



# The Long Hill Ledger

Quarterly Newsletter

## Message from the Mayor:

Now that spring has arrived it is the perfect opportunity to get outside and take advantage of all Long Hill Township has to offer. Our community is home to a vast array of stores and eateries – from specialty markets to chain stores and coffee shops to fine dining. Please shop and dine locally. You’ll enjoy yourself and support our neighbors.

Spring also is an excellent time to get some exercise for you and even your four-legged friends. Long Hill offers residents and visitors parks, walking paths and hiking trails. Our parks also have tennis and basketball courts, canoeing and, for those looking for a little less exercise, bocci and horseshoes. (See our Parks & Recreation article on pages 1 and 2.)

Don't forget the Great Swamp is part of our back yard. This time a year the park comes alive with foliage and animals of all shapes and sizes. It also provides hiking trails and flat roads for running and biking.

So let's shed some layers, break out our sneakers and see all the great shops and activities Long Hill Township has to offer.

Remember to follow me on Facebook at Dorsi4LongHill

Matthew Dorsi – Mayor



## Spring Blooms into Summer...



Parrot Beach will again perform at Stirling Beach this year.



Come out for our annual Memorial Day Parade.

The summer is always our busiest time of the year in Parks & Recreation and we can't wait! This year we are pleased to welcome back a crowd favorite – Parrot Beach, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band. They will be back at Stirling Lake on Saturday, June 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., to usher in the summer with some great beach tunes.

In addition, we've added to our Summer Concert Series this year and we are excited to bring in two additional concerts. On Friday, July 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., we will welcome Dr. K's Motown Revue to Kantor Park on the grass field. Come hear some of your Motown favorites in the park! On Saturday, August 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 4 Flight Rock, a 50s-70s rock and roll band, will perform at Stirling Lake. All concerts are FREE for Long Hill residents and members of Stirling Lake.

Registration is open now for our summer camps. In addition to our Summer Rec Camp (grades K-8) and our Little Explorers Pre-School Camp (ages 3-5) we've added a couple new programs. New this year are two afternoon S.T.E.M. camp programs to be held at the Old Millington Schoolhouse building – Engineering Adventure and Video Game Design. Also, by popular demand, Bricks 4 Kidz will be back for All Around LEGO Camp and Superhero Academy LEGO Camp. The table below outlines our summer camp programs and more information about each camp can be found on the Township's Parks & Recreation website. Make sure to register early, as most camps have a limited number of spots available and some have special early bird pricing.

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CAMP	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	GRADES/AGES
Summer Rec	6/27 – 8/2 M-F	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Millington School	Gr. K-8
Little Explorers	6/27 – 8/2 M-F	8:45 am – 11:45 am	All Saints Church Parish Hall	Ages 3-5 (potty-trained)
S.T.E.M. "Engineering Adventure"	7/22 – 7/26 M-F	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Old Millington Schoolhouse	Grades 1-3
S.T.E.M. "Video Game Design"	7/29 – 8/2 M-F	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Old Millington Schoolhouse	Gr. 3-6
Brickz 4 Kidz All Around LEGO	8/5 – 8/9 M-F	9 am – Noon	Old Millington Schoolhouse	Gr. K-4
Brickz 4 Kidz Superhero Academy LEGO	8/12 – 8/16 M-F	9 am – Noon	Old Millington Schoolhouse	Gr. K-4

# Administrator's Corner

One of the topics discussed frequently at recent Township Committee meetings and in these newsletters is recycling. As most people know, recycling is required by state statute and most residents do a great job of complying with the law. At a meeting in March, Gary Smalley from Republic Services made a presentation to the Township Committee on the current state of recycling worldwide and its impact on Long Hill residents. Due to a recent ban on accepting recyclables in China, costs associated with recycling have increased dramatically. As a result, now only certain materials will be accepted for recycling.

We encourage residents to continue to recycle but to also ensure that the proper guidelines are being followed. In the coming months, residents who try to recycle improper goods will find their bins have not been picked up and a notice similar to the one shown here. If you find this notice on your recycling container, please remove the improper items and place your container at the curb on your next **regularly scheduled** recycling pickup day.

In order to avoid rejected recycling, please make sure you recycle **only** these items: flattened cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs and glass. Make sure all items are clean and dry. Note that plastic bags are **never** recyclable.

For Long Hill residents, Styrofoam, cooking oil, batteries and light bulbs (and tires for a fee) are recyclable at the DPW yard only, not in curbside recycling.

To learn more about recycling, please visit the Township website, [www.longhillnj.gov](http://www.longhillnj.gov), Republic Services' website, [www.RecyclingSimplified.com](http://www.RecyclingSimplified.com), or download Recycle Coach, a free app designed to help make recycling and other information easily accessible for our residents. The app is available on our website as well as mobile devices.

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## Blooming into Summer (cont.)

In addition, we will run several sports camps this year. We will offer a skills-and-drills summer camp for field hockey at Kantor Park for middle school ages. We also will offer a field hockey program consisting of scrimmages for high school and college students. Beach volleyball is coming back to Stirling Lake, as well. More information can be found on our website.

We hope you'll join us on the beach at Stirling Lake this summer. Enjoy swimming in a natural spring-fed lake and relaxing on the beach. Memberships are on sale now through the Parks & Recreation Department. Register by May 31 for early bird pricing. Our staff is already busy planning special activities and crafts for our members this summer. We open Memorial Day weekend for swimming.

On Memorial Day, we invite all Long Hill residents for an open house at Stirling Lake from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of picnicking and swimming, as members from our Township Committee and the Recreation Advisory Committee grill up hot dogs for our guests.

In addition, we hope to see you all at our Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held on Monday, May 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade will start at the corner of Main Avenue and Mercer Street and will continue north to the front lawn of Central School, where there will be a brief ceremony to honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war so that we all can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Local community groups who would like to march in the parade should contact the Parks & Recreation Department so we can put you into the lineup.

Please visit our website often to see all our programs. We hope to see you in the camps and in the parks this summer enjoying Long Hill!

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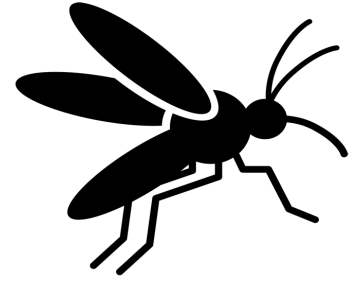
# Mosquito Control Hints

With spring here, mosquito's are coming. The Morris County Division of Mosquito Control fights these pesky insects countywide and offers tips to homeowners for keeping mosquitoes at bay near their homes. As mosquitoes breed on or in water, most tips entail eliminating standing water around your home.

**Police Your Yard** – Remove any standing water, such as in buckets, tire swings and on tarps covering firewood. Clean bird baths every few days and cover rain barrels with screens. Regularly empty collection plates beneath flower pots.

**Educate Your Neighbors** – Mosquitoes are local. Ask your neighbors to remove standing water, as well.

**Educate Yourself** – When outside, use EPA-approved and CDC-recommended bug repellants and follow the instructions closely. If you continue to have a significant problem, call the Division at 973.285.6450 and they'll come out for a home check.



# Passaic Valley Park Update

To provide greater access to Passaic Valley Park on the corner of Valley and Plainfield roads, the Township is proposing to exchange a portion of the park with an adjoining property owner. The proposed exchange will transfer slightly more than two acres from the Township to the property owner and more than 7.5 acres from the property owner to the Township.

The exchange is regulated by the NJDEP Green Acres Program under a “disposal” of land process. Requirements include minimum ratios of land and appraised values, which this proposal meets or exceeds. The process also involves an already conducted public hearing and the submission of a pre-application to the DEP that is currently being prepared. The application includes a description of the proposal and property; public hearing transcript; analysis of alternatives, including any raised at the public hearing; and preliminary appraisal information.

After the DEP review, the Township will submit a final application, which will include greater details of all pre-application information, as well as final surveys, deeds, formal appraisals, etc. After DEP reviews the final application, they will submit the application for approval to the State House Commission. The township is working toward a summer submission for State House Commission review. During this time volunteers are mapping out walking trails through the property so residents may start to utilize the new park.

# Public Safety

Earlier this year members of the Long Hill Police Department met with all the houses of worship located in the Township to discuss and review their plans for reacting to emergencies – from something as simple as a fire in the kitchen to an incident as serious as an active shooter.

The good news is our religious leaders welcome our assistance. The houses of worship have begun holding regular interfaith gatherings and at one of these meetings police representatives offered a number of tips for improving emergency readiness and for making sure they are not the next target for an active shooter. In addition, we let all the houses of worship know they can request that a Long Hill Police detective visit their facility to perform a free security survey. To request such a visit, simply call 908.647.1800.

The safety of every Long Hill resident is the greatest commitment of the Long Hill Police Department and your preparedness can go a long way toward helping us ensure that goal.

On a related note, it is no surprise there has been an increase in applications for firearms since the tragic events at the Christchurch mosque in New Zealand. Long Hill residents now may complete and submit an application for firearms online by visiting <http://longhillnj.gov/police/firearms.html>.

Police Chief Ahmed Naga



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## Events Around the Township



### **Annual Boy Scout Flower Sale**

Friday, May 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5  
Time to plant your spring flowers and support the Scouts.  
Valley Mall parking lot next to JoS. A. Bank

### **Shred it Day ~ Community Fundraiser to benefit the Library**

Saturday, May 11 • 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.

### **Performance of The Letter**

Saturday, May 18 • Noon • LHT Library  
Historian & Performer Laurie Gaulke portrays our own Mrs. Hudspeth Benson, former Millington resident who testified at the conspirator trials of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

### **Spring Concert with The Raritan Ringers**

Wednesday, May 22 • 7:00 pm • LHT Library  
The Raritan Ringers perform popular tunes and the latest pieces in repertoire written especially for bells.

### **Stirling Lake Opening Day**

Saturday, May 25 • Stirling Lake  
Official unofficial start of summer in Long Hill

### **Memorial Day Events - Monday, May 27**

9:30 am Memorial Day Parade along Main Ave  
Parade concludes with a ceremony at Central Middle School.  
1:30 pm Community Picnic & Open House at Stirling Lake  
All residents are welcome!

### **Stirling Lake Dance**

Friday, June 7  
DJ, fun and games on the beach for Long Hill students grades 5-7

### **Creating a Cottage Style Garden**

Saturday, June 8 • Noon • LHT Library  
Do you dream of a lush, colorful informal garden filled with old-fashioned flowers? Master Gardener Diane Lattanzio will present essential elements and simple steps to achieve the look of a cottage garden.

### **Happiness Workshop**

Saturday, June 29 • Noon • LHT Library  
We all want to be happy, but what truthfully makes us happy? Learn new ways of thinking and behaving that will make your life happier. Diange Lang, motivational speaker, returns with Why Be Happy?

### **Parrot Beach - Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band**

Saturday, June 29 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm • On the beach of Stirling Lake

### **'19 Summer REC Programs and Camps coming in June**

Watch for registration information and deadlines on the Township website Recreation page for summer activities and camps.  
Opening day for Summer REC Camp is June 27. Register early!

### **Visit the Township website for more information on:**

Township Committee meetings, important community announcements, volunteer programs & committees, links to online tax and sewer pay, Facebook and more – [www.longhillnj.gov](http://www.longhillnj.gov)