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A Message from the Township Committee

As we enter the home stretch of 2007, we are pleased to report that Lumberton continues to make improvements in a number of important areas.

Pedestrian Safety

For the start of the 2007-8 school year, the Township added a crosswalk to Bobby's Run Boulevard, relocated another, and added two additional crossing guards to help make the walk or bike to the Bobby's Run/Middle School complex safer. Last month, the state Department of Transportation awarded Lumberton a \$226,000 grant to create safe walking and bike routes to the Ashbrook School. Lumberton was one of only two communities in Burlington County to receive this highly sought after grant. We expect work to start on this project by the Spring of 2008. Moreover, we received a \$45,000 community development block grant that will be used to install some new sidewalks on Main Street between Beulah and Ellis Avenues.

Creek Clearing and Flood Mitigation

Last month, the County Highway Department and the Lumberton Public Works Department cleared two of the three obstructed areas of the Rancocas Creek that did not require DEP approval. The County Bridge Commission is working with DEP to complete the permitting process. Once the approvals are in place, the

Township will work with the county to complete what will be a time consuming process to clear the remaining 60 obstructed areas in the creek.

In July, we passed some changes to the Township code that will enable eligible residents to receive up to \$30,000 from FEMA to elevate their home to reduce the risk of future flood damage. We are continuing to work with County, State and Federal officials to identify other types of aid to residents and ways to reduce the risk of future flood damage.

Streamlining the Construction Process

This past month, we passed a couple ordinances to reduce the number of steps required to get a variance and to charge an additional fee to the big boys who require special meetings of the Land Development Board and block the process for homeowners and smaller applicants. Going forward, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be optional. Applicants with a good application will end up paying less in professional fees to the Township to get their variances approved. We also set up a structure to charge large applicants for special meetings so the regular Land Development Board meetings have sufficient time for homeowners and smaller applicants.

Road Projects

This fall, the Township will relocate and resurface the intersection of Bella and Bridge

Road. Years ago, the road was improperly placed on private property. The project will fix the encroachment issue as well as frequent storm water run off problems on the corner. The Township has also started the financial planning process for resurfacing Glenwood Road. This process is expected to drag on a little while longer as we work to structure the project so that it is paid for almost entirely with grants and not general tax revenue.

Web Site

Earlier this year, we approved an overhaul to the Township's web site. The new site is designed so that individual departments in the Township can update the site directly without the help of a trained information technology professional. The goal is to get the site up-dated more frequently to keep you better informed. Over the next, few weeks the Township staff will be trained to up-date the site. As we go forward, our site will be more timely and accurate.

Finally, if we don't see you, we would like to wish each of you a very safe and joyous Holiday Season.

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

NEW FACES  **Welcome!**

We would like to welcome Edward Seeger as our new Tax Assessor, Wanda Taylor as our Deputy Tax Collector and Vicky Rizzo as Recreation Secretary.



Notice to Residents

Please remember that street trees need proper maintenance and care. If you would like more information regarding pruning and upkeep please contact the Township Administrator at 609-267-3217 ext. 3130

Attention Voters

Make sure you review you're polling locations as Lumberton was re-zoned earlier this year. A list of locations is available on our website. If you have questions please contact the Clerks Office.

Beautification Fund

This fund allows for the care and installation of our trees, it is funded by your generous donations. If you are interested in making a contribution please contact Daniel Van Pelt, Township Administrator at 609-267-3217 ext. 3130

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.

- ◆ October 6 & 20 ◆ November 3 & 17
- ◆ December 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. 3113 or email esnow@lumbertontwp.com.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



ZONE 1

1st collection Week of November 5th
2nd collection Week of November 26th

Zone 1 includes RT.38 and all streets north of RT. 38 Hollybrook and Glenwood Section, RT 541 (Main St. from RT.38 south to Pershing Avenue.) Beulah Ave., Easlick Ave., Ellis Ave., Harding Ave., Pershing Ave., Roosevelt Ave., and Wilson Ave.

ZONE 2

1st Collection Week of November 12th
2nd Collection Week of December 3rd

Zone 2 includes Maple Grove Estates, all sections of Bobby's Run Municipal Dr., Meadow Glen, RT. 541 (Main St. from south of Pershing Ave. to municipal Dr.) Chambers St., Chestnut St., Eayerstown Rd. (from Rt.38 to Municipal Dr.) Green St., Moore St., Morris St., Pear St., Queen St., Ridgway St., Ross St., Second St., Spruce St., Landing St., and Walnut St

ZONE 3

1st Collection Week of November 19th
2nd Collection Week of December 10th

Zone 3 includes County Village, Waverly and Flemish, Banbury, and Sterling Chase, RT. 541 (Main St. from Municipal Dr to Medford Twp.Line) Ark Rd., Bella Rd., Bridge Rd., Camp Dr., Church St., Country Club Dr.,Country Way, Creek Rd., Crispin Rd., Coventry Glen, Powell Mills,Eayerstown Rd., (from Municipal Dr. to the Medford Twp line), Edward St., Evergreen St., Fenimore Rd., Fostertown Rd., Fox Run,Githens Lane, Hopewell Ave., Amberwood, Woodview, Landing St., Marriott Dr., Newbolds Corner Rd., Patricia Court, Pheasant Lane,Point St., Quail Hollow Lane, Deer Path, Shawn's Way, Stacy Haines Rd., and Willow Street.

To Help the Department of Public Works do their job efficiently, please remember to use extreme care to ensure that there is no foreign debris such as, tree limbs, rocks, bottles, etc. in the leaves. These items can cause costly breakdowns of the machine and delays in the pick up schedule.

Ideally, it is recommended that a fenced- in holding pen or similar means of containment be devised to prevent leaves from blowing after they are raked. Residents should be aware that the leaves **must** be raked to the curb in order for the vacuum hose to reach them.

To ease the collection process and reduce the risk of fire from automotive exhaust systems, residents are urged not to park vehicles in the area near the raked leaves that are placed in the street.

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.

Free Recycling Buckets

If your recycle bucket is damaged, lost or too small, you can get a new recycling bucket for free. Just contact the Recycling Department with your name, address, and phone number, and the Township will deliver the new bucket free of charge.

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.



POLICE NEWS

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

NEW HIRE

Patrolman Jason Volpe is the newest member of our department, hired in March of this year. Prior to joining us Jason completed the Alternate Route Program at the Camden County Police Academy. Ptl. Volpe is assigned to the Patrol Division.



1st ANNUAL POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

This year the Lumberton Police Department held it's 1st Annual Police Youth Academy. Children that attended endured a drill and fitness session daily with Sgt. Begolly, toured police headquarters and observed a court session with Ofc. Simone, learned bike safety from Ptl. Vincent, traffic safety from Det. Dellorco, and fire safety from Mrs. Kanicki of the Lumberton Fire Bureau. Chief Sano taught police ethics and morals. Corporal Craig and Ptl. Sanna instructed the group on gang awareness. Sergeant Peditto provided insight into the EMT Unit and our K-9, Rocket, performed a demonstration with his handler, Cpl. Walker. As you can see the cadets had a very busy schedule. They also investigated and solved a staged crime with

Detective Sergeant DiLoreto and Det. LaRosa. The cadets had to collect evidence, interview the victim, and review a photo lineup in order to solve the crime. Our 1st Annual Police Academy was a great success!

BACK TO SCHOOL 

School is back in session and many students walk or ride their bicycles to school so please drive cautiously.



CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

Crossing Guard for Lumberton Township needed 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.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

The Lumberton Township Police Department will be visiting the students at the F. L. Walther and Ashbrook Schools in October to discuss Halloween safety. Review the rules of trick or treating with your child and make this Halloween a safe and happy one.



HOLIDAY GIFTS NEEDED

Once again the Lumberton Police Department is gathering donated gifts for the under privileged. These gifts consist of toys for infants and children to age appropriate gifts for teens and adults. All donations can either be dropped off at the Police Department or at participating Lumberton Stores. With your generosity we are able to make the holidays a little brighter for so many who would otherwise do without. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET ALARM PERMITS ARE DUE JANUARY 2008

If your property is alarmed be sure to complete and return the enclosed alarm permit to Lumberton Police Dept., P.O. Box 68, Lumberton NJ 08048.



FIRE COMPANY

It's Back!!! The Lumberton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Craft & Soup Fair will be Saturday, December 1st, 2007 from 9am-3pm. This event will be held inside the Lumberton Fire House Located at 561 Main

Street. For more information please contact Melissa by email at: Lfdladiesauxcraftfair@yahoo.com

HOLIDAYS

The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- October 8-** Columbus Day
- November 12-** Veterans Day
- November 22 & 23-** Thanksgiving
- December 24 & 25-** Christmas

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

At this time we are in the middle of "hurricane season", and with any luck New Jersey will not be affected. This is just a reminder that this season is only one reason why each family should be prepared with an emergency plan and an emergency kit with supplies and paperwork in case of an evacuation. Plan Now, Be Ready. In our everyday routine of being vigilant of our surroundings and reporting anything out of the ordinary, take time to check on children and the elderly in your neighborhoods, especially during the extreme heat of summer and the cold of winter. Taking a few minutes to check on someone may make the difference in someone's life.

Be Aware, Prepared and Have a Plan for Survival!



EMERGENCY SQUAD

With the passing of summer we have lost some of our members who have returned to further their education. The following members who have done an outstanding job with the Squad are returning to college: Mike Mansdoerfer, Matt Nissen, Greg Boyajian, Joshua Grancell, Phil Carhart, and Omkar Baxi. Thanks for your volunteering during your summer vacation we will miss you but wish you well in your new endeavors. Hope to see you back running with the Squad when you return.

We have logged a total of 932 calls as of August 2007. Our calls have increased over the years and we still need more volunteers especially since we have lost several of our members to school. We have a cadet program for students ages 16-18 who are interested in the medical field. This will be a great base for you to begin your future. We have already seen several of our cadets move on to become nurses and one presently studying to be a physician.

How about you retired people? Come out and see us and find out what we are all about. You may find it worth your time to join us in helping your neighbor who may be in distress.

For information about who we are and to join us please call us at 609-261-1828. Leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.



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. The afghans have arrived depicting various buildings in the Village: \$45. Wooden Buildings of Old Town Hall, Old Methodist Church, Old Fire House: \$25. Wooden building of Lumberton Hotel: \$30. Stationary is also available for \$6, as well as a pie plate of Old Town Hall for \$25. These make great holiday gifts. Contact Elaine Fillius at 609-267-4354.

RECREATION NEWS!!

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

Swap Meet

Some township volunteers would like to hold a swap meet from 1- 4 on Saturday October 6th at the township building to exchange equipment such as old cleats, new cleats, old gloves etc. Equipment MUST BE in very good condition. Each item must be cleaned, tagged and bagged. For more information please contact the Recreation Department to "get on the list" of what you have to exchange - hopefully this will benefit quite a few people who spend good money on equipment.

Basketball Shooting Camp

Coach Barry Brodzinski Shooting Instructor for The World Famous Five-Star Basketball Camp will be conducting a shooting camp on October 15-18, 2007 for Boys and Girls ages 11-18 at the Lumberton Middle School Gym. Coach Brodzinski is well known as Five-Star's "Shooting Guru". He has amazed thousands of campers over his 25 years at Five-Star. Coach Brodzinski has instructed college and NBA stars: Bobby Hurley, Christian Laetner, Alonzo Mourning, Jamal Mashburn, Dajuan Wagner, Alan Houston, Ron Artest and more! This shooting camp will include ball handling, dribbling, developing a personal workout program, motivation, shooting drills, and a shooting lecture/demonstration from the coach that many consider to be "The Nation's #1 Shooting Instructor". Space in the camp will be limited to 50 per session.
Group A (ages 11-14): Monday 10/15 and Tuesday 10/16 6:00PM-9:00PM
Group B (ages 15-18): Wednesday 10/17 and Thursday 10/18 6:00PM-9:00PM
Cost: \$75 per player

Computer Classes

For Children & Adults

NEW AFTERNOON CLASSES

COMPUTERTOTS partnering with the Recreation Department will be offering computer classes from ages 3 and up! Here is a list of our classes: Amusement Park, Jumping Jiminy Crickets, What's the 'D' in 3D, Video Game Design, Adventure in GPS, Rocket to the Future. For more information, please call 609-265-2868.

Chess Lessons:

Children in kindergarten – 8th grade.

\$100/resident, \$110/non-resident. Silver Knights Chess Company teaches chess to players of all ages and skill levels.

Instructional lessons are given to beginners, and more advanced strategy and competition will be available for experienced players. 10 week program starting in Fall 2007 – dates, times, and location(s) to be determined. A minimum number of registrants will be required for classes to be held.

2007 Introductory Dance

Lessons: Edge Dance Studio (Route 38) - Fall session 6 week program - \$60/resident, \$70/non-resident

Combo Class

(Children 4 – 6 years) This will introduce the foundations of three different types of dance – Ballet, Tap and Jazz. Tuesdays at 10:00 AM – 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6 and 11/13

Mom & Me

(Children 2 - 3 years) A creative movement class for children. It encourages dance basics, loco motor skills, coordination and balance. Thursdays at 10:30 AM 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1 and 11/8

Introduction to Ballet

(Children 7 - 10 years) Thursdays at 4:15 PM – 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1 and 11/8

Creative Movement

(Children 3 – 5 years) A beginner dance class for an independent dancer. Students will learn dance basics, creative expression, and much more! Tuesdays at 12:30 PM – 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6 and 11/13

Beginner Hip-Hop

(Children 6 – 8 years) This will teach students to count music, presentation, personality, and all the right moves. Wednesdays at 4:00 PM – 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 11/7 and 11/14
Beginner Hip-Hop (Children 9 – 12 years) Mondays at 7:30 PM – 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12

Youth Basketball

Youth basketball will be offered for boys and girls programs this year. \$55 each player -

\$65/non-resident Girls (Kindergarten – 8th grade) Assessments will be held on October 9th from 6:30 – 7:30 at Florence L. Walther School. Boys (Kindergarten – 8th grade) Assessments will be held on October 9th from 7:30 – 8:30 PM at Florence L. Walther School

Girls Travel Basketball

If interested please contact the Recreation Department for tryout information.

Adult Men's basketball

Fee : \$ 35.00 Residents only

This program will be held on Tuesday evenings starting November 13th running until the end of March in the LMS gym from 7:30 until 9:30pm. Supervised pick-up games only.

Youth or Adult Yoga Pilates

Fee - \$ 55 / \$65 non residents

This 8 week program will begin in September. Work on balance, flexibility, breathing, muscle, mental tension, and self awareness. The youth program will from 6:00 – 6:55 and the adult program from 7 – 8. This program will be held at the Yoga Generations studio.

Fall Cardio Kickboxing

Instructor: Wen Miller

Fee: \$55 resident/\$65 non resident

You'll kick, punch and groove the calories away in this action-packed, super fun, super safe and effective cardiovascular workout. This 8-week program will be held in the Bobby's Run School gym every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:00pm-8:00pm starting in September. The program is open to teenagers (high school) through adults.

Please bring exercise mat or towel for some awesome abs work. You may register up to two weeks after the start of the program.

Family Camp Out

October 6th 2007 Always wanted to go camping, but never had the time? We have the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy a night under the stars with your family and neighbors right here in Lumberton. The event will kick off at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th with DJ entertainment including family oriented games and contests while you prepare your campsite. There will also be a giant slide and a moon bounce for the kids to enjoy. Once everyone is settled in we will have scary storytelling followed by a movie in the park before we turn off the lights. Dinner, provided by our caterer, will be available for purchase. The next morning, enjoy a free continental breakfast before packing up your gear. The event will take place at the Village Green Park. Tent and sleeping bags are required. Cost for a 20' x 20' campsite is \$40. There is a limit of 6 people per campsite. Pets are not permitted at this event.

Community Day

Community Day will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 1pm-4pm at the Municipal Complex on



Municipal Drive. Rain date will be on Sunday, October 7th. Lumberton businesses are welcome to set up a table, free of charge, to promote their business. We will have games, some rides and live demonstrations, food, roaming characters, face painters, and much more. If you are interested in performing, setting up a table, sponsoring entertainment or volunteering, please call the Recreation Department at 267-3217 or visit our web site for more information and a form to complete.

Halloween Party

Open to all Lumberton children. Held on Saturday October 20th, at FLW School from 1pm–3pm. Volunteers are needed. Please come dressed in your costume. Music, some games, & lots of fun. We need help Friday night from 6:30pm -7:30 pm to decorate, teens are welcome and highly encouraged. Contact the Recreation Department for more info.

Youth Indoor Soccer

This 8 week program is open to children currently in kindergarten through 8th grade. Most games are Friday evenings and Saturday mornings after the December holidays. Soccer assessments will be held around the middle of November for all players except kindergarten. Fee: \$ 60.00 resident \$ 70 non- resident

Senior Citizen's Holiday Party

Come join us at our Annual Holiday Party that will be held at the Lumberton Middle School cafeteria on Sunday, December 2nd from 1pm until 4pm. There will be entertainment, door prizes, food and fun for all. Call 267-3217 to reserve your spot.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 2nd

6:00PM - 7:00PM



Lumberton Municipal Building Entertainment, singing and Light Refreshments.

Our annual star award will be presented and placed on the tree. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the Recreation Department.