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“Margate City News”
Summer 2013 Newsletter

A Message from Mayor Mike Becker...

As we enter the Summer of 2013 let's all hope for a safe and successful season. Also take a moment to reflect on the eight months since Hurricane Sandy which gave us the highest flood waters in the history of Margate, but also left the people of Margate with a resolve to move forward.

The City of Margate was the leader in cleaning the debris left all over the city. Dumpsters were placed around the city so residents could dispose of the enormous amount of trash has helped our citizens recover. An ordinance passed shortly after the storm is now the model for the state. We have come a long way but recovery is not complete. Thanks for all those who helped along the way.

There is good news - no municipal or school tax increases this year. I believe the financial stability we've achieved is sustainable. The firehouse is completed - coming in on budget and saving taxpayers 2 million dollars from a previous design. Capital spending has been decreased 2 million dollars per year. New labor contracts have been negotiated with our employees, which are fair for current employees and good for the future of the city.

I am very proud to be Mayor of this great City. Have a wonderful summer - be safe.

Mike



Update from Commissioner Maury Blumberg...

Tax assessor Andy Bednarek and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome a recent employee addition to the Margate City Revenue and Finance Department, James W. Manghan, CTA, SCRREA who will be working in the Margate Tax Assessor's Office as the Deputy

Tax Assessor. Jim will be providing assistance to the Tax Assessor in all phases of assessment, valuation and operations of the office including software technology as required by law in the State of New Jersey. Jim is certified by the State of New Jersey as both a Certified Tax Assessor and as a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser and has over 30 years' experience in the valuation of real estate in New Jersey, particularly South Jersey Coastal communities. He is also the Corporate Vice President of Vital Communications, Inc., a secure government technology corporation, the former Acting Tax Assessor and Deputy Tax Assessor of Somerville, New Jersey, and has served on the Waterford Township Economic Development Committee in the past. Jim has a long history of working with Margate City, most recently as a special consultant in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Jim and his wife Ruth make

their home in the small pinelands community of Waterford Township, just outside Hammonton, when they're not at the Jersey Shore, and have been recently blessed with the addition of their first grandson, Nathan, by their daughter Christina and son-in-law Scott. Please feel free to stop by and say hello and wish Jim good luck in this important role.



Update from Commissioner Brenda Taube...

Summer has arrived and Margate is just about back to normal after "Sandy". At a recent visit for one of my favorite treats, a cinnamon twist and coffee at Junior's, I noticed a picture on the wall of Juniors during "Sandy" with flood water all around and then another picture of Juniors all spruced up and ready for business with a notation "Juniors, Stronger than Sandy". I love that!

It has been touching to see people coming out of the woodwork to help each other and businesses and religious organizations all rallying together to help. Before people were even permitted to return to the island, the JFS, its staff and volunteers were already galvanizing their efforts to feed those that stayed behind and preparing to set up emergency venue to provide food and personal items to anyone in need. And, there's an interfaith mission group being housed this summer at the Margate Community Church to help restore houses of local residents so they can return home. Yes, Margate and its people are stronger than the storm! I feel very grateful to not only live in a beautiful community but to live in a community with beautiful people in it.

I enjoy meeting with residents so please don't hesitate contact me if you have suggestions, questions or concerns. I may be reached at 822-0424.

Wishing you a summer filled with peace, sunshine and gentle breezes.

Brenda

PS: City Trash and Recycling pick up will remain the same with no schedule changes for July 4th and Labor Day. There are only three days each year when the schedule changes. They are Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. **And, weekly recycling for the season begins June 27th.**

PPS: Please vote Margate "Best Beach" and as many Margate merchants as possible for 2012 Best of the Press Awards www.bestofthepressvoting.com

FEMA has released preliminary flood work maps for Atlantic County. Up-to-date information on your base flood elevations may be obtained at www.region2coasta.com. Click the "Hurricane Sandy" tab then click "What's my BFE (Base Flood Elevation)?"

“NOTABLE MARGATIANS” – Summer 2013
YOGI HILTNER
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUR CHILDREN FOR 45 YEARS

It all began with a very casual conversation among two best friends. The year was 1967 and Robert”Yogi” Hiltner was watching his 9 year old brother play Little League baseball with Creighton Knowles. Yogi , as he is known to everybody , was still attending Franklin & Marshall College where he excelled in both baseball and basketball. Yogi and Creighton , who himself was a legendary baseball player in semi-pro ball and the Atlantic County Baseball League during the 1950’s , decided they wanted to be volunteer coaches for the Margate Little League.

At the time, both of these Margate residents thought they would coach “for a few years” while young Tom Hiltner went through the Little League program. Initially, Yogi and Creighton coached the same team together – but in 1979 a coaching shortage developed so they split up and began coaching separate teams.

In 1969, the league officers selected Yogi and Creighton to be the coaches of the Margate Little League All-Star team – and this began an unprecedented run wherein the Margate Little League All-Star program was recognized for its success throughout the entire state. Over the course of Yogi’s 40 plus years coaching the all-star program , Margate’s team captured One NJ State title , 4 South Jersey championships and 11 District 16 championships. Although Creighton passed away in 1992, he was nonetheless a big part of the early success of the Little League program.

In addition to his 45 years of coaching little league baseball, Yogi also coached the Tighe Titans Junior High basketball team as well as the Ventnor Pirates football program.

Although the championships and titles brought great recognition to a small community like Margate, there was something much more important that Yogi accomplished – he instilled a work ethic and a sense of moral character to the youth of our great town. Yogi has had an influence on thousands of Margate children during his four plus decades of volunteer coaching. At the conclusion of the 2012 Little League season, Yogi Hiltner finally walked away after 45 years of dedicated service to our community – thank you Yogi – you truly are a notable Margatian.



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“Margate City, NJ”

FLOOD INSURANCE AND MITIGATION HELPLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

TRENTON, NJ — New Jersey residents with questions about the National Flood Insurance Program and mitigation techniques have a helpline to call to get the most up-to-date information.

The number is **1-877-287-9804** for people who need information about flood insurance, the latest maps, or other mitigation topics and issues. Policyholders with questions or concerns about their claims may also speak with NFIP specialists.

The helpline operates from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Additional information is available at www.floodsmart.gov.

More information on New Jersey disaster recovery is available online at www.fema.gov/disaster/4086 or www.state.nj.us/njoem. FEMA is also on Twitter at twitter.com/femasandy and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/femasandy. For information on ways of building stronger, safer and smarter, visit www.fema.gov.

Margate Mother's Fireworks Display
July 4th at 9 pm
Thank you Margie Reale for
organizing the event and we
appreciate all the support from the
Sponsors!



***Margate City, Downbeach Express, Knife & Fork Restaurant,
Calvi Electric, Margate Business Association, Ocean City Home Bank and
Remington & Vernick Engineers***



No Beach Tags Required on....

Every Thursday this summer Steve and Cookies Farmers Market is open from 8:30 am till 12:30 pm. And, we'll have sidewalk sales, movies on the beach behind Lucy while the beach grille is open. For

Thrilling Thursdays movie schedule and much more exciting information, go to

www.marvelousmargate.com.

ZONING TIDBITS - SUMMER, 2013

By Roger Rubin, Zoning Officer

On Friday, June 14, FEMA publicized its newest maps, replacing the ABFE maps of last fall, called the "Preliminary Work Map" for Atlantic County, and particularly for Margate, as well as our sister cities Ventnor and Longport. The V Zone has for the most part been eliminated in Margate, and elevations in the various zones have been lowered from previous levels. You can access your specific elevation on www.region2coastal.com/sandy/table. When you do, scroll down to the map and enter your street address and Margate, 08402 where it says "Newark Airport."

Please note that any approvals granted prior to 4 P.M. June 14, 2013 at the former higher ABFE levels may proceed to construction as approved, if you wish, or you may reduce the first floor elevation to the new Preliminary Work Map levels. It is your choice. This also applies if you have applied for a zoning approval or building permit, or Planning Board action, prior to that effective date.

Since V zones have been eliminated, the requirement for open piling construction has been eliminated; please contact Construction Official Jim Galantino at 822-7747 for details or further explanation.

And as always, please contact me at 822-5438 with any question on these or other zoning matters. Good luck with your development projects, renovations and remediations. Have a wonderful summer.

The Margate City Building Department is continuing to waive building permit fees for storm related damage through August 31, 2013. And, they want to share the following information with our residents:

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is accepting applications for the New Jersey Stronger Housing Grant programs.

There are two programs available. See more information below:

Homeowner Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM):

This program provides up to \$150,000 for eligible Homeowners to repair, elevate or rebuild their primary residences in the affected communities. www.renewjerseystronger.org

Homeowner Resettlement: This program provides a \$10,000 grant award to eligible Homeowners whose primary residence was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. This program requires you to remain in or return to Sandy impacted communities. www.renewjerseystronger.org

Elevation Funds and Assistance The following information has been updated by the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), regarding elevations. The Service Centers (i.e., Housing Recovery Centers) are located in each of the nine counties most impacted by Superstorm Sandy, and will open at 8:00 am on June 8, 2013. The Service Center for Atlantic County is located at 500 Scarborough Drive, Egg Harbor Township, NJ <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/>



A Safety Message from your Margate City Police Department....

As Margate gets more populated as the season begins, drive carefully and be mindful of pedestrians and bicyclists on our roads and in our cross-walks.

• STORM WATERWAY DEBRIS REMOVAL

- **A Message from the NJ DEP** regarding progress of the waterway debris removal efforts and request for assistance with the winding down of this massive project.
- Since early March, the Department's waterway debris removal contractors have been removing Superstorm Sandy debris from the waters of New Jersey. Overall, greater than 85 percent of this debris (excluding sediment) has been removed to date. Your assistance in providing the Department with information about debris in your town has helped us to clean up our waterways quickly and smoothly.
- As we near the end of the debris removal phase of the project, the contractors will be transitioning their resources and equipment from debris removal to sediment removal. Before debris removal operations end, it is important that you contact us with any additional reports of potentially FEMA-eligible Superstorm Sandy waterway debris. **Please contact us at waterwaydebris@dep.state.nj.us or 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337) by June 30th with any additional debris reports so they can be addressed while the contractors' resources and equipment are still available to attend to these needs.**
- You can track continuing activities and progress at www.state.nj.us/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/wwdebris.htm.
- Have a safe and enjoyable boating season!

(A New Column) - GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS

“Director of Public Works - Frank Ricciotti”

Public Works Director Frank Ricciotti is all about Margate! Frank has worked for the City of Margate for 40 years. He knows the City like the back of his hand; above and below ground. As Director of the City's Public Works Department, Frank oversees all public property, ground, streets, water, sewer and trash and recycling. It's a lot for one person to manage but Frank manages with ease and always with a calm demeanor.

Even through Sandy, the most stressful time of his career, Frank wasn't fazed. He said he focused on what he needed to do and that was to make the City safe for repopulation after the evacuation.

Considering this work ethic, it should come to no surprise that Frank received the 2012 Director/Superintendent Award for the state of New Jersey from the American Public Works Association. No, it's no surprise to those that know him.

Frank was born and raised in Margate and resides here with his wife, Ginger. When Frank is not conducting City business, you can find him on Margate's back bays fishing with Ginger or with his four grandchildren. They catch a lot of fish but not many keepers. "My wife usually catches all the keepers and whatever she catches is our dinner for the evening", states Frank while smiling and grinning at the same time. He must have been thinking of Ginger's cooking, which Frank raves about. I am the "taste tester", which is why Ginger is such a good cook, claims Frank, again grinning ear to ear. He grew up going to "Bagliani's Italian Specialty Market" when he was a kid getting all the proper ingredients for authentic delicious Italian meals and today they still shop at there at the Hammonton location. Frank and Ginger must have whet their daughter, Victoria's appetite to cook too because she owned and operated the very popular local restaurant, "Manna" for five years.

Frank rides his bike to and from work almost every day. As the official "taste tester" for the family, it's probably a good thing!

Thank you for your service to Margate Frank! We appreciate you and your team and all you do to make living in Margate so enjoyable. May you, yourself catch lots of keepers this summer!



EMPLOYEE Happenings....

- Beach Inspector **Dominique Voso** graduated #1 from ACHS and will attend Harvard this fall. Congratulations Dominique, we're proud of you!
- **Ted Gogol** joined our Margate City Fire Dept on May 1st. Welcome Ted!



RESIDENT Happenings...

Man of the Year - Ed Kline

Ed was recognized by the JCC for his philanthropic contributions to our community. Margate “digs” Ed Kline!

&

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Portia Parto

Portia was honored for her volunteer services by Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape May County. Thank you Portia!



The Margate Business Association and the Dan and Maria Walters 2013 Scholarship Program awarded three \$2,500 scholarships to Atlantic City High School seniors:

Max Simon, Dominique Voso and Molly Wolfson.

Congratulations Max, Doninique and Molly!

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.

***Special Note: There will be no meeting on Thursday, July 4th. This week's meeting has been rescheduled for Wed., July 3rd with a Work Session at 4:00 pm, followed by a Commission Meeting at 5:00 pm.**

Enjoying this newsletter? Please tell your friends and neighbors so we can increase our database and serve more residents. Email Verna_Fred@margate-nj.com to have email addresses added to our newsletter distribution.

If you have suggestions or input on how we can improve this newsletter, we want to know! Please email Brenda at commissionertaube@margate-nj.com.

And, last but not least, don't forget Margate's...



Beachstock: The Planet's Biggest Beach Party
Saturday, June 29, 2013
(rain date: 6/30)

A **14-hour celebration** of tides, tunes and togetherness returns to the **Margate Beach June 29** with an expanded lineup of family-friendly events and activities.

Now in its fourth year, Beachstock – billed as the planet's biggest beach party – offers everything from water sports to live music to lifeguard competitions to kid-friendly events and even a movie screening beginning at twilight. **No beach tags** are required for anyone attending Beachstock, which runs from **8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** and is spread between the **Huntington and Granville avenues beaches behind the Margate Public Library.**

Beachstock offers **free Jitney service** from Tighe School on Amherst & Essex Aves.. Jitneys will also pick up and drop off on Atlantic Ave. throughout the city.

“How much fun can be had at Beachstock? All you could possibly want,” says Margate Business Association President, Ed Berger. “Each year, as attendance has increased, we’ve listened to the people and added more events and activities to the schedule.”

For a complete listing of scheduled activities, go to www.marvelousmargate.com.