

HARVEY CEDARS HIGHLIGHTS

2011

Mayor Jonathan Oldham
Commissioner Judith Gerkens
Commissioner Michael Garofalo



Borough Hall Offices

7606 Long Beach Blvd., PO Box 3185, Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008
Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturdays from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Held in the Borough Hall at 7606 Long Beach Blvd.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAND USE BOARD
MUNICIPAL COURT

1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM
3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM
1st Monday of each month at 3:30 PM

Boulevard Update

This summer you will see changes in Long Beach Boulevard in Harvey Cedars: additional traffic lights, hopefully wider shoulders in some areas, and adjusted storm drains.

It was our desire, representing the community, that the County change the boulevard to the 3-lane configuration. However, at this point the County is not willing to fulfill our request. Once we notified them of the unsafe situation, the attached letter will explain how they proposed to address the safety concerns on their road.

We will continue to work towards the community's desired change in traffic pattern.



Municipal Elections



Harvey Cedars has taken advantage of the new law allowing municipalities to move May non-partisan municipal elections to November to be held with the general election. There is no cost for a municipality to have the election in November; an approximate savings of \$7,000 for Harvey Cedars.

The Harvey Cedars Board of Commissioners' next Municipal Election will be held
November 8, 2011.

New Land Use Board

The Zoning Board and Planning Board have been combined into one Land Use Board. The newly formed Board consists of 9 members plus 4 alternate members.

Meetings of the Board take place the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Visit the new Harvey Cedars website at www.harveycedars.org

Blood Pressure Screenings

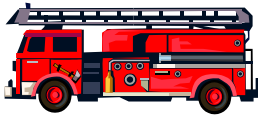


Free blood pressure screenings are held by the LBI Health Dept. at the Borough Hall every third Tuesday from 9:30am – 10:30am.

For more information, please call the Health Dept. at (609) 492-1212.

First Aid Squad

The Barnegat Light First Aid Squad serves and responds to the north end of the Island, including Harvey Cedars, Barnegat Light, Loveladies, High Bar Harbor and North Beach. Volunteers are desperately needed! Please contact the squad at (609) 494-1826.



Big Red Truck

The High Point Volunteer Fire Company is the proud owner of a new Crimson Star 103' Quint Aerial Fire Truck. Delivery was made on April 1, 2011. Stay tuned for the housing event.

Dogs on Beach Ordinance

After consideration of the feedback received from residents regarding dogs on the beach, the present ordinance shall remain; dogs will not be allowed on the beach from May 30th through September 15th.

Fireworks

We are **not** scheduling a Fireworks Show this year, but will definitely be looking for donations in 2012 for our Labor Day Spectacular!



Property Owner Responsibilities



Reminder: Any improvement located in the Borough of Harvey Cedars or Ocean County right of way placed there by a property owner shall be the sole responsibility of said property owner, and may be removed or relocated by the Borough or County for improvement or maintenance with no liability to the Borough or County.

Driveways: All properties with frontage on a municipal street should clearly designate one driveway of up to 18 contiguous feet across the Borough right-of-way in front of the property by striping, paving, or otherwise delineating the selected 18 feet of driveway area. The remainder of the property frontage must be available for public parking.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Harvey Cedars Police Department has been recognized as an Accredited Police Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The Police Department has been working hard on this for the past few years. Some of the benefits of being an Accredited Police Department are:

- Accreditation requires an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of *written directives*.
- Accreditation is a means for developing or improving upon an agency's relationship with the community.
- Accreditation strengthens an agency's *accountability*, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.
- Being accredited can limit an agency's *liability and risk exposure* because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.
- Accreditation facilitates an agency's pursuit of *professional excellence*.

Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies[®] and its Accreditation Program as benchmarks for today's law enforcement agency.



Long Beach Blvd. Safety



Residents are reminded to obey all traffic laws when driving, bike riding, and walking on Long Beach Blvd. Bicycle riders should ride with traffic and pedestrians should walk against traffic. Officers will be out patrolling to help keep the areas along Long Beach Blvd. safe for everyone.

Remember that persons under 16 must wear a helmet when riding a bike or skateboard. Bicycle owners may register bikes with the police department to help prevent theft.



Get the Latest Information from Harvey Cedars On Your Phone and Email



The Harvey Cedars Police Dept. is utilizing a new communications service that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com.

Messages may include emergency notifications as well as other relevant safety and community event information. There is NO spam and no hidden cost. Standard text messaging rates do apply.

Residents of Harvey Cedars and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com. We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

Visit the new Harvey Cedars website at www.harveycedars.org

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POLICE CHIEF	THOMAS PREISER 494-6509 hcpolice@harveycedars.org
	EMERGENCY ONLY..... 911
	Non-Emergency Business Hours..... 494-6509 7 days 8:30am-3:30pm
	Non-Emergency 24 Hours/7 days494-3036
PUBLIC WORKS	LLOYD VOSSELLER494-6905 dpw@harveycedars.org
MUNICIPAL CLERK	DAINA DALE361-6000 x112 clerk@harveycedars.org
TAX ASSESSOR	BERNARD HANEY361-6000 x107 SATURDAYS 9:00am - 11:00am (please call to confirm) 3 rd Wednesday each month 12pm – 2pm
TAX COLLECTOR / CFO	LAURA CAMEY 361-6000 x108 cfo@harveycedars.org
BUILDING & ZONING DEPTS.361-6016
Zoning Dept.	WED. & FRI. MORNINGS 9:00am – 11:00am zoning@harveycedars.org
Building Dept.	WED. & FRI. AFTERNOONS 1:00pm – 4:00pm construction@harveycedars.org
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	BARBARA COURTS.....494-9026 TUES. & THURS. 3:30pm – 4:30pm
RECREATION BOOTH	JUNE - SEPTEMBER.....361-9733
ACTIVITY COMMITTEE	hcac@harveycedars.org361-7990



Residents can also get the latest news and important information by following us on
Twitter @HCPolice

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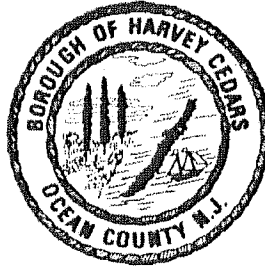
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March 30, 2011

The Honorable John P. Kelly, Freeholder
County of Ocean
PO Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191

RE: Long Beach Boulevard reconfiguration

Dear Freeholder Kelly:

We are sorely disappointed in your stance on changing Long Beach Boulevard in Harvey Cedars. Although you have promised to do whatever else you can to improve the safety of the road, and the County has already taken some steps in that direction, nothing will improve the situation of narrow, unsafe shoulders except the "road diet" your County Engineer and the professional traffic study company, Stantec, initially proposed and supported. We, the governing body, correctly representing the majority of our taxpayers, would again ask that the County at least try the proposed reconfiguration prior to the scheduled repaving of the Boulevard in several years. We also ask that this decision not be determined by people who do not live in our town and are not affected on a day to day basis by the admittedly unsafe road situation.

Why change Long Beach Boulevard in Harvey Cedars? Let's start with the "best practices" of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT). In late 2009, the DOT created the Complete Streets program, requiring engineers and planners to consider all users of a road (drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians) when designing new roadways or making significant changes to existing streets. A repaving is the opportunity to comply with this program.

At present our 4 traffic lanes are substandard at 9'2" to 10'1" wide, and our shoulder areas range from 2'10" to 4' while safe shoulders are supposed to be 8' wide. In contrast, Loveladies has 11'6" traffic lanes with a 13' grassy median, and 7' to 9' wide shoulders. Barnegat Light's traffic lanes are an average 11' wide with 8' shoulders and a small safety strip of 2' to 3' so pedestrians can stop between the north and southbound lanes if needed. Drivers passing through Harvey Cedars ride in the left lane just to avoid the foot / bicycle traffic that has trouble staying in the extremely substandard shoulder areas.

It isn't as if this type of change hasn't been done before on Long Beach Island. The County changed the road configuration in Beach Haven a number of years ago to provide more parking along the Boulevard in the most commercial part of town. Here is an example of how the very configuration we have asked for works in a much more travelled community. Drivers adjust, emergency vehicles get through, and the governing body of the town was given what they asked for without input from contiguous towns.

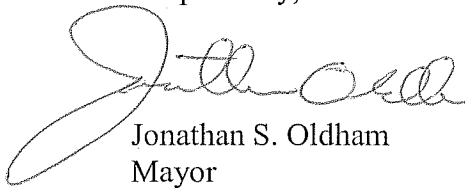
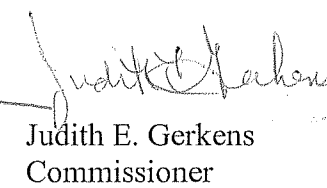
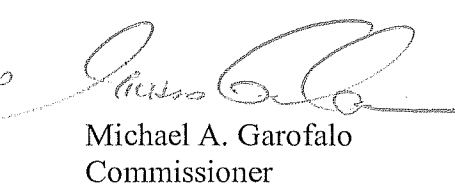
If you won't reconsider, despite professional opinions and obvious facts, we do desire to implement the following changes to the Boulevard which won't cure, but might help some of the deficiencies:

- Traffic lights – We don't like more traffic lights, but please make the 3 additional blinking lights the County installed last year fully operational for the summer to enable beachgoers from the west side to get across 4 lanes of traffic with families and beach gear in tow. We would ask that these lights be directionally programmable so as not to pollute the residential area in which they are located.
- Utility poles – We have also surveyed our inadequate road shoulders to find the narrowest areas and would propose that the County have several utility poles moved back through trenching to give us the widest possible pedestrian, bicycle, emergency pull-off area.
- Street Sweeper – We request the Boulevard to be swept to the true edge of pavement.
- Storm Drains – The storm drain grates, presently located on the substandard shoulders, should be raised to be level with the street.

In addition to the above Boulevard requests, please provide us with a copy of the Stantec AVI file.

Again, we ask you to consider our request to change the Boulevard to three lanes with adequate safety shoulders. This road diet would meet the NJDOT standards cited previously. We have even suggested the opportunity to "try" this configuration for the period of time before the road is due to be repaved, 2013 or 2014 most likely. If it causes the doomsday scenarios put forth by opponents of change it can be returned to its present "Parkway" like design. This seems like a fair compromise for all concerned.

Respectfully,

		
Jonathan S. Oldham Mayor	Judith E. Gerkens Commissioner	Michael A. Garofalo Commissioner

cc: James F. Lacey, Director
John C. Bartlett, Jr., Freeholder
Gerry P. Little, Freeholder
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