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**“Margate City News”**  
**Winter 2014\2015**

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**A message from the Mayor & Commissioner of Public Safety...**

This is an especially great time of year to be in Margate. As we approach the Holidays let's give thanks for that which we have - we are all very lucky. As Mayor, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated city employees. They are the ones that make Margate so special.

In retrospect 2014 has been a year of progress. The post Sandy building boom continues and it is rare to find a street in Margate without new construction, houses being rehabbed or houses being elevated.

Financially, Margate remains in good condition. Our Municipal tax rate has been stable for three years and our ratables have increased every year since 2007 and are now over 3.5 billion dollars.

Municipal services in Margate are the best. We are second to none in providing you, the residents of Margate with the services you need.

As we enter 2015 we plan to continue improving our infrastructure. Hopefully, this will be the year that Washington Avenue City Hall will finally get restored. We remain committed to maintain and improve our infrastructure, however we must also find ways to govern more effectively while also becoming financially efficient.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

~Mayor Mike Becker



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***A Message from Commissioner of Revenue & Finance,  
Maury Blumberg...***

As you may have heard, Tom Hiltner, our wonderful long time city clerk will be leaving us at the end of this month. Thank you to Tom Hiltner for his over 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Margate. His professionalism and knowledge of the job will be greatly missed. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors and retirement. Margate was lucky to have Tom, as no one person cared more or went further out of his way for the residents of Margate. Tom was the go to guy for all departments and the glue that held our city together for many years. His expertise in the workings of city government and ability to problem solve provided assistance for our residents, department heads, employees and Commissioners each and every day. Tom worked tirelessly 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the people of Margate.

Thank you Tom Hiltner!!

~Commissioner Maury Blumberg



## *A Message from Commissioner of Public Works, Brenda Taube...*

Greetings!

During the holidays, I pause and give thanks for the many blessings in my life, one of which is the opportunity to serve the people of Margate as their Commissioner of Public Works. The position comes with its challenges, but I enjoy it and it's rewarding to be able to contribute positively to our great City!

So what's new in Public Works? Our biggest news is beginning in January—both your trash and recycling will be picked up weekly on the day same day as your scheduled trash pick-up. Our Public Works team is very excited about this because the coordination of same day pick-up will encourage more recycling and be much more convenient for both our year-round residents and for our seasonal residents. We thank the ACUA solid waste division for accommodating our scheduling request.

I'd like to thank our team who worked on the holiday lighting, both on our streets and on the ball field because the lighting is extra special this year. They did a great job. Everyone on our PWD team works hard year-round maintaining Margate's property and infrastructure. So the next time you see one of our team members on the street or anywhere in Margate, please give them a friendly wave. It will make them feel good and appreciated.

Behind the scenes, all is well in Margate. We're in good financial shape expecting no increase in municipal taxes for another straight year-four in a row now!

Wishing you and yours a joyful holiday season & may your troubles be few and your blessings many in the New Year!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I'm happy to speak and meet with residents personally. I may be reached at (609) 822-0424.

~Commissioner Brenda Taube

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### **“NOTABLE MARGATIANS”**

**Joanne Kenny**

**Resident and Community Volunteer & Philanthropist**

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This past summer, Joanne Kenny was honored with the “Angel Award” by the Christina Rush Foundation. This award is given annually to individuals in our community who make a difference and for Joanne, volunteering and giving back is simply the way to live. From a very early age in grade school, Joanne used to volunteer to do whatever was needed. Her mother and father would say please stop raising that hand, but every time she did, her parents would help Joanne fulfill whatever she needed to do.

Her spirit of volunteerism led her to her husband Jack, whom she met in 1967 while working on a fundraiser for two volunteer fire companies. They were married seven months later.

Joanne and Jack moved to Margate in 1971 and immediately became involved in the community with various charitable organizations including Blessed Sacrament Church and the Knights of Columbus. After their son Shawn was born, Joanne became very active with the Margate Mother's Club. She served as the club's treasurer for eight years and is currently a life member of the organization. Joanne was proud to help coordinate the Margate Memorial Day with local VFW's including the Lonport VFW Post 9311. For this work and other VFW work, Joanne and Jack were awarded “The Americanism Award” by the VFW.

Joanne is a member of the US Navy League Atlantic City Council and has held several Board positions. She is the current Treasurer and continues to be the youth liaison to the Naval Junior ROTC units at Atlantic City High School and Deptford High School as well as the Atlantic City Sea Cadets Corps. Joanne and Jack received a Congressional Recognition Award from Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo for their work and support of the United States Coast Guard.

For years, Joanne has been part of the Margate Farm League and Little League Baseball. And Joanne made Margate history as the first woman score keeper.

Joanne serves on the Board of the Children's Seashore House Auxiliary, which is a division of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is currently serving her third term as President of the Ruth Newman Shapiro (RNS) Cancer & Heart Fund. RNS takes up most of her time these days but she finds it the most rewarding.

Other volunteer duties include serving as a hostess for both the Ms. Senior NJ Pageant and its National Pageant; awards/gifts Chairperson and hostess to the Judges for the Miss NJ Education Foundation and, most special to her heart, the opportunity to hostess contestants during the Miss America Pageant. Joanne is a member of the National Hostess Committee and recording secretary for this group.

One would wonder how Joanne would have time for anything else but she does. She is employed as a Real Estate Broker/Agent since 1972 and is currently working for J & M Land Company in Northfield.

A benefit of volunteering for so many different organizations is that you meet so many special people. "You can't buy friends but they come free with every group to which you belong" states Joanne. Joanne is grateful to have such friendships and is thankful for all the blessings in her life including her husband Jack, son Shawn, daughter-in-law Connie and granddaughter Emma.

It's amazing that Joanne is able to accomplish and do so much. But Joanne said, "It's just what I do and it's just part of who I am. Giving, not receiving, gives me pleasure though a tiara one of these days would be nice." But on a serious note, "it's an opportunity to be able to give back because I love doing it", adds Joanne.

One of Joanne's favorite quotes by Sir Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we do but we make a life by what we give.

**Thank you Joanne Kenney for raising your hand and for all the work you do to help those in the community. You deserve a tiara!**

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## *Margate City Recreation Department*

The Winter & Spring 2015 Brochure will be available shortly after the New Year and available for pick up in various locations around town such as Margate City Hall, the Martin Bloom Community Pavilion, the Margate City Public Library, the Margate City Recreation Department (William H. Ross III School). If you would prefer to have one mailed out to you simply give us a call at 609-823-6658.

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
the following employees...*

- Firefighter Chris Paisley married Erika Salminen on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Police Officer Steve Swift and wife Andrea welcomed a baby girl (Kirra Quincy Swift) on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Matthew Stopa of the Public Works Department married Amy Needles on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Tax Assessor Andrew Bednarek retired July 1<sup>st</sup>.



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**Just FYI...Work Sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm, followed by Commission Meetings at 5:00 pm. On the second Thursday of each month there is an evening special Work Session at 7:00 pm provided there are agenda items (call 822-2605 to find out). These meetings are open to the public and attendance is strongly encouraged.**

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***Beginning Monday, January 5, 2015,  
recycling will be collected  
EVERY WEEK  
on the same day as your trash.***