



Mayor & Committee

Over the past couple years, we have used the January Link Message as a brief “State of Lumberton” message where we look back at the previous year’s accomplishments and provide some insight into where the municipal government will concentrate its efforts in the year ahead. In 2009, we will continue to make progress on the areas we have been working on for the past couple years.

- **Expanding and Upgrading Infrastructure:** In 2008, we added several hundred feet of new sidewalk on North Main Street. We also completed curb replacement and road resurfacing in the Glenwood section. This year the Township will resurface Fenimore Road and apply for a federal grant to resurface Lexington Avenue by 2010. We also expect the delayed Safe Routes to School Grant to come through and enable us to add 3,000 feet of sidewalk along Municipal Drive.
- **Improving the Appearance of Public Areas:** Last year, we partnered with several local landscapers to provide free landscaping services at most of our development entrances. We

expect to continue this in 2009. We also started a “make over” project for the municipal parking lot at the corner of Main and Landing Streets. We expect to finish up the paving of the lot this spring.

- **Growing Recreation:** The Township continues to expand recreation facilities to meet the rapidly growing demand for fields. This fall, two new irrigated fields, one for football and one multipurpose field will become available for game play. We also expect to start the next phase of the municipal park which will include expanding the parking lot, a paved walking and bike path and perhaps another field.
- **Redeveloping Route 38:** In December, we appointed A Redeveloper for three areas along Route 38. We expect to work through the extensive planning design and property acquisition issues in 2009 and start construction in 2010.
- **Creek Clearing:** After several years of working with the county, we expect the Burlington County Bridge Com-

mission to complete the debris clearing on the Rancocas Creek.

- **Holding the Line on Government Spending:** We understand that many residents are out of work and even more are having a harder time making ends meet in this economy. For the past few, we have been working to hold municipal spending and taxes as low as possible. We will continue to do so in the year ahead.

Finally, we would like to make a personal appeal for volunteers. Great communities are made up of volunteers. The community could use a few more able and dedicated volunteer firefighters and emergency responders, and there is always a need for more coordinators, coaches and assistant coaches for our ever expanding recreation programs. If you are interested, please feel free to contact the township staff or any of us.

Have a great 2009!

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

Police



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 be-

cause 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 2009.

Once again your generosity put smiles on the faces of some any families that may have otherwise done without.

Alert!

Be sure to secure your residence and vehicles. If you should see anything suspicious in your neighborhood do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 *immediately!* We encourage residents to become more aware of their surroundings and to act as the 'eyes and ears' of the police department.

Be a Good Neighbor



- **Trash & Recycling Containers:** Please store your trash and recycling containers out of view from the street and help keep your neighborhood look good (Lumberton Code section 162-3).
- **Snow Removal:** All snow must be removed from the full width of your sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall (Lumberton Code section 221-9) This includes all sidewalk area on your property including behind and along side.

Tax Assessor

The Tax Assessor's Office is open on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, or by appointment. Some of the duties of the assessor's office are to discover and identify all real property within the township; maintain property record information, including ownership; establish assessed value of the properties as of October 1st of the prior year; maintain the township tax maps; determine tax exemptions and tax deduction status based upon applications, including Senior Citizen, Veteran, Disabled Persons & Farmland Assessment; and defend assessments upon appeal. By February 1st each year a Notice of Assessment is mailed to every property owner that shows the current year's assessment and the prior years property taxes. This notification should not be used for Income Tax purposes because it will not show adjustments made to your taxes, such as from tax appeals or change in deduction status. The notice does inform you of your right to appeal your tax assessment by April 1 each year. You can not appeal your taxes, only your assessment, which is based upon market value. Appeal forms are available at the Assessors Office or at the Burlington County Board of Taxation in Mount Holly. Please feel free to discuss your assessment with the Assessor prior to filing an appeal.

Tax Collector

If you would like to be added to the e-mail mailing list to be reminded each quarter when property taxes are due, email Leslie at lnealon@lumbertontwp.com Please remember to add lnealon@lumbertontwp.com to your e-mail's safe list to make sure your SPAM protection does not delete the e-mail.

Public Works & Recycling

Snow Removal Tips From Lumberton Township Public Works

- When facing your house shovel and pile snow to the left side of your driveway.
- Make sure your cars are parked in your driveway and not on the street.
- Please do not shovel or blow snow into the roadway.
- Please leave at least 2-3 feet of driveway snow covered until snow fall has ended and street is plowed curb to curb.

Following these tips will allow for safe roads to travel on.

*Please keep in mind that the Public Works employees also have snow removal to do at home and are not able to do this until they have completed snow removal around town.

Saturday Opening– Public Works Garage Schedule 2009
Open for residents to bring bulk trash items for disposal between the hours of 7:30AM and 1:30PM

January 3 & 17	July 11** & 18
February 7 & 21	August 1 & 15
March 7 & 21	September 5 & 19
April 4 & 18	October 3 & 17
May 2 & 16	November 7 & 21
June 6 & 20	December 5 & 19

These items include carpeting, linoleum, pressure treated wood, plastic fencing, propane tanks (sticker required), glass, small appliances, landscape timbers, small equipment, vines, tires, mattresses, tree & hedge cuttings, pipe, televisions, plastic furniture & toys, windows etc...

Animal Control

Don't forget to renew your dog license before January 31, 2009!

Applications are available on the Township website www.lumbertontwp.com.

New Jersey State Law prohibits the issuance of a license for a pet whose rabies vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2009.

After completion of license renewal, attach the license tag to your dogs collar. The Animal Control Officer will only be able to identify your dog from this tag. Any dog picked up by Animal Control will be directly taken to the Burlington County Animal Shelter and subject to fees upon pickup.

F.Y.I.

Township Ordinance 2002-15 limits the numbers of dogs to 4 per household and 6 cats per household.



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- **January 1–**
New Year's Day
- **January 19–**
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day.
- **February 16–**
Presidents Day