Mayor's Report

March 24, 2025

On March 29, Home Runs for Roman will be held at Neptune Little League Field starting at 8:30 AM. $10 per participant, ages 4 & up. All proceeds will go to the family of Roman Ruiz.

Black History Month Artwork Display in Council Chambers

The Borough of Neptune City is proud to display artwork on loan from Mrs. Reynold's 5th Grade class that was created last month in celebration of Black History Month. The students did an excellent job researching and writing about Black Americans who changed the course of history and brought them to life through these projects. Way to go!

Thank you to Mr. Aaron Williams, Guest Speaker for WWES Middle School in Honor of Black History Month

Aaron Williams, a Neptune City resident, Veteran Outreach Aid for Governor Murphy and Founder of the Asbury Park Tennis Initiative to prepare youth of Asbury Park for educational success and community leadership through tennis. Aaron is a Marine Corp. Veteran.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH a month dedicated to raising awareness about MS, a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month during March encourages support for the nearly 400,000 people diagnosed in the United States with this unpredictable disorder.

#MultipleSclerosisAwarenessMonth

While not contagious, it can be devastating if untreated and challenging to diagnose. Symptoms often develop over time. Many times, physicians rule out other conditions before making a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis.

Each day, those living with multiple sclerosis do everything they can to push forward. Despite all the challenges they face, they persevere and often, with treatment, you and I wouldn't know the struggles they overcome.

Learn more about multiple sclerosis and its symptoms. Visit www.mymsaa.org to find out how to provide support to a loved one or a friend who has MS. Reach out to someone you know who has multiple sclerosis. Talk openly with them about it to learn more

This month we also Celebrate Women's History Month

This Sunday – March 30 from 11 AM – 2 PM at United Fire Co. #1 Banquet Hall.

We hope to see you there to celebrate Women's History Month and honor the historic female majority of Neptune City's Governing Body. Councilperson Pamela Renee, Councilwoman Dani Pappas, Councilwomen Kimberly Karalovich and Councilwoman Gail Oliver.

The event will support the Sarah Stern Art Scholarship Fund and we are excited to share the women owned businesses and creators who will be joining us!

TAPinto Neptune/Neptune City

Cherish Designs

Deedee's Lights

Shoreline Dance Academy

Joan Dey- Local Artist

Delta's Sea Soaps

Saturday, March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, marking the 50th anniversary of the departure of the last American troops from Vietnam — March 29, 1973.

The Borough of Neptune City and the Veteran's Committee is proud to honor our local Vietnam Veterans with a parade for Veterans in partnership with Neptune Township on the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

The Borough is asking Vietnam Veterans to join us for the parade. Please contact the Borough to arrange transportation. (732) 776-7224

We hope everyone can join us and help s spread the word to Vietnam Veterans so we may honor their service and sacrifice. Thank you Mayor Robert Jr Lane for including the Borough of Neptune City.

Police Department Patrol Vehicle. – Encourage the Governing Body to support Patrol Vehicle Structured Replacement Plan (Capital Funding)

The NCPD yearly purchase of a patrol vehicle represents our ongoing commitment to public safety, operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility and industry standards. The patrol fleet is an essential tool for our officers, enabling them to respond swiftly to emergencies, conduct proactive policing and ensure the safety of our residents. Given the high mileage, hours of use (non-highway miles) and demanding conditions these

vehicles endure daily, regular replacement is essential to maintaining an effective and reliable fleet and overall public safety.

Tonight we are asking the Governing Body to pass several Resolutions regarding shared services.

What are Shared Services?

Shared services are when we are able to partner with other entities to share functions to better serve the residents and enable higher value service delivery. We already do this successfully, and the GB has repeatedly adopted these agreements, with several Borough functions such as the Clerk, the CFO and Code Enforcement. By utilizing shared services, the Borough of Neptune City currently saves over $116,000 annually and will increase savings to the Borough significantly with the adoption of a shared service for community center director. This year alone, the Borough will save almost $34,000 in salary and benefits while providing the same, if not even greater, level of service to residents. In 2026, the shared service for community center director will save the Borough over $50,000 in salary and benefits. Again, with enhanced value service and certainly no decrease in service.

Working with the Finance Committee, I am proud to say we've prioritized shared services in Neptune City in order to stretch our tax dollars while not reducing services. Thank you to everyone involved in facilitating the Shared Service Agreement for the community center that we are asking the Governing Body to approve with Resolution 2025-55.

By sharing these services, the Borough achieves efficiencies and cost savings that would otherwise be difficult to achieve given our size and available resources.

The most obvious benefits are cost reduction, achieving economies of scale, reducing duplication of effort, improving service, and adding flexibility to scale up or down as needed.

A shared service is not a part-time employee. Shared service is also not a job title, it is a way of organizing and delivering services. The model is a strategy for municipalities to share a function, which then provides services to departments in both towns – and avoiding duplication.

There is no bidding requirement – this an agreement between two municipalities which is permitted under state statute. In fact, the State of NJ encourages shared services and offers LEAP money for towns that enter into shared services which we will be looking into as well. The Community Relations Committee will be working closely with the new Director to introduce her to residents with a planned open house at the Community Center in May.

Should this shared service not produce the value, service and cost savings we expect, the Borough is protected with a 30-day out clause.

More to come!