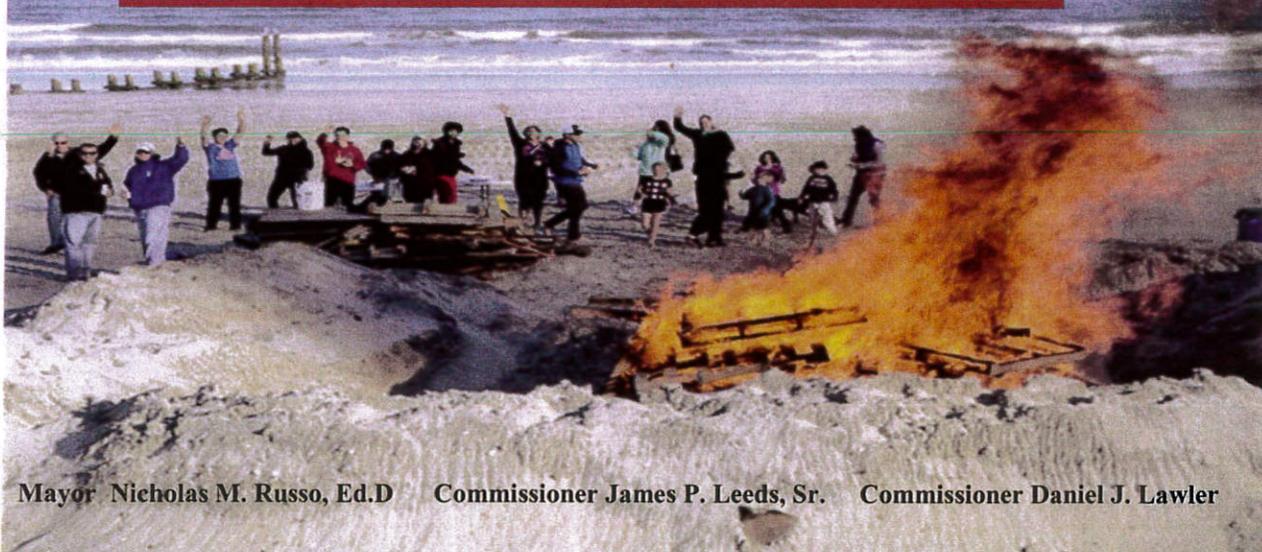




Longport Town Topics



Mayor Nicholas M. Russo, Ed.D Commissioner James P. Leeds, Sr. Commissioner Daniel J. Lawler

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER !

July 2016

- 1st Longport Historical Society OPEN HOUSE 4pm – 7pm
- 4-7th Picnicking & BBQ allowed on beaches 10am-8pm
- 4th Longport Volunteer Fire Department, open house 10am till 12 noon. Longport Police Department (PBA), open house 10am till 12 noon 630 pm “The American Mile” 1 mile fun run, sponsored by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department - awards & refreshments after the race ! Registration Fire House day of race 10am till 6pm
- 8th Longport Beach Patrol “Capt. Michael McGrath” Longport Memorials – 630pm 33rd & the Beach
- 9th Longport Farmers Market – please bike or walk to Longport’s first farmers market from 830 a. till 12 noon Behind Borough Hall
- 12th Longport Beach Patrol “Women’s Lifeguard Invitational” 630 pm 33rd & the Beach
- 16th Longport PBA #363 Golf Tournament behind Borough Hall 2pm start
- 23rd Longport Farmers Market – please bike or walk to the famers market from 830 a. till 12 noon - Borough Hall
- 28th Longport Library Ice Cream Social – 3pm – 5pm
- 28th Swimming Safety Clinic – Beach Patrol Headquarters 1030am – Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol

August 2016

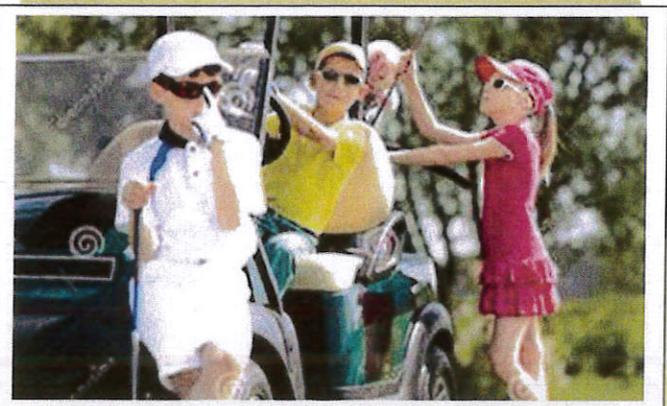
- 4th Surfing Safety Clinic – Beach Patrol Headquarters 1030am – Sponsored by the Longport beach Patrol
- 6th Blood Pressure Screenings – Beach Patrol Headquarters 11 am –Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol
- 13th Longport Farmers Market – please bike or walk to Longport’s farmers market from 830 a. till 12 noon
- 13th The Irish Concert behind Borough Hall 7pm
- 14th Captain Turner Memorial Swim – 33rd and the Beach 830 am!
- 25th Longport Beach Patrol “Hammer Row” Seaview Harbor Beach – 615 pm
- 27th Longport Farmers Market – please bike or walk to Longport’s farmers market from 830 a. till 12 noon

September 2016

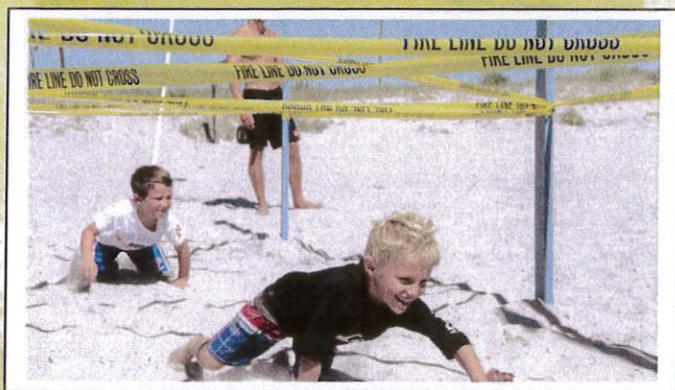
- 1st ART SHOW at Longport Historical Society 9am – 1pm
- 1-4th Picnicking & BBQ allowed on beaches 10am-8pm
- 4th “Art on the Lawn” Historic Society 8am – 1pm
- 10th “Annual Mascot Races” 10am Longport Beach Patrol Headquarters – Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol ages 13+ sign ups 33rd & beach 1030 am
- 10th Longport Farmers Market – please bike or walk to Longport’s farmers market from 830 a. till 12 noon



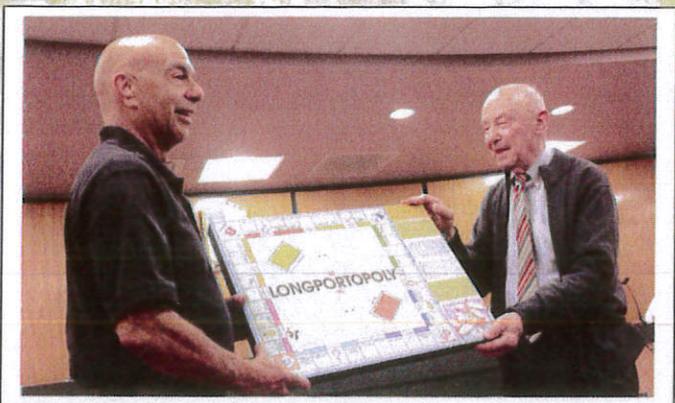
Longport Volunteer Fire Department American Mile
 July 4th, 2015
 Registration 10am -6pm, race starts 630pm!



Longport PBA Golf Tournament July 16th 2pm!



Longport Beach Patrol Mascot Races – Sept. 6th



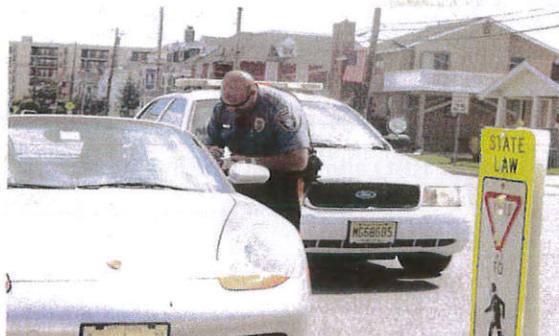
Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Foundation

Please Help Support!

The Longport Volunteer Fire Department, Longport Police PBA Local 363, Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Fund and the Longport Lifeguard Association. These local organizations annually solicit contributions to help fund their programs!

- **Please join** the Fire Department for the 23rd Anniversary of the American Mile. July 4th 630pm.
- **Please come** out with the kids for a fun golf outing with the PBA on July 16th at 2pm
- **Please contribute** to the Longport Lifeguard Association. Through your assistance they are able to run lifeguard programs for children, sponsor races, and hold safety clinics.
- **Please contribute** to the Herb Stern Scholarship Fund which helps qualified Longport Students with college costs.

www.longportscholarshipfund.org



Pedestrian Cross Walks - IT'S THE LAW!

Think back to one of the first lessons we all learned as children. Think back to one of the first lessons that you taught your children. I'll bet they are the same:

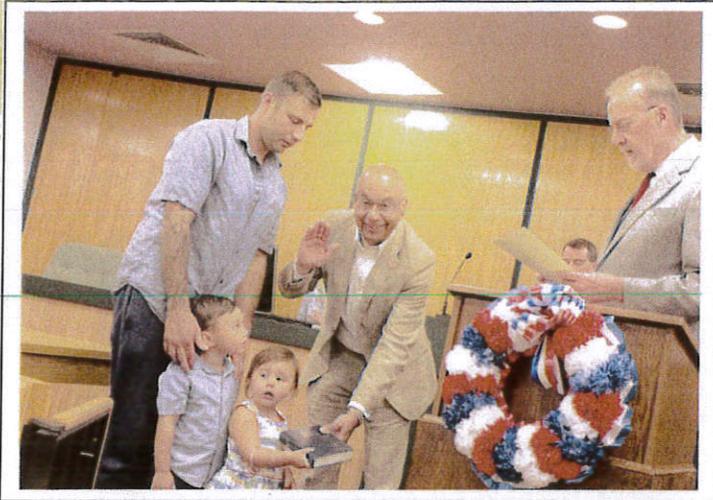
Stop at the corner - Look both ways - Cross only when clear

- If there is a traffic light, cross only on the green
- Do not jaywalk. Never cross between parked cars
- Watch for turning cars at intersections
- Walk on the sidewalk, not in the street
- When walking at night, wear bright or reflective clothing

CLICK IT OR TICKET!

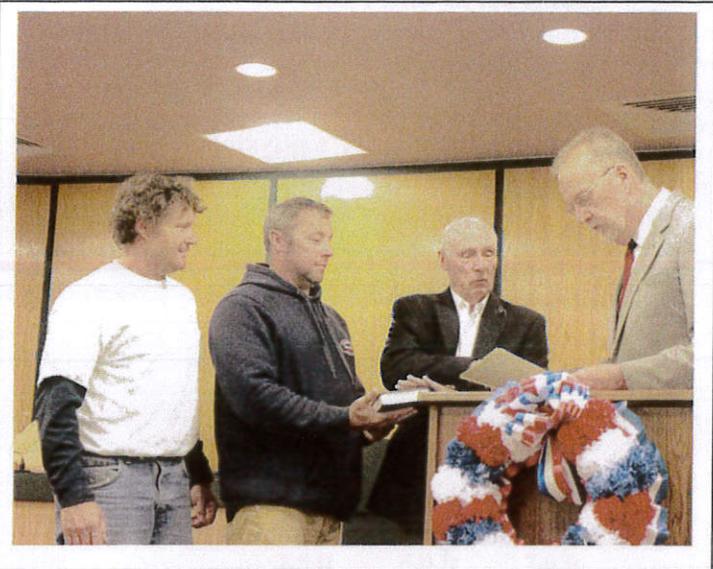
Statistics show that passenger vehicle occupants are buckling up more during the day, but not enough at night. This mobilization is created to crackdown on violators 24-7, but a strong enforcement effort is urged between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. due to the significant number of violators and fatal crashes during this time.

Mayor & Commissioners 2016



Mayor Nick Russo

Longport Board of Commissioners including Nick Russo, James Leeds, Sr., and Daniel Lawler were sworn in by New Jersey State Senator Jim Whelan at a ceremony held May 17, 2016. The team is currently serving their third term. Russo was selected as Mayor and serves as the Commissioner of Public Safety and Public Affairs. Leeds is Commissioner of Revenue and Finance and Lawler is Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Property, and also serves as Deputy Mayor. The three said they will to continue to work hard to ensure high-quality services, while maintaining a low tax rate. Longport's municipal tax rate is less than \$1 dollar and is one of only 17 municipalities in the state to boast a rate this low. New Jersey has a total of 565 municipalities.

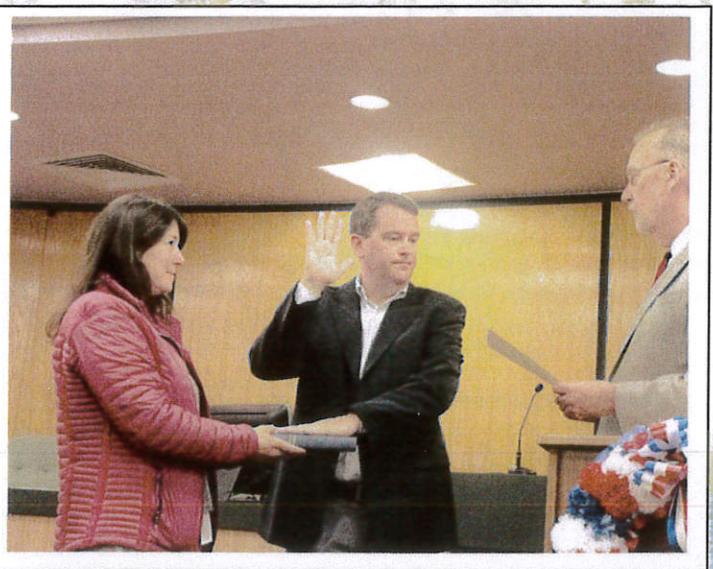


Commissioner James Leeds

In addition, the health, safety and welfare of the community continue to be a top priority for the mayor and commissioners. The Longport police, fire, beach patrol, and emergency medical services staff are professionally trained and ready in the event of an emergency. These services are always provided in a timely and efficient manner.

A recently added service is the implementation of a smartphone application that allows users to pay for beach tags with a credit card. This new application, Vibly Pass, was introduced as a convenience for beach-goers who wish to purchase tags electronically.

Increasing sustainability in the borough is a new initiative. Longport recently joined the Sustainable Jersey program and recently applied for bronze certification. As part of the certification process the borough has taken steps to protect and conserve its natural resources, reduce waste, conserve energy, and leave a better tomorrow for future generations to enjoy.



Commissioner Dan Lawler

Initiatives include becoming the first municipality in NJ to implement a single-use carryout bag fee. This ordinance helps reduce dependence on plastic bags, which are often found littering Longport's beaches and clogging storm drains.

Another initiative includes the installation of a medical prescription drop box located in the lobby of the Longport Police Department. The disposal box helps to keep expired and no-longer needed medical prescriptions out of our waste stream and water supply.

In addition, the borough installed six raised garden beds for all to enjoy. The community garden is located behind borough hall.

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Make a Disaster Preparedness Plan

Know What to Do in Case of Emergency

It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of a disaster or emergency. You may not always be together when these events take place and should have plans for making sure you are able to contact and find one another.

- Meet with your family or household members.
- Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

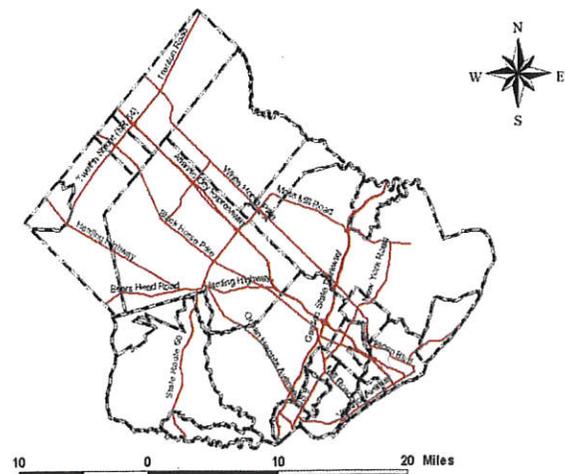
- Choose two places to meet:
 - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire
 - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate
- Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or saved on their cell phones.

Prepare a GO BAG !

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit to be used in the event of an evacuation. Store these items in as easy to carry container such as a back pack or duffel bag.

- ✓ A supply of water (one gallon per person)
- ✓ A supply of non-perishable packaged/canned food and a non-electric can opener
- ✓ A change of clothing, rain gear & sturdy shoes
- ✓ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ✓ A first aid kit and prescription medications
- ✓ An extra pair of eye glasses
- ✓ Credit cards and cash
- ✓ A battery powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- ✓ An extra set of car keys
- ✓ A list of your family's physicians and their phone numbers
- ✓ A list of important family information, the style and serial numbers of medical devices such as pacemakers
- ✓ Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
- ✓ Pet supplies

Atlantic County Evacuation Routes



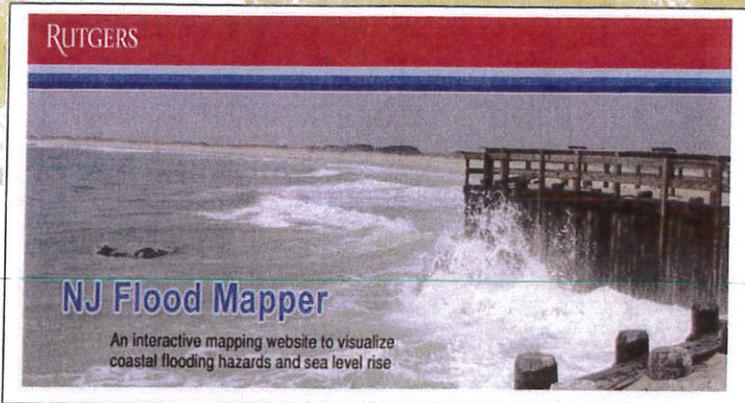
"Preparedness Begins With Me"

WWW.READYATLANTIC.ORG

Preparing Makes Sense – Get Ready Now!

www.ready.gov

Atlantic County's one-stop emergency information resource! Click "GO" to start your preparedness efforts !



KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK

www.njfloodmapper.org

The *NJFloodMapper* uses high resolution mapping of the land surface elevation to model areas vulnerable to sea level rise. FEMA Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), coastal evacuation routes, state/municipal level infrastructure and socio-demographic information are included to provide a fuller picture of vulnerability to flooding hazards.

IS SEA LEVEL RISING?

Yes, sea level rise (SLR) is a physical reality that is impacting the New Jersey and the entire Mid-Atlantic coastline. The historical rate of sea level rise along the New Jersey coast over the past half century was 3-4 mm/yr (or 0.12 - 0.16 in/yr). Consensus sea-level rise projections (in feet) for the New Jersey. The baseline is year 2000 sea level.

Year	Low	High	Higher
2050	1.0 ft	2.0 ft	2.5 ft
2100	2.5 ft	5.0 ft	7.0 ft

HOW DOES SEA LEVEL RISE AND STORM SURGE INTERACT?

Sea level rise increases the vulnerability of coastal areas to flooding during storms for several reasons. First, a given storm surge from a hurricane or northeaster builds on top of a higher base of water. Considering only this effect, it is estimated that development along the coast would experience a 36-58 percent increase in annual damages for a 1-foot rise in sea level, and a 102-200 percent increase for a 3-foot rise. Second, greater shoreline erosion also increases vulnerability to storms, by removing the beaches and dunes that would otherwise buffer coastal property from storm waves.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING

Increased temperatures are predicted to lead to increasing rainfall intensity during severe storms. Additionally, warmer ocean temperatures could increase the intensity of tropical storms and hurricanes which, in turn, could increase flood and wind damages. Factors such as rising sea levels, disappearing wetlands, and increased coastal development threaten to intensify the damage caused by hurricanes and tropical storms.

www.njfloodmapper.org



For Emergency Announcements

What is **CodeRED** ?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows our emergency officials to notify our residents & businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications.

When will **CodeRed** be used?

Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the Borough will be disseminated using the **CodeRED** system. These may include severe weather, notifications of hazardous conditions, AMBER alerts and/or evacuation notices.

We encourage all residents and businesses to go to the *Borough* website, www.longportnj.gov click on the **CodeRED** logo located on the home page. Enter your contact information, including additional phone numbers, and text and email addresses in order to ensure all of the data in our system is accurate and current. If you are not in the **CodeRED** database, you will not be called!



DO YOU HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE ? WHY NOT !

DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS OFTEN NOT AVAILABLE – Some people think they don't need flood insurance because they believe Federal disaster assistance will come to their aid. But floods are not always declared a Federal Disaster. And when they are, aid is usually in the form of a loan. Your Flood Insurance can cover up to \$250,00 for the home's structure and \$100,000 for contents.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL A FLOOD IS IMMINENT

If you wait until a flood is on the way, you will be too late.

Remember it takes 30 days after purchase for policy to take effect !



It's official "Farmers Market is Open" cutting the ribbon is Com. Leeds, Secretary of Agriculture Doug Fisher, Mayor Russo and Assemblymen Vince Mazzeo

Coming June 11, 2016!
8:30am-12pm

2305 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, N.J

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LONGPORT FARMERS MARKET
— Bike Walk Eat —

Welcome all !

The Borough of Longport, in conjunction with Longport's Green Team, Sustainable Longport, will be hosting its first farmers market.

The market will be held from 830am to 12 noon on the second and forth Saturday starting in June. Market dates include 6/11/16, 6/25/16, 7/9/16, 7/23/16, 8/13/16, 8/27/16 and ending 9/10/16.

The market will be open rain or shine except for declared weather emergencies. The market location is behind Longport Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Ave, Longport, NJ.

Join us for local goods!

- FARM FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES
- HONEY, HERBS, PLANTS
- SEAFOOD
- FRESH-CUT FLOWERS
- OLIVE OILS & VINEGARS
- ORGANIC LOTIONS, CREAMS, SOAPS
- HANDMADE JEWELRY
- ARTISANAL FOODS

Special Notes

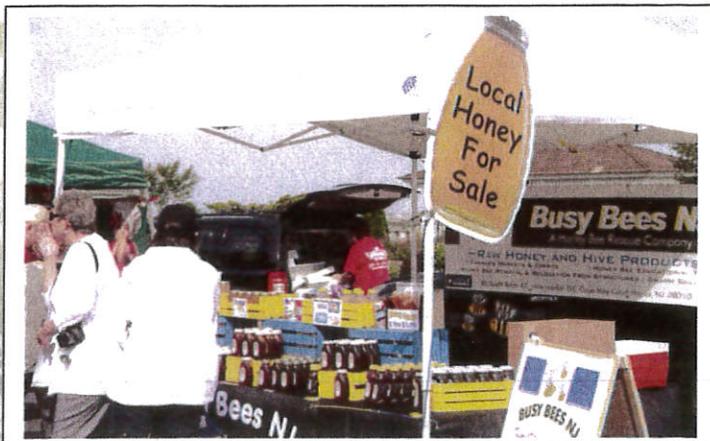
Please remember to bring a reusable bag for all your farmers market finds.

Summertime parking in the Borough can be challenging. Participants are encouraged to walk or bike up to the event. Bicycle racks will be available!

See you at the Longport Farmers Market!

Please like us on Facebook at Longport Farmers Market

www.longportnj.gov

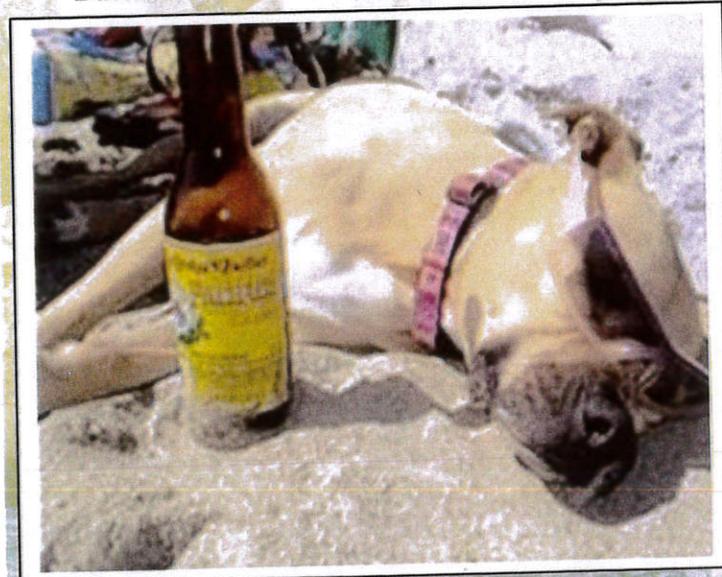




New class I Officers- Jorge D Castro-Rodriguez, Maisha Choudhury & Mathew Long



Congratulations to Longport's newest Sargent David Cincotta



PLEASE – Clean Up After Your Dog !

New Class I Police Officers

Jorge D. Castro-Rodriguez is a graduate from EHTHS and is currently attending Atlantic Community College. "I am hoping to gain enough experience by the end of summer to become a full time Police Officer. Law enforcement is my profession and passion."

Maisha Choudhury is a graduate from Rowan University. She received her bachelors in Law & Justice. "Being a Class I Officer I would like to gain all the experience and eventually work for the US Drug Enforcement Agency."

Matthew Long is a graduate of Parsippany Hills High School in 2015. He is currently attending Stockton University and is studying Criminal Justice. "I have aspirations of becoming a full time police officer after I graduate. I am looking forward to the experience I will gain working in Longport this summer."

Carbon Monoxide Still a Risk in Summer

Closed doors and windows in the winter make it easier for carbon monoxide (CO) to build up, potentially poisoning anyone nearby. But there are many ways CO can build up to dangerous levels that have nothing to do with heating season. Summer months have their own unique set of dangers, both for the citizens in the community and the first responders called to help.

CO is odorless, tasteless, and invisible, and causes symptoms similar to flu or heat stroke: nausea, dizziness, blurred vision, headaches, sleepiness, weakness, and eventually death if not properly and quickly treated. Sometimes it takes as little as 10-15 minutes of exposure before symptoms occur.

Summertime causes include being around any gas, charcoal, or wood combustion in an enclosed area or one where airflow is blocked somehow (i.e. dense vegetation or awnings). This can be sitting at the back of a powerboat, use of a grill in a tent, use of gas-powered equipment indoors, or sitting in a parked vehicle, or even sitting too near a campfire.

DOG OWNERS – It's the Law

Pursuant to Borough Ordinance - **SUMMER RULE** – "Commencing on, and to include May 1st, and continuing to and including September 30, dogs are not permitted on Longport Beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean."

"No person owning or in charge of any dog shall cause or allow such dog to soil, defecate on or any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, or upon any private property. Dog waste contaminates the ground and becomes a means of passing parasites and infections to dogs and people. Please utilize waste stations located through out the Borough" !

FLOOD INFORMATION !

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD:

"Your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

The local Flood Hazard - All of the Borough of Longport is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), which means that it is at or below the 100 year flood level. Longport is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Risley's Channel the bay, on the other, Longport is susceptible to flooding. Flooding can be caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, coastal storms, commonly referred to as Northeasters, and occasional high tides with heavy rain events. The island is not flat! The ground elevation is higher at the beach and slopes downhill towards the bay. That elevation difference can be as much as 5'. During a storm event flood waters can fill the streets and low lying areas from (2) feet beach block with wave action to four (4) feet of water bay side, depending on the elevation of the ground, such as in the Hurricane of 1944, March 1962 storm, December storm of 1992, and Hurricane Sandy, where, all of Longport was flooded.



FLOOD SAFETY:

PERSONAL PROTECTION YOU CAN TAKE –

DO NOT walk or drive through flood waters! Manhole covers may have become dislodged, or there may be submerged debris which can cause you serious injury and damage, or your vehicles could stall and you could become trapped.

STAY AWAY from downed wires, while it is true they may only be cable or telephone wires, they may also be **LIVE ELECTRIC WIRES**

PERSONAL PROTECTION YOU CAN TAKE – Cont.-

UNDER SEVERE FLOOD CONDITIONS, if you leave home, turn off the electric at the main and the gas at the meter.

LISTEN closely to radio and television for information and instructions from your local Emergency Management Office and the need to evacuate when an evacuation order or advisory is issued. **MONITOR** our **Emergency Banner** on our home page at www.longportnj.us

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES:

There are several ways to protect your home from flood damage. They range from raising the level of the ground around the property, waterproofing the building's walls and doors, installation of flood gates, correcting local drainage problems, moving furniture, sandbagging, or actually raising the first floor of the dwelling above the base flood elevation.

The Library has several books on these subjects that you can borrow to investigate what is best for you. (see attached list of articles available through our Library) The Borough Building Department (822-0569 ext. 114) by appointment will come out and visit your property and provide suggestions. The Building Department also contains a list of private contractors with knowledge in protective measures.

Homeowners should consider protection for windows and doors with hard sheeting or storm shutters. Garage doors should be reinforced. The smallest pieces of wind driven as well as wave driven debris can become deadly projectiles during storms and hurricanes. BBQ'S, Lawn, deck and pool furniture should be stored inside or tied down to permanent construction to prevent damage as a result of wind and wave action.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the internet www.flood.org &/ or www.fema.gov .

FLOOD INSURANCE:

Homeowners Insurance does not cover damages due to floods. All of Longport is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). You have a 26% chance of being flooded during the life of a 30 year mortgage. Flood Insurance is only available to those Communities who participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from the multiple flooding hazards, Longport is a part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because Longport participates in FEMA'S CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted 25%. Check your policy and make sure you are getting your discount!

www.floodsmart.gov

FLOOD INSURANCE: Cont. –

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR POLICY: to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. Since all of Longport is located with Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

Flood insurance policy holders in Longport can get up to \$30,000. of Increase Cost of Compliance Coverage (ICC) to help pay the costs to bring their home or business into compliance with our Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Check with your Insurance Agent or Company on the low-cost preferred risk policy, ICC and other flood insurance protection for your home. Please note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect.

FLOOD WARNING:

When the possibility of flooding may exist, the National Weather Service Office issues flood watches and warnings at www.weather.gov. All regional and local television and radio stations carry such warnings. This information is transmitted on the NOAA Radio Station, 162.400 MHZ.

The Borough of Office of Emergency Management (822-2141) also receives weather information through the New Jersey State Police NCIC/SCIC computer Teletype System, the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management and through in house DTN Satellite weather system. The warning system includes voice over announcements on all cable television channels on Comcast Cable Television System, Channel 92 on Comcast Cable now includes emergency information provided by the Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Broadcast Radio Station 1630 am. Additionally, emergency sirens plus voice override, located within Longport will be activated as well as Police and/or Fire Department Vehicles with PA capacity and will advise of any major flood event and the need to evacuate when an evacuation order or advisory is issued.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE:

The storm drainage system will not function under high tide situations. As the tides recede, the storm drain system will begin functioning and remove the waters. The Borough of Longport Public Works Department has a Storm Drainage maintenance program. Twice a year the inlets and basins are inspected and cleaned. Borough Ordinance prohibits the throwing, dumping or discharge of debris and/or litter into the storm drains and gutters. Grass clippings, leaves and small tree or shrub branches can accumulate and clog the storm drains.

Help maintain the water quality, because our storm drain system empties into the Ocean and the Bay. Anything placed within the storm drain system will cause a danger to fish, wildlife and the natural habitat. If you see anyone dump, discharge or throw debris into the storm drain system, immediately contact the Longport Police (822-2141). If you see a clogged storm drain contact the Longport Public Works (822-5759).

**SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION:**

As part of Atlantic County's Disaster Preparedness Plan, we have developed a Special Needs Register for Residents who may have difficulty evacuating. **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE ?** You are eligible if you have no place to go during an emergency and have a disability covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act or require additional assistance due to the following conditions; History of stroke, Hearing, vision or speech impaired, Frail elderly, Walking limitation, Severe breathing problem, Wheelchair, cane or walker use, Heart problem, Mentally challengedcall Bruce A. Funk 609 822 0569 est. 114

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING PERMITS:

All new construction and renovation projects require local permits. Various state permits may also be required, depending on the type and location of the project. Always check with your local Code Official, local Engineer, local Architect, or Land Surveyor before purchasing a property to determine what special regulations may be in effect relating to your location in the special flood hazard zone.

Remember, before doing any construction, fill, additions or alterations to your home, check with the Building Department (822-0569 ext.114) for permit requirements. If you see any construction, additions or alterations to a home without a Building Permit "Yellow Placard" displayed in their front window, report it to the Building Department.

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The Substantial Improvement/Damage Requirements – Pursuant to Borough Ordinance, Chapter 99 " Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance"; Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction during a 7 year period, the cost of which exceeds 40 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes

structures which have incurred "Substantial Damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed or "Repetitive Loss". If your home is substantially improved/damaged, the entire building must be brought up to the current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Additionally, the cost of the currently planned improvements will be added to the cost of previous made improvements and compared to the existing market value to determine if the improvements exceeded 40% of the structure's value. The "Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance" can be reviewed by visiting, www.longportnj.gov

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS:

The Borough of Longport has determined that our beaches, dune system and coastal wetlands should be left in its natural state. These areas provide natural and beneficial functions to help reduce flood damage. Coastal wetlands provide an area for flood water to spread over a large area. Our beachfront and dune system is considered sacrosanct. They are our first line of defense against the onslaught of the incoming seas. Preserving these dunes and encouraging the development of new dunes is of utmost importance. These natural areas reduce wind and wave impacts, and their vegetation stabilizes soils during flooding.

FLOOD MAPPING: MAP INFORMATION SERVICE

The Borough of Longport is offering **Map Information Service** assistance to all of its residents. Contact Bruce A. Funk/CFM, at 609 8220569 ext. 120 or zoning@longport-nj.us for an appointment. Mr. Funk is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative, Community Rating System (CRS) Director and Certified Floodplain Manager for Longport. Bruce Funk will be able to provide **Map Information Service** in the following ways.

- Whether the property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
- The Community Number, The Panel Number & Suffix
- The date of the FIRM's Index (cover panel)
- The Firm Zone, AE or "V" (velocity zone)
- The base flood information (depth in AE Zones) where shown on the firm
- The elevation datum used on the FIRM, if other than the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD)
- Copies of Elevation Certificates (EC) are available, if we have it on file, in the Building Department
- Elevation Certificates are also available via

Emergency preparedness visit www.ready.gov



Do You Have A Green Thumb?

Then plant your favorite herb, plant or vegetable in Longport's new **COMMUNITY GARDEN!** The garden is located behind Borough Hall Boat House. Even Mayor Nick planted his favorite Italian herb. He said "It must be the eco-soil, the herbs grow like weeds, it's just amazing."

Thank you Public Works for a job well-done!

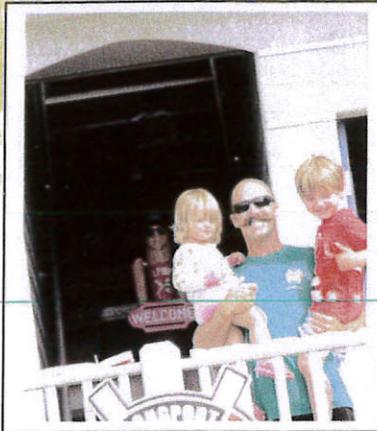
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Longport also expanded its recycling program by implementing a new rigid plastics recycling collection service this past fall. Bulky rigid plastics include items such as laundry baskets, old trash cans, lawn furniture, DVDs, children's toys, plastic buckets, and plastic storage racks. These types of plastic items are collected with normal trash pickup on Mondays in the borough.

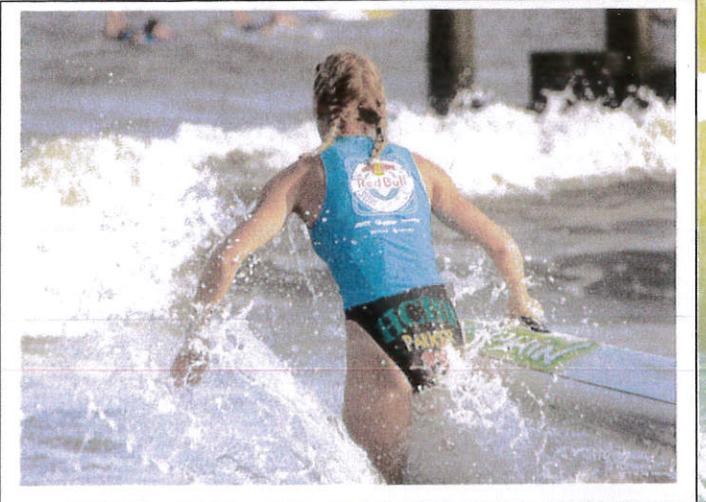
This summer also marks the first season of the Longport Farmers Market. The market will bring healthful and fresh foods to the community while supporting local farmers. The market is held from 8:30 am to 12 noon behind borough hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. For more information on market dates and products please visit www.longportnj.gov.

The borough partnered with AtlantiCare this summer to provide Ultra-Violet ray detecting bracelets to the first 5,000 people who purchased beach tags. The bracelets change color from white to purple if UV rays are detected. They serve as a visual reminder to protect yourself from the sun's damaging UV rays. According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is the most common type of cancer.

We look forward to keeping Longport the wonderful community for our residents and visitors.



Summer 2016 is finally here!



The Longport Historical Society and Museum

Lincoln Never Slept Here, But We Think We Have His Bed

How a bed reportedly custom made for President Lincoln ended up in Longport is a convoluted tale requiring a great leap of faith. Decide for yourself if you think the story is plausible.

A native of Kentucky, Brigadier General Thomas Cruse was an 1879 West Point graduate who spent his first Army years in Arizona with the 6th Calvary, the troop that was sent to rescue General Custer. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor for "distinguished gallantry in action with hostile Indians at Big Dry Wash, Arizona."



His wife, Beatrice Cottrell Cruse, was a true Army wife, following him throughout the years from post to post. Leaving the clumsily built barracks of the Wild West, the couple went on to the Orient, the Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico with time in Washington D.C. Cruse's final post was in Philadelphia. When he retired in 1918, the couple spent their winters at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City and their summers at their new residence on 13th Street in Longport.

General Cruse apparently moved in high circles of Army society. Some of those the Cruses entertained in their homes throughout the years included former president William Howard Taft, General John J. Pershing, and General Douglas McArthur's father, Lt. General Arthur McArthur.

Beatrice and Thomas Cruse collected many fine pieces of furniture throughout the years, especially a huge dining table of Burmese rosewood. General Cruse bought the Lincoln walnut bed in 1893 when he was posted in Washington D.C.

The story of the Lincoln bed begins with Joseph Holt, of Breckinridge, Kentucky. Holt was a lawyer who served as Postmaster General under President Buchanan. He was Secretary of War for 2 months in 1861 and then served as judge advocate general of the U.S. Army until 1875.

When President Lincoln visited the home of Judge Holt in Kentucky, his host asked how he had slept during the night. The president reportedly replied, "Pretty well, but I would have slept better if the bed was a foot longer." In 1861 Holt had the seven foot long bed made by local artisans and presented it to the president shortly thereafter.

General Cruse acquired the bed during his posting in Washington D.C. in the 1890's. When the family settled permanently in Longport, the ornate footboard, what they called the front board, was installed in their living room as a fireplace mantle. The less elaborate headboard was put in storage on the ground floor.

General Cruse died in 1943 shortly after the publication of his book, "Apache Days and After". When the Cruse home was sold in 1949, the Lincoln bed stayed behind in Longport.

Bill and Jean Dwyer raised their sons in Longport after they bought the 13th Street home in 1971. When the Dwyer family left town in the early 1990's, Michael Cohen, founder of the Longport Historical Society, stood by their moving van and convinced Bill and Jean Dwyer that the headboard would be better off left behind. "I was very aggressive," laughed former Mayor Cohen, "that piece of the bed is history and we needed it for our new museum in the old Coast Guard Building."

The walnut bed had always been painted black. Chris Dwyer says that at one point his mother painted the fireplace mantle a bright turquoise. Chris said, "At the time, it seemed like a good idea to Mom."

The Cruse collection is housed in the Map and Reference Room at the Longport Historical Society Museum.

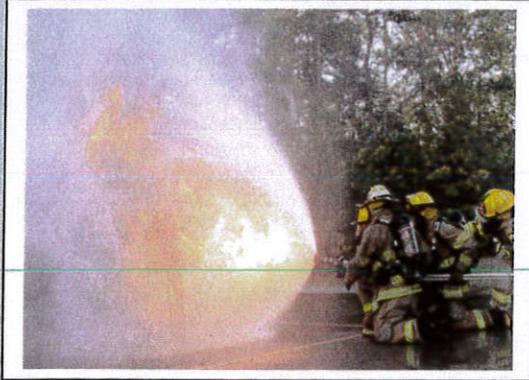
Mary Sue Lovett, Museum Curator



Museum Open House: Friday, July 1 from 4 – 7 p.m. The Miriam Jameson Art Exhibit will be open for the first time on the second floor of the museum.

The museum and Porch Store are open for the summer on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Grilling Fire Safety !

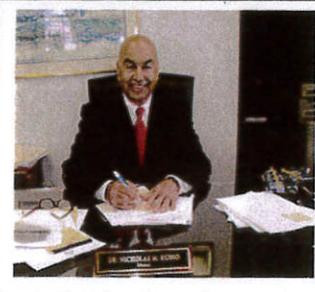


Position the grill well away from siding, deck railing and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3 foot "kids free zone" around the grill. Use long handled tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking. Periodically remove fat or grease buildup in the trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by the hot grill. Use Grills Outdoors! If used indoors, or in any enclosed space the grill pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide. Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals or kindling are already ignited. And never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Check the propane container hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Do this by putting a light mix of soap and water on the hose. If there is a leak you will see bubbles in the soap and water mixture. If you discover a leak by smell or the soapy water bubble test and there is no flame: Turn off the propane tank and grill. When the leak stops have the grill checked by a professional before using it again. **If the leak does not stop call the Fire Department!** If you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill and call the Fire Department. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane containers in building or garages. If you store a grill inside, disconnect the propane container and leave it outside. Use only equipment test by an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). It will have the testing laboratory symbol on the equipment. **Grills, and barbecues at home continue to be a high fire risk!**

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Welcome Summer 2016 !



I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Commissioner Dan Lawler and Commissioner Jim Leeds for again having the confidence in me to represent Longport as your Mayor. Our administration is now beginning its ninth (9th) year and we look forward to continually addressing the future challenges impacting our community. In my opinion, besides the overall responsibility of providing for the health, welfare and safety of our residents and visitors, there is one significant, specific challenge that we have prioritized.

That priority is the future of Longport's drinking water!

Our current water is provided by three deep wells that are each approximately 800 feet in depth. These wells are old; in fact, the newest of the wells was built in 1963. Although we vigorously and proactively maintain this system, our yearly demand for water has never been greater and clearly deep fresh water reservoirs may not have unlimited reserves. **Is there anything that we can do proactively???** YES! Let's all begin to conserve water voluntarily before we are forced to revert to restrictive measures. We can all do our part to cut back water usage. **Some suggestions** would be install low flow facets, reduce the frequency and length of lawn watering, install lawn rain sensors, plant shrubs requiring less water and cut back on water usage activities such as car washing. Together, we may be able to avert mandatory water restrictions. From everything I have seen and read, obtaining our water from a private, for profit, water supplier will be much more expensive than the \$490 per year each of us now pay. **So please, I implore each you to do your part!**

Mayor Nick Russo, Ed.D

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