



**Long Beach Township (LBT) Caucus & Public Meetings
Monday, February 6th, 2023.**

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Beach Replenishment on LBI. Mayor Mancini advised that even though the \$32M for replenishment by the Army Corps of Engineers has been approved, it will most likely not happen until sometime in 2024. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

North Beach Sewer Construction. Commissioner Bayard said that there is only a half mile of construction remaining on the Boulevard and, at this time, the project is still expected to be completed by the end of April, 2023.

Ordinances Proposed (First Reading): First reading ordinances are available for review on the LBT website by the Friday following each public meeting.

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23-06: Authorizes a bond for the resurfacing on Pompano Drive in Loveladies.

23-07C: Authorize the creation of two new jobs within the Township: Carpentry Supervisor and Human Resources Coordinator.

23-08C: Designates salaries, holiday schedule and overtime compensation for the two newly created positions in 23-07C.

Ordinance Passed on Second Reading:

23-01C: This state-mandated ordinance requires all rental units to have the appropriate insurance coverage.

23-02C: This state-mandated ordinance requires all rental units to be inspected for lead-based paint by a professional who is authorized to do so.

Inspections must be done by a qualified inspector with whom you would contract and pay directly. A helpful discussion during the meeting revealed that a rental unit owner

may not have to schedule an inspection of the rental unit IF the property meets certain conditions, e.g., your rental unit was constructed during or after 1978 AND you can prove that.

For more information go to “What dwellings are required to be inspected and what dwellings are exempt?” in the section titled Lead-Based paint Inspections in Rental Dwelling Units on the nj.gov website.

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/resources/leadpaint.html>

23-03C: Revises the fee schedule for requests for public records under OPRA (Open Public Records Act).

23-04C: Regulates the placement of lighting on rooftop decks and balconies in order to minimize or eliminate light disruption experienced by the neighbors.

23-05C: Clarifies and reformats the regulations about construction standards for swimming pools and hot tubs.

Trash Receptacles. Maybe it was the spring-like weather, but there was a kit if discussion around trash receptables, specifically the ones in the corral in front of your house or at the end of your street.

Bottom time: Now is a good time to replace those trash cans that have ill-fitting lids and holes with sturdy receptacles with tightly-fitting lids. That will go a long way toward keeping the four-legged critters and delighted seagulls from accessing and strewing your garbage all over the street AND greatly reduce your chances of incurring a fine for not securing your garbage.

WaterSmart, The Correct Address. LBT has recently partnered with WaterSmart, a website where homeowners may log in and monitor their water usage, pay their water and sewer bill and sign up for leak alerts. Using WaterSmart is a free service.

Unfortunately, the letters that WaterSmart originally mailed included incorrect website information. The correct website is as follows:

<http://www.longbeachtwpnj.watersmart.com/>

Please go to the website and set up your account, if you have not already done so (1,500 homeowners already have). You will need your water/sewer account number to complete the set up. Fortunately, that is included on your water/sewer bill that was just mailed last week to all property owners or you may retrieve your account number online on the LBT website in the Pay Taxes & Water/Sewer tab.

Speaking of Water... If you send Ashley Bromiley in the LBT Water/Sewer Department an email at ABromiley@Longbeachtownship.com with your property address, contact

phone number and email address, she will add your contact information to your utility account.

Why is this a good thing to do?

Because if Water/Sewer Department personnel notice something odd or alarming about your water usage, they can contact you directly. Over the Christmas holiday with the cold, wind and warm up unfurling in rapid succession, there were over 100 water leaks/pipe bursts that the Water/Sewer personnel responded to and shut off.

The Water/Sewer Department would like to remind you about the following:

- If you plan to be away from your LBI home for any extended period of time, PLEASE turn your water off to the house (at the very least). There should be shut-off valves before and after your water meter that would at least stop the flow of water to the house. Homes should be drained and winterized for the winter if left empty and vacant.
- Please DO NOT remove your water meter. The water meter may be removed to drain, but then it needs to be put back on the water line and remain plugged in. Keeping the water meter in place will prevent the monitoring system from receiving error or tamper messages and the need for someone to reach out to you.
- Do not hesitate to contact the department with any questions or concerns. The department's direct line for all water meter and maintenance issues is **(609) 492-6314**. For any billing issues, please contact Michele Torres at **(609) 361-1000, ext. 6639**.