

Committee Meeting – October 5, 2009
MAYOR’S REPORT

SHARED SERVICES:

I’m excited to announce that a number of Shared Service Agreements are on tonight’s agenda. These agreements are between Barnegat Township and the Barnegat Township School District, Ocean Township and Little Egg Harbor Township. Mr. Breeden will explain the agreements in detail during his report but essentially they are all aimed at saving us as well as the school district and the other municipalities a lot of money. They basically deal with shared services between all of our public works and building maintenance departments, our water and sewer departments, our zoning code enforcement and construction inspection departments and some related equipment. Of most importance is that we will be sharing the use of Waretown’s new Jet-Vac truck, thus eliminating the need for us to purchase a new truck at this time. This will result in a major savings to our taxpayers this year. I’m hopeful that this is only the tip of the iceberg and that a lot more agreements such as these are forthcoming in the near future. It make sound financial sense that we all take stock of our available resources, both in manpower and equipment and put them all to the best use. The end result, we all save money.

MENK REPAIRS UPDATE:

Repairs to the Menk homes with UCC violations are back on track with the new contractor that is now on site. All County is currently working on repairs concerning UCC issues. A schedule for repairs for water in the crawlspace is now underway for the second group of homes with inspections scheduled to begin in the next 10 days or so.

NEW PARKWAY BRIDGE:

The new section of the Parkway Bridge opened today to westbound traffic only. This will allow motorists to get used to using the new traffic pattern. Eastbound traffic will be transitioned on to the new bridge starting next week. At that time the northbound entrance to the Parkway coming from the west will be re-opened. Please use caution during the next few weeks while traveling in this area and obey all traffic control personnel and signage.

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BVFC # 1:

The 100th anniversary celebration of the Barnegat Volunteer Fire Company # 1 was held this past Saturday at the Birdsall Street Fire House. The weather held out and the crowd was much more than expected. The entire Township Committee joined me in the parade and the festivities that followed and the Fire Department’s banquet hall was dedicated to, Harry L. Carter, the only Barnegat firefighter to die in the line of duty in 1912. Everyone enjoyed the food, fun & music that celebrated this historic day.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

Farm Market – The Farm Market will continue on Thursday’s for 3 more weeks, concluding on October 22nd. This has been one of the most successful new programs brought to the township. Both the residents and the vendors are extremely pleased that Barnegat now offers this service and look forward to bringing it back, even bigger, next year. Our recreation department and the Chamber of Commerce should be applauded for their ongoing effort and cooperation in hosting this weekly event.

Pinewood Estates VFC Pancake Breakfast – The monthly pancake breakfast is on Sunday, October 11th beginning at 8 AM.

Fall Festival – On Saturday, October 24th, the recreation department will hold its “Halloween Fall Festival” in the municipal lot by the Gazebo Park with food, fun & games for the kids, hayrides and an outdoor movie. The festivities start at 1 PM with a parade onsite and continue until 5 PM with the movie scheduled for 6 PM.

Beach Cleanup – The annual Fall Beach Cleanup is also scheduled for October 24th and begins at 9 AM at our bathing beach. Anyone wishing to participate should report to the beach where our Clean Communities workers will provide you with all the tools and materials to do the job. Light refreshments are also provided. Dress warm as it is generally cool & windy.

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