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A Message from the Township Committee

We hope that you had a safe and joyous Christmas, Hanukah, and New Year.

As we begin 2008, we would like to take a few minutes to reflect on some of the big accomplishments in 2007 and provide some insight on the priorities of the Township Committee for 2008.

- **New Recreation Facilities:** This past spring, we cut the ribbons on a new community playground and BMX bicycle track. We also seeded two new multipurpose fields which will be ready for play in the fall. We are committed to continuing to expand and improve upon our recreation programs and facilities to meet the growing needs of the community.
- **Re-Development:** We continue to make steady, behind the scene progress on redevelopment along Route 38. This year, we expect to propose, receive feedback, and adopt a formal redevelopment plan for a major segment along Route 38. We are also working to attract private development to some of the “in fill” locations in town.
- **Beautify Lumberton:** The Lumberton Garden Club has been active in working to spruce up the appearance of the municipal center and other public areas.

This year, you will see improvements at the development entrances. The Township is partnering with local landscapers to allow them to “show off” their work and improve the appearance of these gateways to our neighborhoods.

- **Creek Clean Up:** After April’s flood, the Township has been working the Freeholder Board and the Burlington County Bridge Commission to obtain the regulatory approvals and remove the downed trees and obstructions in the creek. We expect this effort to complete this year making the creek flow better to help mitigate some minor flooding situations as well as make the creek more assessable for recreational uses.
- **Reigned in Municipal Government Spending:** In 2007, we continued to hold the line on spending by the municipal government. Over the past three years, municipal government spending has increased only 1% which is significantly less than inflation and just about every other town in New Jersey. We hear you loud and clear and understand that like you, government must live within its means.

As we strive to make Lumberton a better place to live and raise a family in 2008, we would like your help. Great communities are made up of volunteers. Lumberton needs more able and dedicated volunteer firefighters and

emergency responders, coaches, and event coordinators. If you are interested, please feel free to contact the township staff or any of us.

Have a great 2008!

Pat Delany, Mayor
Michael Mansdoerfer, Deputy Mayor
Beverly Marinelli
Buddy Miller
Jim Conway



First Annual Mayor’s Award

Mayor Pat Delany presented his first annual Mayor's Award – “Building a Better Community” at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday. The following individuals; Maureen McNally; Luann Crawford, Meg Freudenrich, Nancy Hruby and Lisa Foster were presented a plaque for their leadership in starting the Lumberton Area's Mom's Club for helping and enriching the lives of Lumberton mothers.

Mayor Delany also presented the Mayor Award that evening to Kolleen and Daniel Casey for your selfless efforts with the Connor Casey Foundation and providing financial assistance for early intervention with Autistic children.

Special Thanks

We would like to extend a special thank you to Beverly and Harold Marinelli for donating this year's holiday tree for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and display during the holiday season. Thanks again to Beverly and Harold for your generosity.



NEW FACES

We would like to welcome Patty Sporer as our new Tax Assessor.



Grass Clippings- It is illegal to dump grass clippings on public or shared lands. Grass clippings may contain herbicides and insecticides which are harmful for forest plants, creatures and water run off affecting storm drains and creeks. In addition, it is extremely unsightly and over time, along with the heat of summer, the decomposing grass will cause strong offensive odors affecting surrounding homes. Be a good neighbor and please refrain from doing so. When clippings are continually removed from a lawn, natural nutrients are reduced. The mulching type lawnmower has made returning clippings to the grass easy as well as popular.

Tree Pruning- Tree branches on your property should be kept trimmed to a height above the sidewalk to provide complete clearance for pedestrians. Also any small young branches growing too low should be snipped off early on. This will help promote growth for the top part of the tree.

Mulch- Volcano mounds of mulch (as they are commonly referred to) are very unhealthy for your tree and will promote moisture, cause fungus, insects and the roots to grow upward, eventually strangling your trees. Do not cover the bark of the tree w/ mulch any higher than a few inches from its natural ground level.



RECYCLING & PUBLIC WORKS

The **Public Works Garage**, located across the street from the Municipal Complex, will be open the following dates from 7:30 AM-1:30 PM.

- ◆ January 5 & 19 ◆ February 2 & 16
- ◆ March 1 & 15

Bulk Trash will be accepted on these dates as well.

Household Hazardous Waste:

The following items will be accepted on these dates.

- ◆ Latex & Oil Based Paint ◆ Antifreeze ◆ Batteries ◆ Driveway Sealers ◆ Aerosol Paint ◆ Fluorescent Lights ◆ Fluorescent Ballasts

White Goods and Tires will only be accepted with a recycling sticker on the item and must be purchased before the day of pick up at the Township Building.

For more information, call 267-3217 ext. 113 or email esnow@lumbertontwp.com.



Recycling is a Requirement

As a reminder, please don't put recyclable items in the trash. Household recyclables include cardboard, glass bottles, cans or any other recyclable items. All these items are to be placed at your curbside in the proper recycling container on your recycling day. If recyclables are noticed in your trash, you will receive a violation. Remember, Recycling is cheaper than land filling and easier on your tax bill. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Recycling drop off is now located on Chestnut Street. The facility is located just passed the FLW School towards Rt. 38., across from the Family Services Building. This includes all paper, cardboard, bottles & cans. Please note that security cameras are installed and illegal dumping is prohibited.

Just a reminder, with the snow season upon us please be sure that all sidewalks are cleared of snow. Lumberton Township ordinance states that snow must be cleared from the sidewalks within 12 hours after a snow fall. This includes the reverse frontage lots that have sidewalks

Animal Control

Please remember that your Dog License must be renewed by January 31, 2008. After completion of license renewal, attach the license tag to your dog's collar. The Animal Control Officer will only be able to identify your dog from this tag. Any dog picked up by Animal Control without a tag will be directly taken to the Burlington County Animal Shelter and subject to fees upon pickup. For your convenience, please find the enclosed license renewal application. Mail your completed application along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and appropriate fee and we will mail you your license.

2008 Free Rabies Clinic

The Township will be holding its annual **Free Rabies Clinic** for dogs and cats on

Saturday January 26th from 9am-12 noon at the Public Works Garage, across the street from the Municipal Complex. If your pet's rabies vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2008 we urge you to attend. New Jersey State Law prohibits the issuing of a license for a pet whose rabies vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2008.



POLICE ASSISTANCE:
EMERGENCIES 9-1-1
NON-EMERGENCIES 267-8300
ADMINISTRATION 267-1111



INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the cold winter months ahead accompanied by inclement weather, the likelihood of snow and ice becomes a concern. Residents are reminded to completely clear their vehicles from ice and snow prior to operating them. There are civil liabilities attached pertaining to any damage that might occur if ice or snow breaks free from your vehicle and strikes another vehicle. Many accidents take place because of this very situation and most would have been avoided if the time had been taken to clear your field of vision and remove the ice and snow from the outside of the vehicle. A summons could also be issued for violating 39:4-77.1.

ALARM PERMIT APPLICATIONS If your home is protected by an alarm system, it is **required** that you register with our Department for the year 2008.

NEW HIRE Christopher Cheesman is the newest member of our department. Chris has a degree in Law and Justice from Rowan University and graduated from Gloucester County Police Academy in July of 2007. Chris is assigned to the Patrol Division. We also hired two new Crossing Guards this year Howard Davis and Samuel Thornhill.

CONGRATULATIONS! The Greater Lumberton Regional Business Association recognized Chief Marc Sano as "Citizen of the Year". He received a State Proclamation from Senator-Elect Phil Haines November 20th at the Township monthly committee meeting.

Lt. Jeffrey Smith completed Levels 4, 5 and 6 of the Certified Public Managers program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Personnel. He has completed all six of the required courses and is recognized as a Certified Public Manager by the State of New Jersey.

Lt. James Myers received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Human Services from Thomas Edison State College. He has been selected to, and will attend the FBI National Academy where he will receive advanced law enforcement training starting January 6, 2008.

THANK YOU to all that participated in the annual holiday gift and toy drive. Once again your generosity put smiles on the faces of so many families that may have otherwise done without. The Annual Holiday Toy Drive was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without your help.



CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

for Lumberton Township on an interim basis to fill in as necessary. This position is specializing in the control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at school crossings to prevent accidents and protect the safety of school children and other pedestrians. Applications can be picked up at the police department. Salary is \$11.50 per hour. Lumberton Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOLIDAYS

The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- January 1-** New Years Day
- January 21-** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 18-** President's Day



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Be Aware, Prepared and Have a Plan for Survival!

With the Holiday season coming to an end and the New Year just around the corner, we of the Emergency Services hope that you all enjoyed the Holidays and have a safe and Happy New Year.

This past year we have been working with the County Health Dept., establishing Muni-Pod locations in Lumberton in case the need should arise that medications have to be distributed to our residents due to an outbreak of a disease or a situation where mass distributions of medications or antibiotics are needed. It will be up to the Health Dept. to decide where the medications will be delivered and in case we are to be one of the locations, we have two that can be set up and ready to use within a very short period of time. To avoid any problems or confusion, the identification of the locations

and any instructions will be released, if and when they are needed.

Training has continued through out the year with our Emergency Services, Police, Fire & Squad. Routine training and schooling has been the norm to keep us all at the high end of preparedness in case of an emergency. Both the Fire Dept. and the Emergency Squad need volunteers to fill our ranks. Training and uniforms are provided and when you become certified, all we ask is a little of your time. Contact the respective stations for more information.

April of 2007 saw another flood in the area of town. We have applied for Mitigation monies through a grant and are presently awaiting a response from the State to assist us with cleaning out the creek and to remedy a few other situations. Some of you have been asking about Flood Plain designations. These are established by FEMA and are published as the Floodway Flood Boundary and Floodway Map. Most of the areas that have been flooded are in a Zone A5 designation. All insurance companies should have these maps and this information. Burlington County and eight other counties are in the process of being re-mapped and this information should be released in 2008. The new mapping system will make a finer delineation of the flood zones.

Again we stress the need for a "Family Plan" for each of you to have your emergency information available and supplies in case there is an emergency and you must be evacuated.

**DON'T WAIT FOR THE LAST MINUTE
BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
CHECK ON FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS
DURING SEVERE WEATHER
BE PREPARED
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 2008**



LUMBERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lumberton Historical Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Ridgeway A. Gaun Building, 602 Main Street, at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

RECREATION NEWS!!

Maryann Regn, Recreation Director
Email: recreation@lumbertontwp.com

Due to the volume of players, and facilities available, the recreation department will no longer accept practice, play dates or coach requests-please make a note of it.

Computer Classes For Children & Adults

COMPUTERTOTS partnering with the recreation department will be offering computer classes from ages 5 and up at the Gaun Building. Here is a list of our classes: Cities and Transportation, Roller Coaster, Tycoon, Jumping Jiminy Crickets, Video Game Design, Rocket to the Future. For more information, please call 609-265-2868. Adult Class - Internet 301, Computer 601: Office Skill - Beginner EXCEL.

Winter/Spring Adult Cardio Kickboxing

Shed those winter pounds! This 8-week program will be held on Monday & Wednesday's beginning January 7th from 7pm-8pm in the Bobby's Run Gym. Fee: \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident. Please bring exercise mat or towel. A minimum number of registrants will be required for this program to be held.



Karate

Open to children ages 5-12 this program will be held at FLW School on Wednesday night's from 6pm - 7pm starting 1/30 and ending 3/14. This program will help develop your child's enthusiasm, self discipline, self confidence, good communication, positive mental attitude, physical fitness, temper control, courage, integrity, listening, desire, honesty, and ambition. Fee: \$55 resident/ \$65 non-resident

Baseball

Open to children entering kindergarten in the 2008-2009 school year through 2nd grade. Pre-K & K players will be co-ed and will play T-ball. 1st & 2nd graders will have a "Machine Pitch" program. The program will begin in the middle of April with most games on Saturdays and practice one evening per week. Fee: \$ 60. Resident/ \$ 70 non-resident.

Youth Softball

Open to girls entering grade one in the 2008-2009 school year through 8th grade. There will be mandatory assessments for players new to the program. The program will begin in the middle of April with most games on Saturdays and practice one evening per week. Fee: \$ 60 resident/ \$ 70 non-resident.

Father-Daughter Dance

Lumberton Recreation will host a Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 9th, from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Lumberton Middle School cafeteria. The cost is \$40 per couple and \$18 each additional child. Come for a night of music dancing and a buffet dinner. This event is open to children 5 and up. Tickets are limited so register now!

Street Hockey / Roller Hockey

Children currently in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders will play street hockey. The program will

start in April. Most games will be played on Sunday after 1:00pm, there will be some games during the week at the Bobby's Run Park 3rd – 8th grade will start mid to late April and will go to mid June. Games are played during the week and Sat / Sun. The season will last 10 weeks. All players must have full protective gear to play (head, face, elbows and knee-shin pads). Fee: \$ 60.00 resident/ \$ 70 non-resident.

Chess Lessons

All Ages Welcome

Fee:\$100 resident/\$110 non-resident. Silver Knights Chess Company teaches chess to all ages and skill levels. Instructional lessons are given to beginners, and more advanced strategy and competition will be available for experienced players. This is a 10 week program starting in January of 2008. Program will be held at the community room on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm beginning 1/28/2008.



United Soccer Academy

Soccer Squirts will be coming to Lumberton in the Spring. You may register by calling 908-823-0130. For more information or to reserve your place go to www.USAsoccer.net. Enrollment is limited so hurry!

Summer Recreation Program

The summer recreation program will be held at FLW School.

Times will be available from 8:00am – until 3:00pm this year, with both full day and half day schedules available. Continue to check the website for schedule and registration details.



Adult Yoga-Pilates

This 7-week program will be held on Wednesday's beginning January 30th through March 12th at F.L. Walther, from 7-8pm. Work on balance & flexibility, breathing & circulation, muscle & mental tension, and self-awareness. Please bring a rubber exercise mat and comfortable clothing. A minimum number of registrants will be required for this program to be held. Fee: \$55 resident/ \$65 non-resident

don't miss the big egg hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 12:00pm at the Village Green. Lumberton children ages 1-8 are welcome. Bring a basket! Rain date is Sunday, March 16th during the same time. If there is inclement weather on both days, the event will be cancelled & candy-filled eggs donated to the schools. Help is needed to stuff and hide eggs. Please call the recreation office to volunteer

Flashlight Egg Hunt

This event is for students in 3rd thru 8th grades. This alternative egg hunt will be held at the Village Green on Thursday, March 19th at 8:30pm. Don't forget your flashlights!



Tennis 1-2-3 instructions will be held on Tuesday's and **Rally ball** play will be on Thursday's. – This program will begin in the Spring. One will also be held in June

Adult Program

This **Tennis 1-2-3** program for players 18 and over will be held on Tuesday's at the Village Green beginning in April. **Adult Team Tennis** will be incorporated into the instruction so that player's can apply their skills in game situations. Teams will be formed and will play other local teams in Burlington County.

Tennis Block Party

The entire family is welcome!

Lumberton Township Free Tennis Day Block Party, sponsored by the United States Tennis Association, Burlington County Tennis Association, Everyone's Racquet, and Prince Tennis Company. This is a free day of tennis instruction, games and entertainment for the whole family! Saturday May 17, 2007 with Rain date of May 18, 2007 at the Village Green Park from 12 – 3 pm. The workshops, entertainment and food are absolutely Free! If you don't have a racquet, or don't play tennis, come anyway! For those who wish to participate, but don't have a racquet, one will be provided for you. Come participate, enjoy the entertainment, food and athletics!

Tumblin' Tots Children's Fitness program

Fee: \$60 resident/\$70 non-resident
Available for children ages 2-5. This program focuses on building motor skills and coordination while children are having fun and developing social skills. Program is six weeks in duration and will be held on Wednesday mornings in the community room beginning 1/9/2008.

Check our website: www.lumbertontwp.com for detail information and for the following upcoming programs: Mad Science Camps, Salsa Dance lessons and the Summer Recreation Program.