Longport Town Topics

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Longport Beach Patrol 2016 South Jersey Lifeguard Champions!

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER - SAVE THE DATE !

June 24th – September 2nd 2017

Longport Farmers Market – every Saturday - please bike or walk to Longport's farmers market from 830 am to 12 noon Behind Borough Hall

July 2017

1st Longport Historical Society OPEN HOUSE 4pm – 7pm

4-7th Picnicking & BBQ allowed on beaches 10am-8pm

4th Police/Fire/ Historical Society open house 10am-12 noon

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

7th Longport Beach Patrol "Capt. Michael McGrath" Longport Memorials – 630pm 33rd & the Beach

11th Longport Beach Patrol "Women's Lifeguard Invitational" 630 pm 33rd & the Beach

15th Longport PBA #363 Golf Tournament behind Borough Hall 2pm start

22nd Commissioners Meeting 10 AM!

27th Swimming Safety Clinic – Beach Patrol Headquarters 1030am – Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol

29th Take A Breather 5K Run & Walk 8am 33rd st. www.LongportRun.org

August 2017

3rd Surfing Safety Clinic – Beach Patrol Headquarters 1030am – Sponsored by the Longport beach Patrol

5th Blood Pressure Screenings – Beach Patrol Headquarters 11 am –Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol

11th South Jersey Lifeguard Championships 33rd & the beach 6:30 pm BE THERE - SUPPORT LONGPORT!

13th Captain Turner Memorial Swim – 33rd and the Beach 830 am!

19th The Irish Concert behind Borough Hall 7pm

24th Longport Beach Patrol "Hammer Row" Seaview Harbor Beach – 615 pm

September 2017

3rd ART SHOW at Longport Historical Society 9am – 1pm

2-4th *Labor day Weekend* - Picnicking & BBQ allowed on beaches 10am-8pm

9th "Annual Mascot Races" 10am Longport Beach Patrol Headquarters – Sponsored by the Longport Beach Patrol ages 13+ sign ups 33rd & beach 1030 am

October 2017

31st Halloween Treats at Borough Hall, Fire and Historical Museum 5pm to 7pm.

www.longportnj.gov

Longport Volunteer Fire Department American Mile
July 4th, 2017
Registration 10am -6pm, race starts 630pm!

Longport PBA Golf Tournament July 15th 2pm!

Longport Beach Patrol Mascot Races – Sept. 9th

Beach Patrol Mascot Races – 10am 33rd Avenue

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 24nd Anniversary of the American Mile. July 4th 630pm.**
- **Please come out with the kids for a fun golf outing with the PBA on July 15th 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.**

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 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.

Have you prepared your Hurricane TO DO list?

Longport Vol. Fire Department recently purchased a new Fire-Water Rescue Boat from the US Coastguard

NO MORE – smoking not allowed on the beach!

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Downbeach Community Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Longport Commission Chambers

Join your community leaders and utility companies to learn what you need to be prepared for the Hurricane Season.

Representatives from: Ventnor, Margate, Longport, Atlantic County, SJ Gas, and Atlantic City Electric will be on hand to answer any questions you might have for this upcoming hurricane season.

Discussions will include: Go kits & supplies, evacuations, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and the CodeRED notification system!

Fire Department Purchases Boat!

The Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a 25 foot all aluminum boat with twin 225 hp Honda outboards from the Coast Guard who are currently upgrading their fleet to 29' crafts. The surplus boats sold for $40,000, but when originally purchased they cost over $ 200,000.

The Borough contributed $ 10,000 towards the purchase. The Volunteer Fire Department recently sold their fire-rescue boat for $ 15,620 and raised the balance.

The new Marine 3 has been re-lettered, additional lights installed and the GPS & radio systems have been upgraded. It is the goal of the Fire Department to have the craft fully operational by the 4th of July. Members of the fire department are currently being trained by Coast Guard personal on the boats operation. Chief Lefty Clayton stated "The new Fire-Water-Rescue Boat will greatly improve our water rescues within the back bays."

Smoking Prohibited on the Beach!

Longport beachgoers will be able to enjoy smoke-free ocean breezes after the recent passage of an ordinance that bans smoking on all public property including public parks, beaches and recreation areas. The Borough of Longport is among several municipalities in New Jersey that have enacted similar laws prohibiting smoking on beaches.

On March 22, 2017, ordinance #2017-10 was passed that prohibits smoking on all public property and recreational areas. Smoking not only includes traditional cigarettes and pipes, it also includes electronic smoking devices.

Those who violate the ordinance will face a fine of not less than $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense, and $1,000 for each subsequent offense.

Perhaps now, our beaches, streets, and gardens will no longer be someone's ash tray!

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.

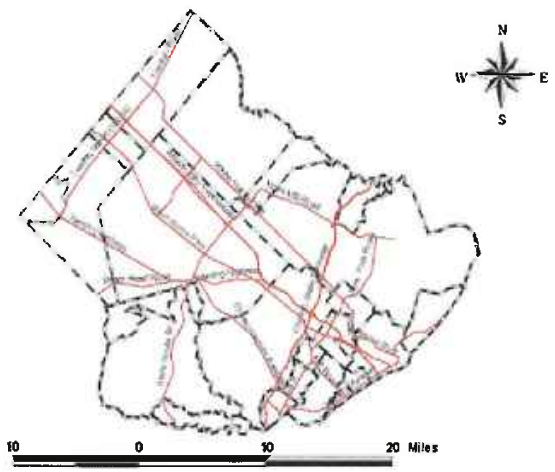
Preparing Makes Sense – Get Ready Now!
For additional information go to -
www.ready.gov

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

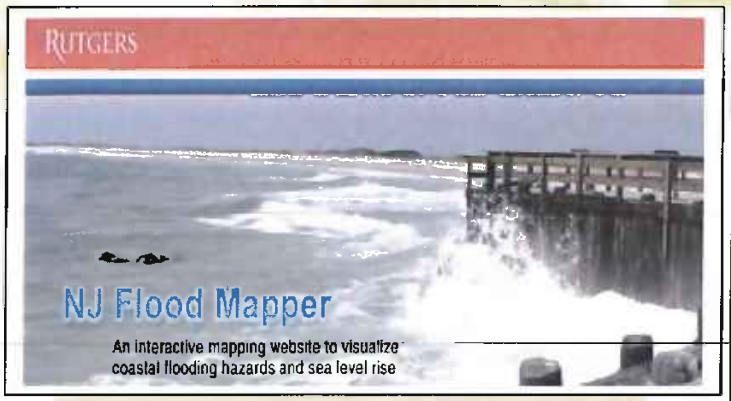
Atlantic County Evacuation Routes



"Preparedness Begins With Me"

WWW.READYATLANTIC.ORG

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 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

CodeRED®

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 $250,000 for the home's structure and $100,000 for contents.

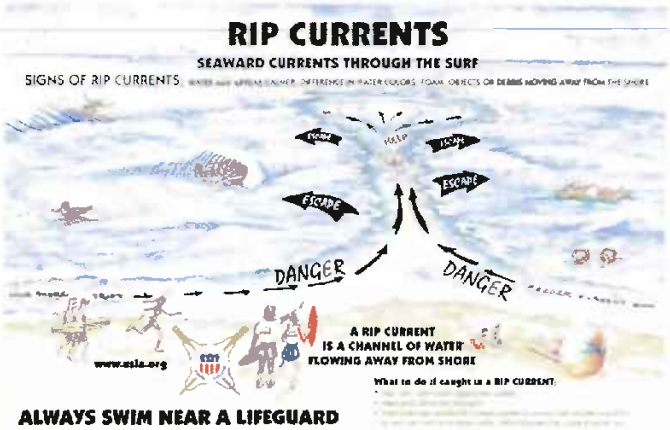
DON'T WAIT UNTIL A FLOOD IS IMMINENT

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 !

Rip Currents

Rip currents are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore. They typically extend from the shoreline, through the surf zone, and past the line of breaking waves. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves.



Rip currents can be killers. The United States Lifesaving Association estimates that the annual number of deaths due to rip currents on our nation's beaches exceeds 100. Rip currents account for over 80% of rescues performed by surf beach lifeguards.

The greatest safety precaution that can be taken is to recognize the danger of rip currents and always remember to swim at beaches with lifeguards. The United States Lifesaving Association has calculated the chance that a person will drown while attending a beach protected by USLA affiliated lifeguards at 1 in 18 million. If caught in a rip current at an unguarded beach, how you respond could make the difference between life and death.

NOAA's National Weather Service & National Sea Grant Program, in partnership with the United States Lifesaving Association, are working together to raise awareness about the dangers of rip currents. Research is also being conducted in order to develop and improve the ability to predict the occurrence and strength of rip currents. The goal of the awareness campaign and research is to reduce the number of rip current related fatalities.

A daily rip current outlook is included in the Surf Zone Forecast, which is issued by many National Weather Service offices. A three-tiered structure of low, moderate, high is used to describe the rip current risk. This outlook is communicated to lifeguards, emergency management, media and the general public.

www.ripcurrents.noaa

Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Awards!

The Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Foundation has announced that the following students have been awarded education scholarships!

A total of $ 10,500 was given to local students for their higher education during the 2017 Herb Stern Longport Scholarship awards ceremony during a recent Borough Commission meeting.

Winners were Alexandra Gulko-Hyman, $2500; Erin Rafter and Natalie Viso, $2000 each; Seamus and Colton Ulmer, $1000 each; and Wyatt and Ethan Kramer, $1000 each.

Alexandra Gulko-Hyman – Graduated from Georgian Court University and will be attending Widener University Law School.
Erin Rafter currently attends the College of New Jersey.
Natalie Viso is a student at the University of California Fullerton.
Seamus Ulmer is a student at Rutgers University and his brother Coulton is a recent graduate of Ocean City High School.
Wyatt Kramer is attending the University of Maryland and his brother Ethan is a student at Rowan University

Shown from the left are scholarship fund board member Kristen Towbin; board President Herb Stern; board member Dorothy McGee; Mark Hyman; accepting for his daughter, Alexandra; Maria Viso, for her daughter, Natalie; Carl Tripician, board vive president; Patricia Rafter, for her daughter, Erin; Patrick Armstrong, board member; Stephanie Kramer, for her son, Ethan; Wyatt Kramer; Donna Ulmer, for her son, Colton and Seamus; board treasurer Michael Garvin and secretary Lynn Baumgardner are not pictured.

Funds for the awards come from contributions from many Longport year round and seasonal residents. Donations can be mailed to Michael Garvin, Treasurer, 32 south 32nd Avenue, Longport, NJ 085403

www.longportscholarshipfund.org.

HYDRATION STATION

Did you know that on average a person will consume 167 bottles of water a year and only recycle 38 of them. In fact, more than 80% of disposable water bottles end up in landfills, of the remaining bottles some are recycled and the rest often become litter on beaches and in waterways.

To help keep our beaches and oceans plastic bottle free, the Borough of Longport will be installing a hydration station in front of Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. The station will include two traditional water fountain arms, and will also have a filler for reusable water bottles and a pet fountain for our four-legged friends.

Plastic bottles are of special concern here in Longport as we are bordered by the bay on one side and the ocean on the other. Studies have shown that every square mile of ocean has more than 46,000 pieces of plastic in it.

So, on your next run or biking expedition to the Point, please bring a reusable bottle to refill in front on Borough Hall. If you don't have a reusable water bottle and are interested in purchasing a new stainless steel bottle, the Longport Historical Society will have them for sale at the museum located right next door to Borough Hall.

Our new hydration station is dog friendly!

LONGPORT
FARMERS MARKET
— Bike Walk Eat —

Welcome all !

The Borough of Longport, in conjunction with Longport's Green Team, Sustainable Longport, is welcoming the Farmers Market for a second year.

The market will be held from 830am to 12 noon starting Saturday the 24th of June – September 2nd.

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**
- **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Special Notes

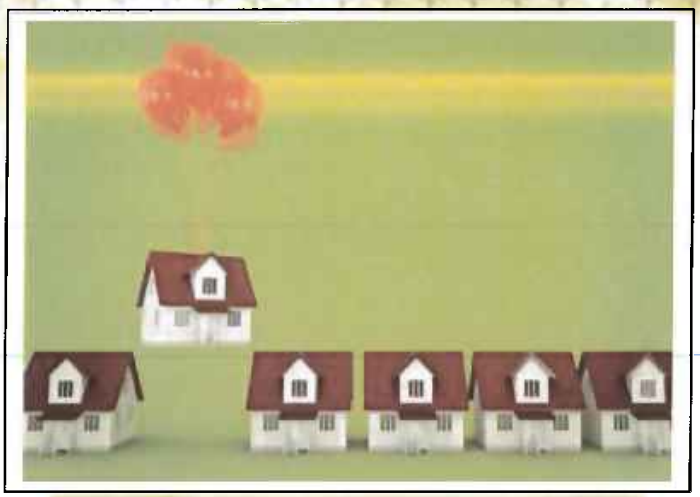
Please remember to bring a reusable bag for all your farmers market finds.

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



FEMA Mitigation Funds available to elevate your home

Fireworks - perhaps mid-August – it's up to you?

PLEASE – Clean Up After Your Dog !

FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ELEVATE YOUR HOME !

The Borough of Longport is pursuing FEMA Flood Mitigation Funds through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA). The funding should be available in 2018 and provides funding for the elevation of qualified properties. If awarded, the grant will be used to elevate qualified structures in accordance with the provisions of the Grant. Participation on the part of the property owners will be voluntary.

In order to start the process, please pick up a copy of the NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY INTEREST at the Borough's Building Department, 2nd floor, Borough Hall.

FIRE WORKS THIS SUMMER ?

If you enjoyed the fireworks display we had over Labor Day weekend 2 years ago and would love to make this an annual event, please feel free to send in a contribution in any amount to offset the cost of this event. Taxpayer money is never used as payment for the fireworks. Please send your contribution to LONGPORT FIRE DEPT, 2305 Atlantic Ave, Longport, NJ 08403 and enter FIREWORKS in the memo section on the check. Thank you in advance! (Keep your eyes open for mid-August)

DUNE PROJECT UPDATE !

The latest news – the Hopper Dredge to be utilized for the beach replenishment project is currently finishing up an emergency project in Ortley Beach. That project is to be completed within several weeks! By the time you receive "Town Topics" work should have begun in Ventnor.

The Ventnor project will begin at Fredericksburg Avenue with the construction of the dunes and proceed north. The Hopper Dredge will then move to Margate for the construction of the berm and dune construction and work its way south towards Longport. Expect the Hopper to be in Longport mid to late September!

DOG OWNERS – It's the Law !

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 throughout 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).

Register READY
www.registerready.nj.gov

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 challenged .....call 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

Longport's Community Garden

Tucked away behind Borough Hall and near the lifeguard boathouse is Longport's Community Garden. There are nine beds in total that local volunteers have generously donated their time and money to keep thriving.

This past April, local volunteers gathered to plant for the upcoming growing season. A spring planting workshop was led by local resident and gardening expert, Liz Donaghy, also known as the Garden Goddess by the Sea.

Growing in the garden, you will find radishes, lettuces, tomatoes, carrots, kale, herbs, and flowers. We are currently working on ideas to help protect our harvest as we have found several bunnies enjoying the kale and lettuces in particular.

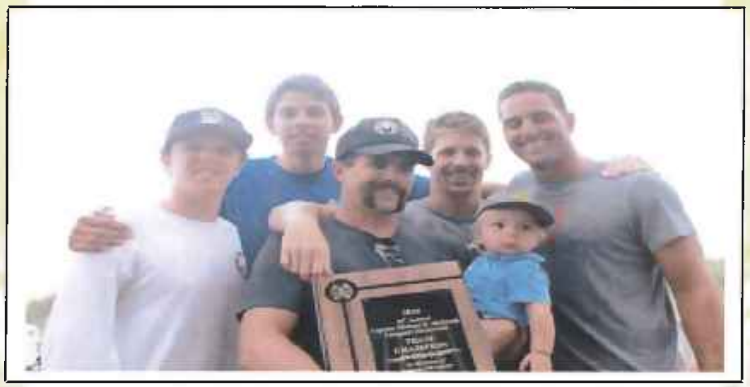
Anyone who enjoys gardening is free to stop by and share in weeding, planting or harvesting.

Grilling on the Beach – Priceless!

Lifeguard Races – fun to watch!

Summer 2017 is finally here!

The Longport Fire Department – American Mile July 4th!



The Longport Beach Patrol – South Jersey Champions!

Surfing the summer away!

Join the Beach Patrol Mascots & Explorers for a summer of fun and learning !

The Longport Historical Society and Museum

A Longport Tradition:
Remembering the Kelly Mile

On this July 4th hundreds of racers will run the American Mile down Atlantic Avenue. Only some of the local old-timers will remember the original race held 45 years ago.

On the 4th of July, 1972, several Longport teenagers challenged each other to a one mile foot race on the beach. Mary Jane Kelly was asked to be the race officiator. The winner was Mark Kelly who won a case of beer and several other unspecified items. Let it be said that at least the beer was legal.

The following year Mark's mother, Mary Jane, suggested that the Kelly family sponsor an official race for all. The first Kelly Mile started at the rock jetty on 11th Avenue and ended at Gospel Hall on Scripture Beach at 28th Avenue. The entry fee was $1.00. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and beer were served after the race at the Kelly's Winchester Hotel on 24th Street. Once again the winner of the first official race was Mark Kelly.

Entrants were given computer cards to pin to their shirts for the race. Since there was no official time clock, runners were given a tongue depressor with their placement number as they crossed the finish line. T shirts were never handed out to all entrants. If you proudly wore one the day after the race, that meant you had been one of the top three winners in your age division.

The race was held on the beach for only three years. The next year also saw the end of the race party at the Kelly's Winchester Hotel. The celebration after the race was moved to the Longport playground. Beer was no longer served.

The 20th and last Kelly Mile was run in 1992. The Kelly family then handed their race over to the Longport Volunteer Fire Company. Renamed The American Mile, it has become their major fund raiser.

On June 10th of this year, over 200 people filled the Longport Church of the Redeemer to celebrate the lives of Jim and Mary Jane Kelly. Their deaths this past November were unique in that after 68 years of marriage, the couple died in the same hospital room within 12 hours of one another.

Earlier that same morning in June about 40 of the Kelly family and their friends raced along the side of Atlantic Avenue to honor the memory of Jim and Mary Jane Kelly and the Kelly Mile.

The winner of Saturday's race was 26 year old Patrick Kelly, the son of Mark Kelly who was the winner of the first two races over 40 years ago. Right behind him were his two cousins, Orion and David Simprini.

What a fitting tribute to the memory of their grandparents and a wonderful Longport tradition.

Come visit the Kelly Mile display – complete with the original IBM cards and tongue depressors at the Longport Historical Society Museum. Both the Museum and the Porch Store will be open all summer each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Mary Sue Lovett, Museum Curator.

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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Mayors Corner !

Welcome Summer 2017 !

Summer is here and there is so much to look forward to. The Longport Public Library will be opening soon and we are planning a special event to mark this historic day.

Another exciting upcoming event is the South Jersey Lifeguard Championships on August 11th at the 33rd Avenue beach. For the first time in the history of the Longport Beach Patrol, which can be dated back to as early as 1914 (and officially established in the 1930s) Longport won first place. Come support our beach patrol as they attempt to make history, again!

The Longport Farmers Market is returning for its second year and participants will be able to visit the market every Saturday from 8:30 am to 12 noon starting on June 24th. The market is located behind Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. This year the market is a little larger and will also feature Pop Up vendors along the bulkhead near the bay. Please remember to bring a reusable bag to the market.

A new addition in front of Borough Hall is a hydration station. The new fountain includes a water bottle filler, so you can refill your reusable bottle while visiting the farmers market or taking stroll along Atlantic Avenue. In addition to the water bottle filler and traditional fountain arms, there will also be a pet fountain for our four-legged friends.