



The Long Hill Ledger

Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Mayor:

When I tell my counterparts in other towns that Long Hill Township broadcasts their Township Committee meetings live they are impressed. When I tell them we have been doing so since 2007 they are astounded.

Many elected officials talk about transparency in government. Long Hill actually lives it. In addition to Township Committee meetings, both Planning and Zoning board meetings have been televised live from around the same time. Weekly re-broadcasts were instituted in 2007. Starting in 2015 links to videos of Township, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings have been posted on the Township website. Videos of Township Committee meetings are now posted on YouTube, as well.

Almost all Township Commission, Advisory Board and Ad Hoc Committee meetings are open to the public. Schedules of meetings are on the Township website. E-mail addresses for members of the Township Committee are located under the Government tab. General or department-specific questions can be sent via the Contact tab in the upper right-hand corner of every page.

The township instituted Citizen Alerts after Super Storm Sandy as a way to communicate with residents on important issues, such as road closings and storm updates. We're only a click away.

Have a happy, healthy and blessed 2018.

Guy Piserchia - Mayor



Winter Fun in Recreation; Time to “Spring” into Warmer Activities...

When Mother Nature gives you snow....make snowmen!!! Several Long Hill families participated in our Winter Fun Contest and shared their creations with us. Check out all their photos on the Recreation pages of the Township website.

Our spring sports programs have started. Each week will bring more activity as we thaw out from winter. We are hoping for a warm start to spring as our Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m.

sharp on the grass field in the back of Kantor Park. Long Hill residents ages 8 and under are invited to bring their baskets and find filled eggs—many with extra special prizes.

There will be a petting zoo and pony rides provided by Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette. The hunt is sponsored by the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, which also will once again sponsor an Adult Egg Hunt! Peter Cottontail will join us and he loves to have his picture taken with the kids so be sure to bring your camera.

(Note: In case of inclement weather, please check the website for announcements and also LHTV. We have reserved Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 a.m. as a Rain Date.)

Registration for Stirling Lake, our K-8 Summer Recreation Camp and our pre-school Little Explorers Camp is now open. Be sure to register – some programs have early bird pricing. We are eager to get back into some exciting summer activities.

Stirling Lake will open May 26 for Memorial Day weekend and then re-open every weekend until June 23, when we will be open seven days per week through Labor Day, September 3. Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for Parrot Beach—a Jimmy Buffet tribute band. They really know how to kick off summer and get us in that summer mode.

Memorial Day in Long Hill is filled with many activities. First is our town parade, to be held on Memorial Day, May 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. The line of march will begin at the corner of Mercer St. and Main Ave. and proceed north up Main Ave., concluding at Central School for a brief ceremony to honor those men and women who died while serving in the armed forces. Any community groups wishing to march in the parade should contact the Parks & Recreation Department for more information.

Following the parade, everyone is invited to the Stirling Fire Department 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. for hot dogs and drinks. Then from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. all Long Hill residents are invited to Stirling Lake for an afternoon of picnicking and swimming. In case you didn't get your fill, we will also be serving hot dogs at Stirling Lake.

Please visit the Long Hill Recreation website often for updates on all our camps and spring/summer programs – and Happy Spring!!!



James (age 3) and Big Sister Tessa (age 6) Veracco built these friendly snowmen as entries in our Winter Fun Contest.

Lisa Scanlon – Director, Parks & Recreation
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Administrator's Corner

Following is an update on some of the projects we are working on in the Township.

2018 Municipal Budget – I have met with department heads to review budget requests. The Finance Subcommittee has been meeting and the full Township Committee has been discussing the preliminary budget. We anticipate introduction of the budget this month and adoption sometime in May. Information regarding the budget will be on the home page of the Township website as it becomes available.

Traffic Committee – This ad-hoc committee has continued to meet over the past few months to discuss areas of concern that are brought to our attention by residents. This quarter's issues include: working with the county to investigate various improvements to the intersection of Mountain Avenue, Meyersville Road and Long Hill Road to increase safety; parking in downtown Stirling (an issue for a while), looking into the possibility of increasing parking on Railroad Avenue while respecting residents' quality of life and safety as well as complying with restrictions regarding open space and wetlands; and working with the county to explore changes in traffic patterns at the light at Valley and Mountain Avenues because Lackawanna Boulevard has become a cut-through to avoid the light, resulting in excessive traffic volume in that neighborhood.

Gillette School Crossing – This long anticipated project is complete. The flashing beacons alerting drivers to the pedestrians crossing Valley Road will enable safe passage for students and residents alike.

Matthew G. Kantor Park Trail – We have received a DEP permit to begin construction to extend the walking trail around the park. This project will complete the loop that surrounds the grass field and will enable walkers more accessibility to the entire property.

Electric Car Charging Station – JCP&L will be providing the Township with an electric car charger at no cost. The charger will be located on the eastern side of the municipal building parking lot. Final details are being worked on with JCP&L but it is anticipated that the charger will be operational before summer.

Personnel Update – We have some new faces at Town Hall: Debra Coonce is our new Planning & Zoning Board Coordinator; Kelly Burns joins us as our Technical Assistant to the Construction Official; Danielle McLeer joined the team as our Recreation Assistant; and Gretchen McCarthy is a new Administrative Assistant.

Happy Spring!

Nancy Malool – Township Administrator
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"Do Not Knock" Stickers Available

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP



NO KNOCK RESIDENCE

All Long Hill residents now may register their address with the Township Police Department to be placed on the Do Not Knock Registry, indicating they do not want peddling, itinerant vending and door-to-door sales enterprises to approach their homes or premises. Registration forms are available on the Long Hill Police Department and Township websites and Facebook pages, as well as at Town Hall and the library.

You will receive a "No Knock Residence" sticker (pictured) that you can adhere to your door. All solicitors who apply for a solicitation permit will be given a list of homes they are not allowed to visit, at risk of a fine. (Political and religious organizations are exempt.)

Sewer System Update

The Township has started the necessary steps to improve the sewer system and has met with NJDEP officials to communicate our plan. The first step was the authorization to engage Kleinfelder engineering to complete a Capacity Assurance Report (CAR).

The Township has been exceeding its permitted discharge flows from the wastewater treatment plant for some time and is under orders to take corrective action and submit the CAR to DEP. The CAR will outline short- and intermediate-term measures to reduce the flows to the plant in order for the plant to achieve compliance. The report also will lay out the estimated costs, timelines and funding mechanisms for the improvements.

The Township also is working with Morris County to formulate its Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to designate existing and future sewer service areas consistent with zoning that will align the zoning areas with plant capacity. Following approval of the WMP, we must obtain a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that will establish the effluent standards for any plant expansion. Upon approval of that permit, the Township will seek a Treatment Works Approval for the detailed construction plans and specifications for the work at the plant.

This process will take a considerable amount of time and the Township Committee is committed to making the necessary improvements to bring the system up to DEP standards and meet our community's needs.

Paul Ferriero - Township Engineer

Long Hill Library



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Happy Spring from the Long Hill Public Library! As the weather warms up and you and your family venture outside for vernal activities, we have the perfect resources for you to take on the go. Use Zinio to view and download the latest magazines straight to your device and read them at your leisure while you commute, sit in the waiting room or wait for sports and school pick-up. With more than 75 popular, celebrity and special interest magazines to choose from, you can stock up on periodicals for the whole family with just a few swipes.

Don't have a chance to stop in a pick up the latest best-seller you've been waiting for? Download our Cloud Library app and access hundreds of e-books and e-audio books, including bestsellers, classics and children's titles.

Our Tumble Book Library offers exclusive e-book content for kids and gives you instant access to story books, graphic novels, non-fiction material, National Geographic videos, read-alongs and puzzles and games. No holds, no download time, no waiting!

Looking for a fun day trip with family and friends but don't know where to go? Stop by, borrow a museum pass and take a free trip to the Morris Museum in Morristown or Imagine That! in Florham Park on us! Each of our passes will grant you up to three days of free trips for your group of four to the Imagine That Children's Museum or a group of five (two adults and three children; kids under 3 are always free) to the Morris Museum.

No library card? No problem! Stop by with proof of your Long Hill residency and get a free library card. Kids ages 5 and up are eligible for their own card, too. For a complete list of upcoming adult and youth services activities, including book club, movie showings, concerts, workshops and story-times, stop by and pick up a brochure or visit our website at longhilllibrary.org. Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Long Hill Library's annual Shred It Day on Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you this spring!

Lyn Begraft
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Dept. of Public Works

The Department of Public Works will be delivering double-ground hardwood mulch to residents starting in April. Delivery charge is \$100 for five cubic yards. Deliveries are on Fridays so please call a few days in advance to book your order. Quantities are limited.



We now are recycling used cooking oil. Residents can drop off used cooking oil in the container at the Public Works facility (see photo).

The Public Works Department offers monthly curbside collection of electronics, TVs, scrap metal and appliances on the last full week of every month. Please call 908-647-0070 in advance of the collection to schedule a pickup. We also have a recycling drop-off center located off Valley Road in Stirling for Township residents. See the Public Works page of the Township website for hours and items that can be dropped off. We can be reached at 908-647-0070.

Tom Sweeney – Director of Public Works
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Public Safety

Lt. Naga Named Officer in Charge

With the retirement of Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, Lt. Ahmed Naga has been named the Officer in Charge while the Township Committee performs a review for a new chief.

Ahmed joined the Long Hill Police Department in 2003, coming from the William Paterson University Police Department. He was named Lieutenant in 2013. Congratulations, Lt. Naga.

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There were a number of car thefts earlier this year, similar to neighboring towns. In every case, the vehicle was left open with the keys inside. Be sure to always lock your car and leave no valuables inside.

As April 15 approaches, be alert to tax scams. Scammers call a resident and inform them they owe back taxes that must be paid immediately to avoid IRS action. They are advised to purchase gift cards and supply the number over the phone.

Residents also should be alert to the Microsoft scam. A caller will inform you there is a problem with your computer, download malware and charge you by credit card to debug the machine.

If you or a loved one receives either of these calls – or any other calls that seem suspicious – contact the Long Hill Police Department immediately. They will verify the call or identify it as not valid.

Events Around the Township

Annual Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24 • 10:00 am (rain date March 31)
Matthew J. Kantor Memorial Park (back field)

Annual Shred It Day - Friends of the Library

Saturday, April 21 • 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Municipal Complex Parking Lot

Discard your old files and documents safely at this annual shredding event and Library fundraiser.

22nd Annual Long Hill PBA Fishing Derby

Saturday, April 21 • 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Stirling Lake Fishing Pond
Open to all LHT kids grades Pre-K–4th grade
Free T-Shirts, Prizes and Food!

Long Hill Chamber of Commerce Stirling Street Fair

Sunday, April 22 • 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Exhibitors, entertainment and family fun all day
at this annual event along Main Avenue.

Stirling Lake Opening Day

Saturday, May 26
Stirling Lake official unofficial start of summer in Long Hill.

Memorial Day Events

Monday, May 28
9:30 am • Memorial Day Parade along Main Ave.
Ceremony at Central Middle School.
1:30-4:30 pm • Community Picnic & Open House at
Stirling Lake. All residents are welcome!

Stirling Lake Dance

Friday June 8 • 7:30-9:30 pm
DJ, fun and games on the beach for Long Hill students grades 5-7.

Summer Concert

Saturday, June 23 • 6:30-8:30 pm
Kick off the summer with us as we welcome back Parrot Beach
(a Jimmy Buffet tribute band). FREE for all Long Hill residents.

Summer REC Programs and Camps Coming this summer

Registration for Summer Camps is open. Register early.

Annual Boy Scout Flower Sale

Friday, May 4 • 5:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, May 5 • 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Sunday, May 6 • 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Valley Mall next to Jos. A. Bank
Time to plant your spring flowers and support the Scouts.