7:30am and 1:30pm. Bulk pick up is the first full week of every month on your regular trash day.

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**Tennis Keys will be
available April 1, 2009**

