



The Long Hill Ledger

Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Mayor:

This issue of our newsletter focuses on the summer season. As we approach the end of school, please take advantage of all the town offers through the use of our parks and recreation activities (please see our page 1 article).

Regarding Township business, the Township Committee soon will be discussing the Area in Need of Redevelopment study that was commissioned in the beginning of the year. This focuses on the west end of our commercial district on Valley Road near Main Avenue and will give us the ability to improve the look and commercial use of the properties involved. We expect to hold public discussion on the effort and welcome input.

There also will be public works efforts underway throughout town this summer to upgrade and enhance our roads and sidewalks (please see the Administrator's Corner). So please be patient as you travel.

Feel free to reach out to me through our website or by calling the Mayor's office at town hall. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Bruce Meringolo
Mayor



Soak Up the Summer Fun!



Stirling Lake offers swimming plus lots of fun lake and beach activities.

Nothing beats the casual atmosphere and multiple outdoor activity possibilities that summer brings. It's a great time to reconnect with friends and neighbors while enjoying a more relaxed schedule.

In Long Hill, we are fortunate to have Stirling Lake. In addition to swimming, the facility offers members other fun water activities, such as kayaking, paddle boarding and, of course, the Wibit Aqua Track. Watch for our annual Wibit Races in July, where contestants will compete for the coveted titles – “Fastest Male” and “Fastest Female.”

Remember to mark your calendars, as we welcome back Parrot Beach on June 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come join us (free of charge) for an evening of dancing on the beach and listening to Jimmy Buffet tunes. Pack a picnic dinner and bring the family. This is open to all residents of Long Hill and members of Stirling Lake.

Also, Stirling Lake members should mark their calendars for Family Fun Day, to be held on Saturday, August 6. Sidewalk chalk designs, sand sculptures and the “Biggest Splash” are just a few of the contests we will host.

Our Summer Recreation Camp Programs will welcome more than 300 kids beginning June 27. We are busy now making final preparations and last minute additions to the calendars. Our grades K-8 camp and our pre-school camp have lots of wonderful activities planned for our campers.

In July and August, we will be hosting several Field Hockey programs to get ready for the fall season. Soccer programs will continue through the summer as well at Kantor Park.

Keep checking our website – www.longhillnj.gov/recreation – for more details and expanded calendars. Lots more for August programs, sports camps and other summer events is posted on the website. Also, make sure to mark your calendars for September 10, when we will have lots of fun at our township birthday celebration. Please keep watching for additional information and make sure to sign up for our Recreation e-News Updates.

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Administrator's Corner

With the summer season upon us, I would like to inform you about some projects in town that will be visible during the summer months. They include:

Northfield/Main/Central Sidewalks

The low bidder for this project is Vektor Corporation from Monroe Township, at \$331,000. The contract should be in place by the beginning of summer break for schools, which will allow for construction to take place during the summer months. Please refer to the Township's website, www.longhillnj.gov, for a construction timeline and any updates.

Water Main Replacements

New Jersey American Water is planning to replace the cast iron water mains beneath High Street from Central Avenue to Maple Avenue and beneath Pine and Somerset Streets from Main Avenue to Passaic Avenue. Please refer to the Township's website for construction timelines and any updates.

Demolition of Buildings on Flood Properties

Demolition is expected to begin this summer on homes the Township has acquired as part of the Flood Acquisition buyout. Those homes are located on Laurel Avenue, Cedar Avenue and Mercer Street.

Old Millington Schoolhouse

We expect a contract will be awarded this summer for the completion of the unfinished portion of the schoolhouse. If you live in the neighborhood, you can expect to see construction

activity beginning in July or August.

Traffic Safety

The Township is working with the traffic engineers from Morris County to extend the guard rail between the municipal complex and the senior center. A traffic engineer will recommend to the Freeholders that the entire length of guard rail be replaced as part of a 2017 project. In the meantime, the traffic engineer will recommend temporary solutions for protecting pedestrians using the walkway in areas where a guard rail does not exist.

The township has also requested recommendations to improve public safety at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Morristown Road. While mirrors are one possibility, the engineer believes they would not be as effective as danger signs placed in key spots of the roadway. Once the County has made a decision, we will implement those safety measures.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (a beetle) has begun to infect trees in our area. Please visit the Township website's Shade Tree Committee page (Government/Shade Tree) to review a recent presentation given to the Township Committee for information on the Emerald Ash Borer and tree treatment options.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry

Township Administrator
administrator@longhillnj.gov

Millington Fire Company

Enjoy Summer Safely

Members of the Millington Fire Company enjoy sharing the joys of summer with their neighbors. But when stopping by a barbecue or backyard party they like to dress casually, not in their fire gear. To keep official fire company visits to a minimum, please ensure you maintain a 3-foot safety zone around grills, fire pits and campfires and have a tested fire extinguisher handy to take care of mishaps.

For yard work, have your tractor or mower professionally serviced. After each use make sure it's clean of lawn debris and cooled down before storing it inside in a place with a working smoke alarm. Remember that gas and fuel containers should be secured in well-ventilated outdoor storage areas.

Finally, leave fireworks to the professionals and attend public displays. Be safe this summer.

Residents are always welcome to stop by the firehouse – a friendly word of encouragement is always appreciated. Also, new members are especially encouraged. Volunteering requires only five hours per month. Residents of all backgrounds, ages and experiences will find a friendly second home at our firehouse on Long Hill Road.

Summer Fun (cont.)



*Rebel – Professional
Paper Shredder*

This spring the Parks & Recreation Department welcomed a new four-legged member to the team – Rebel, a Border Collie puppy. Rebel loves to go to the parks and is in obedience training while also learning to herd the geese in the parks. She loves to meet new people, so if you see us out in the parks, please say hello. Right now, Rebel is also “helping” with a lot of the paper shredding that needs to be done – as puppies love to do!

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works will be preparing various streets for paving this summer. The streets we have suggested to repave are: Sherwood Lane, Maple Avenue, Delaware Avenue, St. Joseph's Drive, Bay Street, Hamilton Street, Castle Place, Carlton Road and Somerset Street. We also plan to repave the Gillette and Stirling train station parking lots. In addition, our Wastewater Department staff will be visiting various streets, jetting and cleaning sewer pipes. We will be videoing the internal structure of the sewer pipes in search of water infiltration.

On a different matter, we are happy to announce a new recycling service for Long Hill residents. We now accept Styrofoam and fluorescent light bulbs at the public works recycling drop-off center located off Valley Road in Stirling. Styrofoam must be clean white Styrofoam only; we do not accept colored Styrofoam or shipping peanuts. Please separate any Styrofoam glued to cardboard. We accept fluorescent light bulbs that are compact, circular, u-shaped or straight. Additional items that can be dropped off include branches, logs, grass clippings and leaves, electronics, scrap metal and appliances.

The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We also are open on certain designated Saturdays from April through December; see the Township calendar or website for specific dates. The Public Works Department also offers monthly curbside collection of electronics, TVs, scrap metal and appliances.

Please note there are new rules for curbside collection of



Long Hill's recycling drop-off center now accepts Styrofoam and fluorescent light bulbs.

solid waste, which went into effect January 1. There is a two-can maximum limit on daily curbside collection of garbage. Trash cans are limited to standard sizes. Bulky items also have a two-item limit per the once-a-month collection. See the Township calendar or website for further information.

The Department of Public Works can be reached at 908.647.0070 or roads@longhillnj.gov.

Sincerely,
Tom Sweeney
Director of Public Works

Public Safety

This Fourth of July, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over By Police Chief Michael Mazzeo

Every year Americans head out to celebrate the Fourth of July at picnics, parties, parades and more. For many, the celebrating includes drinking alcohol, which too often leads to drunk driving on one of the most heavily traveled holidays of the year.

There were 397 people killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2014 over the Fourth of July holiday. Of those fatalities, 164 (41 percent) were killed in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. Data shows young drivers (18-34) are especially at risk of driving drunk.

This Fourth of July, law enforcement will be out in full force, arresting drunk drivers who put lives in danger. Please don't even think about drinking and driving this Fourth of July, or you will be arrested. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign means zero tolerance for drunk driving.



The consequences of drunk driving are serious. Not only could you put your life and the lives of others at risk, but a DUI arrest means a loss of freedom and money, including jail, losing your license and paying steep financial expenses. The average DUI costs about \$10,000.

Help make everyone's holiday in Long Hill safer by driving sober.

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.
- Designate a sober driver or use public transportation.
- If you know people who are about to drive or ride after drinking, take their keys and help them make arrangements to get to where they are going safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call the Long Hill Police Department at 908.647.1800.

For more information about the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit www.TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov.

Going on Vacation?

Contact the Long Hill Township Police Department to add your home to the Vacant/Vacation Security House Check List. Your home will be checked by using our ride-by procedure, which consists of a visual check. Notify the Long Hill Police by calling 908.647.1819, then press 1.

Events Around the Township

Luau at the Library

Saturday, June 18 • 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Annual kickoff for our summer library programs.
Kids grades Pre-K–12. Crafts, snacks and more.

Parrot Beach ~ Live Jimmy Buffet tribute band

FREE to Long Hill residents and Stirling Lake Members.
Saturday, June 18 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm • Stirling Lake
An evening of dancing on the beach to the summer sounds
of Jimmy Buffet. Pack a picnic dinner and bring the family.

Township Schools Close for Summer Recess

Wednesday, June 22 • Last day of classes

Summer REC Camps Opening Day

Monday, June 27 • First day for all registered campers for both
Pre-K camp and K-8 camp.

Mad Science Guys ~ The wacky wonder of all things science

Tuesday, July 19 • 7:00 pm • Long Hill Library
Spectacular demonstrations and hands-on fun in the name
of science.

26th Annual Freedom Tour Bike Race

Sunday, July 24 • 1st Race 8:00 am. Cycling in downtown
Stirling at its best. Cheer on our local firefighters in the NJ
Firefighters bike race as they compete in turnout gear.

Dog Days of August

Did you know?

LH Library runs the latest release movies *FREE*.
Mondays @ 6:00 pm – Wednesdays/Thursdays @ 2:00 pm
Visit www.longhilllibrary.org for current schedule and special
family features.

Long Hill Township Schools Open

Tuesday, Sept 6 • Have a great school year!

Stirling Lake Dance

Friday Sept 9 • DJ, fun and games on the beach.
Long Hill students grades 6-8.

150th Anniversary Celebration Event

Saturday, September 10 • 3:00 pm • Kantor Memorial Park
Food, games, entertainment and fireworks at dusk.

Visit the Township website for a complete listing of:

Township Committee meetings, important community
announcements, volunteer programs and committees.
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