

## Mayors Message

November 4, 2021

We continued to return to some normalcy this past Saturday with our “Bradley Boo!”, Main Street Trick or Treat at our Businesses, followed by the very successful Halloween Parade at Riley Park. There was great participation and some very creative costumes!

We also had a very successful Fall Festival on October 23<sup>rd</sup>! Visitors enjoyed building scarecrows, talking with friends and vendors, and listening to music. It was a great day for the community. The Tourism Department along with Public Works, Recreation, and the Fire Company/EMS all contributed to a total team effort!

Thanks to all the Municipal Employees and Volunteers that contributed to Election Day this year. The new voting machines were used successfully!

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we participated in our bi-annual Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep! This effort is sponsored locally by the Environmental Commission. We had 103 volunteers who cleaned 8,399 pieces of debris off the beach over the course of 3 1/2 hours. Thank-you’s are in order: Meredith DeMarco- Chair and lead. Also Rona Parker, Liz Hernandez, and Ella Moser were incredible co-captains.

I’m excited that we just adopted a bond ordinance for our “Phase II” Sewer Project, beginning in the Spring- encompassing 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue through 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and all north to south streets within this area. This, along with our other infrastructure projects – the replacement of the boardwalk and Gazebos between Ocean Park and Newark Avenues,

the sump pump remediation project, and the Library building water remediation, are moving us forward.

Last, mark your calendars for Sunday morning, November 21<sup>st</sup>- for the first of many Mayors Wellness Campaign walks. Bradley Beach has formed a Mayors Wellness Committee that will drive this ongoing campaign. the Mayors Wellness Campaign. The link is below:

<https://www.bradleybeachnj.gov/mayors-wellness-campaign/webforms/mayors-wellness-walk-registration>

More to follow on this in my next message!

Last, I'll continue to mention- other big initiatives continuing to get my focus:

- The COAH (Affordable Housing) requirements to get into compliance.
- The LaReine Avenue Church assessment
- Many Personnel related corrective actions
- Getting Infrastructure projects on track- the Sewer project Phase 2 is almost 2 years behind and I'd like to begin to assess a bulkhead extension from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Avon.
- Our Council Improvements of a Standing Committee Process

Sorry for the length of this message! Lots going on. See you around town!