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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Although 2008 is only a few months old, there are a few new laws and initiatives that we have implemented that we are confident will have a positive impact by improving recreation, preserving the quality of our neighborhoods, ensuring public safety, and sprucing up the appearance of our common areas.

- **Recreation:** In 2005, we created a Recreation Commission and appointed the Township Committee members to the Commission. Our immediate task was to use the latitude that a formal Recreation Commission provides to fix a large and growing financial shortfall in recreation. Mission accomplished. Lumberton Recreation's finances are on sound footing. So earlier this year, we stepped down from the Recreation Commission, and appointed seven residents active in recreation to the Recreation Commission. This new group will take an active role in the day to day operations of recreation as well as work on a long range plan to take Lumberton Recreation to the next level and make it the best in South Jersey.
- **Landlord Registration:** In June, a new Landlord Registration ordinance will go into effect. We reluctantly adopted this new policy to combat a small, but growing problem with a few landlords and renters in our owner occupied neighborhoods who do not seem to see the need to keep their properties up to code and/or do not have the sense of community to respect their neighbors. As we all know, one bad home can really spoil a great neighborhood. This new ordinance will provide the municipal government and police department more tools to not only prevent these situations from occurring in the first place, but will also provide them more tools to hold the landlord accountable if such circumstances arise. Under the ordinance, all landlords must register their rental property with the Township. All rental properties must be inspected. Property not up to code will not be permitted to be rented. Landlords who do not register, do not address code violations, or continue to rent to residents convicted of repetitive violations of the peace or against property, can be fined and lose their right to be a landlord in Lumberton. Landlords and tenants who continue to maintain their property and tenants who behave as responsible members of the community will continue to enjoy all the joy and rewards of being a part of the Lumberton community.
- **Feral Cat Ordinance:** Earlier this year, we modified the Township's Animal Control ordinances to allow for a Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) management program for feral and stray cats. The new ordinance decriminalizes feeding and assisting feral and stray cats for care providers who register with the Burlington County Feral Cat Initiative. The ordinance also provides assistance to enable the Burlington County Feral Cat Initiative staff to trap, vaccinate, neuter and then release the cats. Please note the decriminalizing provision only applies to residents who register with the Feral Cat Initiative and agree to participate in the program. It is still illegal for people not participating in the program to feed wild and feral cats. The goals of the program are to improve public health and safety while more humanely

controlling the cat populations. Feral cat populations have been growing in South Jersey for several years. The TNR program is expected to help reduce the rate of growth and reduce the risk associated with unvaccinated feral cats. This spring, the Burlington County Feral Cat Initiative will launch a community outreach program to identify and provide training to feral cat care givers.

- **Bobby's Run Entrance:** If you have not already noticed, the entrance to Bobby's Run looks a whole lot better. This past winter, we partnered with a local landscaper to refresh the look and maintain the neighborhood entrance. The landscaper did this at no charge. In exchange, the landscaper is permitted to put up a modest sign advertising their services. We are looking for other landscapers to do this for some of our other development entrances. So if you know any that may be interested, please let the Township know. The goal of this program is to make our common areas shine, promote local businesses, and to do so at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Have a safe and enjoyable Spring.
 Mayor Pat Delany
 Deputy Mayor Mike Mansdoerfer
 Committeeman Buddy Miller
 Committeewoman Beverly Marinelli
 Committeeman Jim Conway

FERAL CAT INITIATIVE

The Burlington County Feral Cat Initiative (BCCI) thanks the Lumberton Township Council for passing a feral cat-friendly ordinance. We look forward to working with Lumberton residents and governmental officials during the implementation of our TNR program in your town. A public education meeting will be scheduled shortly. Anyone interested in BCCI's program may visit www.niferals.org to learn more.



We would like to welcome Joanna Mustafa & Leslie Nealon. Ms. Mustafa is the Township CMFO and Ms. Nealon is Lumberton's new Tax Collector.

GARDEN CLUB

Join the Lumberton Garden Club for fun, gardening tips, and educational trips.
 Please email: susanstabb@msn.com



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Lumberton Township will be holding its first Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday April 26th at 1:30pm at the Municipal Complex. Come and be a part of the planting of new trees and visit with some local nurseries to get home planting ideas. Learn about the benefits that trees have on the environment while enjoying snacks and light refreshments, and take home a seedling to plant on your own.

RECYCLING & PUBLIC WORKS

BULK COLLECTION

Bulk collection is the first full week of every month on your regular trash day. Items that will be accepted for Bulk Collection include; carpeting & linoleum, plastic fencing, glass, landscape timbers, vines, mattresses, pipe, plastic furniture & toys, pressure treated wood, propane tanks (which require a recycling sticker \$12 each), small appliances, small equipment, tires (which require a recycling sticker \$5 per sticker), tree and hedge cuttings, televisions and windows.

If you miss Bulk Collection you can drop your large items off at the Public Works Garage which is located on Municipal Drive, across from the Municipal Complex. It will be open on the following dates from 7:30am-130pm:

- ❖ April 5 & 19
- ❖ May 3 & 17
- ❖ June 7 & 21
- ❖ July 12 & 26**
- ❖ August 2 & 16
- ❖ September 6 & 20
- ❖ October 4 & 18
- ❖ November 1 & 15
- ❖ December 6 & 20

** Please note that the dates have changed for July due to the holiday.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following items will be accepted for disposal at the Public Works Garage on the first and third Saturdays.

- ❖ Latex & Oil Based Paints
- ❖ Antifreeze
- ❖ Batteries
- ❖ Driveway Sealers
- ❖ Fluorescent Lights
- ❖ Aerosol Paints
- ❖ Fluorescent Ballasts

WHITE GOODS

White Goods are defined as all major appliances that include but are not limited to clothes washers, dryers, dish washers, stoves, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, and freezers. Residents must purchase a White Goods sticker from the Municipal Building, the price is \$10 per sticker. The Township will collect properly stickered items on your regularly scheduled weekly collection day.

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



POLICE NEWS

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

HOUSE NUMBERS

In order to assist us when responding to a call, all buildings must display house numbers at least four inches high in numerical (not script) form in a location easily visible from the street and visible on the background to which they are attached. If the building is not visible from the street, the number should also be displayed on a plaque or post located in a prominent place on the property visible from the street.

☀️ **SPRING** it's a great time of year. April showers bring May flowers and just a reminder, during those showers don't forget it's a New Jersey State law to use your headlights in conjunction with your windshield wipers.

🏠 When the sun comes out and the weather warms up everyone wants to spruce up their yard. We order mulch and stone for landscaping and sometimes forget that these deliveries **may only be placed on the resident's property.** It's a violation of Township ordinance 2005-3 to have deliveries placed in the street.

🚲 BICYCLE SAFETY:

It's almost that time again, the weather will be getting nicer, and the kids will be riding their bikes. So when your child is ready for a bicycle, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- ✓ Check to see that the bike is the correct size. A cyclist should be able to sit on the seat and balance the bike with



toe tips resting on the ground without leaning to either side.

- ✓ Young children should be able to execute basic maneuvers such as starting, stopping, signaling and negotiating up and down hills and around curves before being allowed on public roads.
- ✓ Stress the use of hand signals when planning to turn or stop, and the need to ride on the right-hand side of the street, **with** the flow of traffic.
- ✓ Finally, stress the importance of always wearing a bicycle helmet to protect your child's head, it's the law.

☑ DON'T FORGET ALARM PERMITS WERE DUE IN JANUARY: If your home is protected by an alarm system, it is required that you register with our Department for the year 2008. Applications are available on our website; www.lumbertontwp.com

AWARD WINNER

January 22nd Sergeant Edward Begolly received an award for his humanitarian efforts in the Lumberton Township Police Department Toy Drive. Sergeant Begolly took over the toy drive in 2005 when Patrolman Rodriguez retired. Way to go Sergeant Begolly!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Lieutenant James Myers graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in March. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement!!! Only one tenth of a percent of law enforcement executives are chosen to attend this eleven-week course given by the FBI in conjunction with the University of Virginia. Lumberton Township is proud to say that we have had three executive officers chosen to attend this course.

YOUTH ACADEMY

Our 1st annual academy was such a success that this year the Lumberton Police Department will be conducting two separate sessions. A Youth Academy for children in grades 5 through 8 provided July 7 - 11 and August 4 - 8 choose the week that's best for you. The Leadership Academy for children in grades 9 through 12 will be held August 18 - 22. Each weekly session has a fee of \$125.00. Each session will include criminal investigation, drill and fitness and a K-

9 demonstration. Participants will be provided a uniform consisting of shorts, a shirt and a hat. Applications can be picked up at the Lumberton Police Department or you may obtain one by calling our School Resource Officer, Carilee Simone, at 609-265-0123 ext. 3301. Applications must be turned in by June 15, 2008.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS

The sale and use of fireworks is against the law in the state of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 21.3-1 et seq. Explosives And Fireworks Chapter 3. Sale And Public Display). A listing of legal fireworks displays can usually be found in the entertainment section of your local paper. Be safe not sorry!



FARM FAIR PARKING PERMITS:

The Farm Fair will be coming to the Village Green on July 23rd thru the 26th. Lumberton residents who require temporary parking permits due to altered traffic patterns on their streets are encouraged to obtain these at Police Headquarters as soon as possible 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.

CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

Lumberton Township is looking for someone 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:

May 26- Memorial Day

For a full list of holiday closings for 2008 please visit our website; www.lumbertontwp.com



FIRE COMPANY

The Lumberton Fire Company is 100% volunteer, the firefighters live at home and respond to the firehouse when

their pagers are activated. The year 2007 was a busy year with the members responding to 484 calls. The firefighters leave their homes, dinners, family parties, and even their jobs to respond to assist the residents with their emergencies.

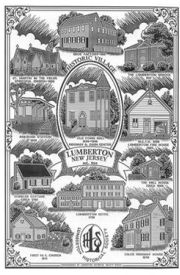
The Lumberton Fire Co. wants to remind the residents of the township to call 911 when you have an emergency. When you have a fire in your dwelling you should get out and stay out, call 911 from your neighbors or your cell phone, and have a planned meeting place for you and your family. Never re-enter your house for personal belongings or to fight the fire. The Lumberton Fire Co. wants to remind you to make sure your house number is visible and easy to see.



LUMBERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lumberton Historical Society meets at the Ridgeway A. Gaun Community Center, 602 Main Street, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. All are welcome. The museum is open the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10am to noon. The annual flower sale will be May 10th, hanging baskets and bedding plants will be available for purchase. The Community Yard Sale will be June 7th with a rain date of June 8th. The Car Show will be held on July 19th from 8:30am-11am at the Municipal Complex.. This year the Memorial Day parade will be held on May 26th at 1pm, starting at Bella Road and ending at the Village Green where the ceremony will take place.

The Historical Society has pie plates, notepaper & Afghans for sale. Call Elaine Filius at 609-267-4354 for more information.



Relax and enjoy the warmth and beauty of our distinctive afghan. Made of 100% pre-washed cotton, it's sure to find a special place in your home.

The Historical Village of Lumberton Afghan is offered exclusively by the Lumberton Historical Society and is available for only \$45 at:

Lumberton Historical Society
 P.O. Box 22 - Lumberton, NJ 08048
 Elaine Filius - (609) 267 - 4354
 Ruth Lewis - (609) 267 - 6647

woven in the USA

If you are interested in having your house be a stop on the Christmas Tour please contact Elaine Filius.

RECREATION NEWS!!**www.lumbertontwp.com**

Credit Card use is now available. You can either download the form and submit it with your registration form or you are welcome to come in to the Township Building to pay using your credit card.

United Soccer Academy

Soccer Squirts will be coming to Lumberton in the Spring. You may register by calling 908-823-0130.

Mad Science**Program Fee: \$85.00**

This program will be held for six weeks, on Friday afternoons, beginning 4/18, in the Twp. Community Room. Classes include rocket building and demonstrations and space exploration. Program is open to children in K-5th grade.

Tumblin'Tots**Fee: \$60 resident/\$70 non-resident**

This is a children's fitness program for ages 2 ½ - 5. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings beginning April 9th in the court room. Program emphasizes movement, exercise, games, cooperation, and listening.

Free Fishing Days in the State of New Jersey will be: Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 8th.

**Boating Safety Course****Fee: \$50.00**

A new law took effect June 2006 that requires anyone who operates a power boat more than 12-feet long to take the 8 hour class of instruction in boating safety and pass a written test about nautical rules. Class is limited and will be held in the Court Room. We are offering two dates: April 6th & May 11th from 8am-5pm.

Junior & Adult Golf Program**Fee: \$55resident/\$65non resident.**

Instructor: Ed Witczak

This instructional, 4 day program, Monday - Thursday is open to students in grades 6-8 (Jr. Program) and adults (Adult Program). Classes are at the Golden Pheasant Golf Course. There are two class dates to choose from; the week of April 28th or the week of May 5th. The program includes: golf etiquette, putting, chipping and driving. The Junior Program will be held from 5:00pm - 6:15pm the Adult Program



will be held from 6:30 - 7:45pm. Each program is open to the first 10 registrants. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building during business hours.

Women's Instructional Program

The program includes: golf etiquette, putting, chipping and driving. Overall view of the game will be reviewed.

There are two class dates to choose from; the week of April 28th or the week of May 5th. The program will be held from 9:00am - 10:35am or 5:30pm - 6:45pm. All classes will be held at Golden Pheasant Golf Course. Fee same as above

USTA Tennis Program**Fee: \$45resident/\$55non-resident**

Youth Program - This 6-week program will be held on Tuesday's & Thursday's beginning June 17th at the Village Green. Players age 6-9 will meet from 5-6pm and ages 10-16 will meet from 6-7pm.

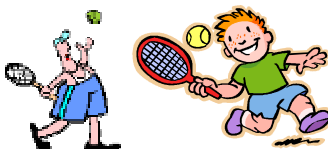
Tennis 1-2-3 instructions will be held on Tuesday's and **Rally ball** play will be on Thursday's.

Adult Program-This **Tennis 1-2-3** program for players 18 and over will be held on Tuesday's at the Village Green beginning June 19th from 7pm-8pm.

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 Burlington County.

Tennis Block Party

The entire family is welcome! Lumberton Townships 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, 2008 with Rain date of May 18, 2008 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!

**COMING IN MAY '08**

Golf instruction for children and adults will be held on weekday evenings at Springfield Golf Center. Programs and clinics will begin in May and run throughout the summer. Children (ages 8-17) and adults of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Clubs will be provided. Dates, times, and fees will be available on our website soon.

Salsa dance lessons Classes will be held two evenings per week beginning in May. Dates, times, location, and fees will be available on our website soon.

Chess Summer Camp Silver Knights Chess Co. is offering full and half day camps. Camps will be held in the Twp. Community room from 7/28-8/1. Full day camp schedule is 9:00-4:00 and cost is \$300. Half day camp is from 9:00-12:00 or 1:00-4:00 and cost is \$175. Instructors include a two-time U.S. Open champion and the current state champions of AZ and PA. Program is available for ages 6 and up and all skill levels are welcome. Each camper will receive a t-shirt and tournament-style chess set.

Flag Football**Fee: \$60/resident\$ 70/non resident**

This program is open to Lumberton children ages 6-14 (must be this age by Sept. 1, 2008). Ages 6-11 will be co-ed. Ages 12-14 will be separated. Practices & games will be held weekday evenings in June, July and August at the Bobby's Run Park.

Fall Outdoor Soccer**Fee: \$60 resident \$70 non resident**

This program is open to Lumberton children who are *entering* K-8th grades in the 2008-2009 school year. Practices will begin in August. Games will be in September and October. There will be a mandatory assessment for all players, except those entering Kindergarten the beginning of June.

Summer Recreation

This half-day program is open to Lumberton children in K-6th grade. This program will be held at the FLW school from 830am-3pm, starting June 23rd through August 1st. Parent orientation is on June 21st at 7pm at FLW.

For full details on the programs listed please visit the website.