

# **BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 21, 2014**

**Call to Order: 9:00 AM President Richard MacBain, Recreation Center Bayville, NJ**

#### **MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:**

Richard MacBain, President  
Fred Bekiarian, First Vice President  
Bob Nunn, Second Vice President  
Gary Tepper, Treasurer  
Lucille Pavolic, Secretary  
Jerry Coppola, Director  
Ken Gerb, Director  
Bob Mandracchia, Director  
James Oris, Director  
John Schnitzer, Director  
Nancy Wieme, Director

#### **SALUTE TO OUR FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

#### **RICHARD MACBAIN, PRESIDENT:**

Welcome members to our 29th Annual Meeting.

Three township dignitaries invited to speak.

Mayor Carmen Amato  
Council President James Byrnes  
Police Chief Karen DiMichele

#### **MAYOR CARMEN AMATO:**

- Berkeley Township Booklets distributed at meeting.
- Super Storm Sandy had a significant financial impact on Township.
- Township has 4,000 homes. Superstorm Sandy damaged 2,000 homes.
- The Township waved all construction fees to ease homeowners financial burden.
- Township purchased Mastapeter Property on Amherst Road.
- Township employees who are retiring will not be replaced.
- The Berkeley Township Waterways Advisory Commission established in 2013 for protection and maintenance of Township Waterways.
- Township working on maritime projects in Glen Cove, Allen Beach, Butler Beach, and Pelican Island.
- Beachwood Plaza Shopping Center on Atlantic City Boulevard reconstruction ongoing and the buildings will be down before the end of the year.
- Township automated recycling collection program for Berkeley Shores scheduled for July.
- Mayor's Office welcomes suggestions and feedback.

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- Questions and answers session by Mayor Amato, Council President Byrnes and Chief DiMichele opened to members.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES BYRNES:**

- Administration working towards betterment of Township.
- Ward 1 Representative for Berkeley Shores.
- Invited and attended BSHCA Memorial Day Parade.

#### **POLICE CHIEF KAREN DIMICHELE:**

- Invited and attended BSHCA Memorial Day Parade.
- Safety and protection of Township Residents a priority.
- Waterways patrol underway for summer.
- One police officer retiring from force.

#### **PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, BOB NUNN, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:**

- Amanda Oris received scholarship award of \$750.
- Trevor Johnson received scholarship award of \$750.

#### **BSHCA 29TH ANNUAL MEETING COMMENCED AT 9:40 AM:**

Thanks to the following BSHCA Executive Board Members for their service this past year.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Boat Parade and Picnic, Fred Bekarian, Jerry and JoAnn Coppola.
- Garage Sale, Bob Mandraccia and Bill Grochowicz.
- Record Minutes for Executive Board Meetings, General Membership Meetings and Annual Meeting, Lucille Pavolic.
- Scholarship Committee and Township Liaison, Bob Nunn.
- Treasury Reports, Gary Tepper.
- Membership Dues and Atlantic City Boat Trip, Ken Gerb.
- Web Site, What's Happening , Photographs, Nancy Wieme,
- Communication, James Oris.

#### **GARY TEPPER, TREASURER:**

- Funds in treasury this date - \$14,716.97.
- An independent audit will be scheduled.

*Report Attached Income/Expense Comparison by Category dated 06/15/2014*

*Transaction Report dated 07/01/2014.*

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**KEN GERB, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:**

**Dues:**

- Best year regarding membership dues in BSHCA history.
- Dues collected to date - \$7,695.
- If all members renew we will have 385 households and 771 members.
- New members joined to date total eight.
- Members who have not renewed to date total 111.
- Another mailing to non-members will be sent.
- We can increase membership if each member invites at least one new member to join.
- Dues are used for community food pantry, beautification of Berkeley Shores, contributions to Happy Hookers.

**Atlantic City:**

One Sweet Day Boat Trip.

- Second trip with Club Sea Ray.
- Total of 36 boats includes 14 boats and 4 cars from Berkeley Shores.
- All are invited to join this fun filled social event.

**JOHN SCHNITZER, ENVIORNMENT DIRECTOR:**

- Spring Cleanup coordinated with Barnaget Bay Blitz on April 25, 2013.
- Cleaned Amherst Beach, Veeder Lane , Allen Road and Beach, and Bayview Avenue.
- Collected 28 trash bags and recyclables.
- ShopRite donated work gloves and trash bags.
- Rowboat on Veeder Island in disrepair - looking for volunteers.
- Planning continual maintenance of Center Island, sand containment, replace dead plants and repair rowboat.
- Setting up Fall cleanup of trash and recyclables. Date to be announced.
- Anyone driving on Veeder Lane and Allen Road asked to help by picking up trash.

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**FRED BEKARIAN, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Memorial Day Blessing Of The Fleet:**

- Appointed Chairman for 2015 Memorial Day Event by President Richard MacBain.
- Working on fine tuning event for next year.
- Expect more boats to participate next year.

**Waterways Advisory Commission:**

- One dozen waterfront projects underway, three directly involving Berkeley Shores.
- Amherst Inlet and Beach development - 200 feet of bulkhead and 100 feet of stone and rock work included.
- Commission developing plan for Amherst Beach and Inlet Waterways Park for 2015.
- Meeting with neighbors for input and concerns.
- Working with public works for signage on new Amherst Beach bulkhead to prohibit boats tying up to bulkhead and swimmers from jumping.
- Township Engineers developing plan to reduce beach erosion on Allen Road. Possible use of hard concrete structures along shoreline, similar to that in Ocean Gate.
- Restoration of roadway along bulkhead on Bowsprit to begin July.
- Approval given to remove ATT poles with Fall start date . The disposition of building is currently under study.

*Report Attached.*

**JERRY COPPOLA, DIRECTOR:**

**Social Events:**

- Dick Italiano provided music for 2013 Water's Edge Party.
- Bus Trip in September to New York City with stops at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and the World Trade Freedom Tower.
- Date, cost, itinerary to be decided - possibly two busses and box lunch included.
- Christmas/Holiday Party - Water's Edge Restaurant - Saturday December 6, 2015.
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**BOB NUNN, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Code Enforcement:**

- Advised Township Code Enforcement Officer, Ken Anderson to take photographs of properties in disrepair.
- Township is very responsive to our input and violations have been corrected.

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**BOB MANDRACCHIA, DIRECTOR:**

**Sixth Annual Community Garage Sale:**

- Saturday, June 14, 2014.
- Permits and signs delivered to households.
- Informational tent setup at H&M Potter School with maps and information sheets.
- Richard MacBain, Fred Bekiarian and Ken Gerb directed visitors from the tent.
- Bill Grochowica put up and removed all directional signs throughout neighborhood.
- Statistics - 55 homes, 44 members homes , 11 non member homes, 13 repeat homes and 42 first time homes participating.
- Total fees collected \$810.
- Consider moving Garage Sale to end of summer instead of June.

*Report attached.*

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- The need exists to make changes to our current Bylaws.
- Bylaws Committee will schedule meetings to review and revise Bylaws as needed
- Revisions will be presented to membership for approval at Fall General Meeting.

*Report attached.*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- All Executive Board positions are open for nominations.
- Election will be held at 2015 Annual Membership Meeting.
- Nominating Committee has duty to submit a minimum of two names for each office.
- Anyone wishing to place name in nomination for any office can fill out form provided on BSHCA Website, [www.berkeleyshores.org](http://www.berkeleyshores.org).
- Every committee is in need of additional members. Please consider volunteering!

*Report attached.*

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**RICHARD MACBAIN, PRESIDENT:**

**Bylaws:**

- Three members of BSHCA Executive Board are currently also on the Township Waterways Advisory Committee. The positions they hold are Waterways Chairman, Waterways Secretary, and Member at Large.
- BSHCA Bylaws indicate that Executive Board Members cannot hold Township and BSHCA Executive Board positions at the same time.
- BSHCA Bylaws Dated April 2007 - Eligibility Clause States:

*“A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, WHO SHALL HOLD OR ACQUIRE ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE OFFICE IN LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE AND SHALL RESIGN THE OFFICE WHICH HE/SHE MAY HAVE BEEN ELECTED IN THIS ASSOCIATION.”*
- Until the Bylaws are reviewed by the Bylaws Committee, BSHCA Executive Board will accept the resignation of the three members from the Executive Board. They will continue to attend monthly meetings as guests of the Executive Board.
- Bylaws Committee - Richard MacBain, Bob Mandracchia.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING BY PRESIDENT RICHARD MACBAIN, SECOND ROBERT NUNN.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:55 AM**

**LUCILLE PAVOLIC, SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_**  
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