

Message from Mayor Michael Mignogna

Thank you again for entrusting me with the honor and privilege of serving as the Mayor of Voorhees Township. It is an exciting time to live in our community with the evolution of the former Echelon Mall into the Voorhees Town Center and the state-of-the-art Virtua Medical Campus taking shape. We look forward in 2010 to successful community events such as the Summer Twilight Series, The Township Picnic and our Halloween in the Park.

Voorhees is proud to be in the center of everything...and away from it all.



Mayor Michael Mignogna

Virtua Construction on Schedule

Virtua Hospital representatives say the new hospital is on schedule for a March 2011 grand opening. The façade of the new multimillion dollar facility is now enclosed, eliminating any future weather concerns.

Michael Kotzen, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Virtua Health, said the project is still scheduled for March 2011 completion. "Virtua is ready to plan a move-in date for the second quarter of 2011. All of the trade work is continuing. With the building enclosed, we've eliminated any possible weather delays we may have had."

Virtua has completed 14 sample rooms, allowing hospital employees to preview such areas as the pediatric or maternity rooms to ensure they meet the standards set forth in the design process.

Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna stated, "The Virtua Medical Campus will be a national model and state-of-the-art facility that will generate significant tax revenue and create over 1,000 new jobs for our community."

The new \$463 million state-of-the-art digital hospital will include women's health services, maternity, pediatrics, oncology, cardiology and surgery. A community meeting space, health and wellness retail shops, and a café are also planned for the new structure.

The hospital will also include 360 beds, 680,000 square feet of space and many private rooms for its patients.

The hospital facility is located along Rt. 73, bordered by Dutchtown Road on a 125-acre site. Virtua will incorporate numerous "green" construction techniques, including roof-top gardens, a runoff water system for irrigation, locally produced materials, and colors inspired by the Pinelands.

Planned for the hospital are two pavilions for its patients.

One will cater specifically to women and children, while the other will serve adults and medical surgical cases.

The new facility is also projected to have 2,800 employees by the campus' completion. When the medical campus is fully operational, the total number of employees could increase to 4,000.



With the new Virtua Hospital building now enclosed, inside construction work can continue through the winter months.

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Abilities Awareness Week is Coming to Voorhees Township

SPEAK (Special Needs Parents, Educators and Kids of Voorhees) invites the entire community to participate in a week-long celebration of abilities during its First Annual Abilities Awareness Week, from March 6 through March 13. SPEAK will offer Voorhees residents and school children an opportunity to learn what it is like to live with disabilities and, organizers hope, township residents will gain a better understanding of the challenges faced by people with special needs in their daily lives.

"This event is about awareness and acceptance," says Dr. Karen Scardigli, Abilities Awareness Week Chair and participant in Voorhees Township's Committee on Culture and Diversity. "Whether a person has a physical disability, learning disability, or a mental health issue, too often these individuals are looked at in a different way because they are 'labeled.' We want people to look beyond the label and see the person."

Abilities Awareness Week will begin with a joyful Evening of Arts and Culture at Signal Hill Elementary School on Saturday evening, March 6. The production is presented by SPEAK and stars children with special needs and their siblings who have enrolled in SPEAK's groundbreaking Saturday arts program, SPEAKArts™. The children will perform an original musical production entitled "The Incredible Journey West." Guests will also be able to view a children's art exhibit and participate in the selection of winning Abilities Awareness posters from among the designs submitted by Voorhees elementary school students. Event ticket and sponsorship information is available by contacting SPEAK at speak@southjerseyspeak.org. SPEAK is grateful to Families Fighting Autism, Arctic Lights Productions, Voorhees Pediatric Facility and the Voorhees Township Public Schools for their support of this program.

Between March 8 and March 12, Voorhees Township Public Schools will offer programming to their students about children with disabilities. Voorhees Middle School will host an "Abilities Awareness Day" on March 11, featuring interactive exhibits in the gymnasiums and educational materials displayed in the cafeterias. The elementary schools are similarly planning age-appropriate programming on disabilities.

SPEAK urges all community organizations to join in its efforts to raise awareness of disabilities and show support for disabled citizens of all ages. Congregation Beth El and its award-winning special needs religious education program, Project Lev, have already signed on as Abilities Awareness Week Affiliates. The synagogue will host "Abilities Awareness Shabbat," a Saturday morning religious service geared towards youth with special needs on March 13. Additional community programming is in the planning stages. More information is available at SPEAK's Web site, www.southjerseyspeak.org. Please contact SPEAK at speak@southjerseyspeak.org if your organization would like to celebrate Abilities Awareness Week with us.

Abilities Awareness Week concludes with a gala hosted by the Voorhees-based non-profit, Families Fighting Autism, on Saturday evening, March 13th. For tickets and more information, please visit their Web site at www.familiesfightingautism.org.

SPEAK is the parent-faculty association for families with children of special needs in the Voorhees Township Public School District. Created in March 2009, SPEAK seeks to raise awareness of children with special needs and promote their acceptance through educational and social programs in our community. For more information about Abilities Awareness Week or any of SPEAK's programs, please contact Linda Harowitz at Lharowitz@southjerseyspeak.org or visit www.southjerseyspeak.org.

Zoning Permits Required Before All Construction and Renovations

The Voorhees Township Zoning Office advises all residents of the requirement to obtain a zoning permit prior to the construction of, or alteration to, any structure and/or use on their property as required by the Unified Land Development Ordinance (ULDO). Specifically, this code regulates the setbacks and permitting process for additions, decks, gazebos, pools, hot tubs, sheds, basketball courts, patios, fencing and all other accessory uses and structures. In turn, the code protects the integrity of the entire township, making Voorhees a desirable place in which to live.

Any resident contemplating any change or addition to his/her property or home should contact the Zoning Office for information on general regulations in their zoning district. By obtaining the required permits, a resident will avoid a violation that may require alterations to, or relocation of, the new construction. If you are selling your home, the presence of a violation can delay settlement.

The Zoning Office urges all residents to inspect their properties. Please contact the Zoning Office to correct any structures that have been built without obtaining the proper permits or to make sure you have received all final certificates of conformance for those structures that have received permits. (Construction permits and approvals may also be required, depending on the type of structure or alteration being built.)

The Zoning Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. You may contact the office at (856) 429-0647.



Voorhees Town Center Update: Abitare Residences “Go for the Green”

Luxury proved to be synonymous with Abitare Apartment Homes ever since the homes made their debut in Voorhees in May of 2009. The Abitare Residences are attractive and well-priced condominiums featuring superior quality. Abitare is looking forward to a spring 2010 move-in with reservations being accepted. Abitare offers styles to fit individual and family needs, from a studio apartment to a three-bedroom condominium. Built by well known and respected Dewey Homes, there is something for everyone at the Voorhees Town Center located at 10000 Town Center Boulevard.

Abitare Residences will also become the address of choice for smart, environmentally-conscious consumers who desire convenience and a no-hassle lifestyle. Abitare Residences and Abitare Apartment Homes offer a convenient lifestyle that promotes ‘Going Green.’ Condominium owners and apartment dwellers can walk to upscale shops at the Voorhees Town Center Mall, or take a couple steps to gourmet restaurants and casual bistros. Enjoy relaxing visits to the salon or spa or take advantage of a resort-style pool. Residents who want to leave the driving to someone else are able to enjoy a quick walk to the PATCO Ashland Station and ride the rapid transit system to work in comfort.

The Voorhees Town Center is one of four projects recognized by the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance (DVSGA) in 2008 for being the best “Smart Growth” project in the Delaware Valley. The DVSGA jury “strongly felt that the mixed-use redevelopment represents significant progress and a true turning point for this project and the community.” More recently, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) named Voorhees Town Center the “Regional Land Use Project of the Year of 2009”.

Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna stated, “We are excited with the evolution of the Voorhees Town Center as it is fast becoming the heartbeat of our community.”

Condominium prices range from \$219,900 for a one bedroom to \$399,900 for three bedrooms.

Niki Weiss, New Home Sales Associate, can be reached at 1.888.669.1070 or via e-mail at Niki.Weiss@LiveAbitare.com. Those interested in leasing an apartment at Abitare Apartment Homes can contact Andrew Phillips, Property Manager, via e-mail at andrew.phillips@LiveAbitare.com or by calling toll free 1.888.313.1575. For more information, you can refer to the community Web site, www.LiveAbitare.com.



Record Crowd Attends 4th Annual Halloween in the Park

More than 4,000 residents enjoyed Voorhees Township's fourth annual Halloween in the Park. The event was held at its new location, John J. Connolly Park on Centennial Boulevard.

Halloween in the Park was made possible by the generosity of the South Jersey Federal Credit Union

and presented by

the Voorhees Township Committee.

The Voorhees Business Association sponsored the "VBA Pumpkin Patch" where children could "pick a pumpkin" after taking an old-fashioned hayride.

The 2010 edition of Halloween in the Park will once again be held at Connolly Park on Sunday, October 24th.



Pictured at the entrance to the Voorhees Business Association's "Pumpkin Patch" at the 4th annual Halloween In the Park are board members: (from left) Madhu Chadha, Jeff Kleeman, Alan Cohen, John Rowand with son Casey, and the Business Association's Chairman Robert Earl.



Children enjoyed taking an old-fashioned hayride and picking pumpkins on a crisp October day.



Kids of all ages enjoyed the Halloween Magic show in the park. Master magician Eric Dasher gave everyone a "magical time" with a Harry Potter themed Magic show, along with the participation of children from the audience.



Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna stops to greet trick-or-treaters just after the Children's Halloween Parade.



Economic Development Introduces New Web Tool

Voorheesprospector.com gives potential real estate investors and site selectors a valuable tool for commercial property research about Voorhees.

Prospective businesses that are seeking to locate a new retail store, restaurant, or seek office space now have an interesting and original tool to find space to purchase or rent commercially in Voorhees. The Economic Development Committee recently unveiled its new geographic information system powered by a commercial property search Web site.

Voorhees is one of the first towns on the east coast to offer the interactive and cutting edge tool to the business community. The Web site, www.voorheesprospector.com,

offers street level visualization layers over a Google map. "Potential investors now have a valuable tool to research areas in the township," said Arnold Wallace, Jr., Chairman of Voorhees Township Economic Development Committee:

Site selectors and planners across the country are being provided the capability to effectively and efficiently evaluate properties from their offices, or in today's active mobile environment. The www.voorheesprospector.com tool provides site selectors and planners the local demographics (income, population, age distribution, labor force, and education), proximity to major metropolitan areas (including rail lines, interstates and airports), and uniquely identifies other businesses in the area. We are truly excited about www.voorheesprospector.com.



Voorhees Township Welcomes New Lowe's

Voorhees Township recently welcomed the new Lowe's Home Improvement Center. It is located in the Cedar Hill Shopping Center on Rt. 73 and built on the former site of the Pine Canyon Golf Driving Range.

Lowe's opened this past December, during the holiday shopping season.

Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna officially opened the store for business with a "Board Cutting Ceremony" and remarked, "we are excited to have Lowe's as part of our business community because it has created hundreds of new jobs and will provide much needed tax revenue."

The new store has generated over 150 new jobs. Most of the employees are from Voorhees Township or the surrounding area, said store manager Ron Rybecki.

"The team here is just looking forward to helping Voorhees Township and serving the residents of the town and their needs" Rybecki stated.

Lowe's has 116,000 square feet of retail sales space with an adjacent garden center, stocking 40,000 items to help customers build, improve and beautify their homes.

A store of this size represents an average investment in the community of \$18.5 million and creates up to 175 jobs.



Pictured at the Grand Opening of the new Lowe's Home Improvement store are, (from left), Voorhees Police Chief, Keith Hummel, Committeeman Mario DiNatale, Lowe's Store Manager, Ron Rybecki, Voorhees Mayor, Michael Mignogna, Committeeman Joe Lovallo, and Voorhees Fire Chief Jim Pacifico.

The Web site offers visitors a view and list of all commercial buildings, land and property for sale or rent in Voorhees. The site features a user-friendly interface that "layers" local geographic information over a Google Map.

Information available to prospective investors includes county and township boundaries, parcels, voting districts, hospitals, zoning restrictions and the Town Center.

The new site also allows visitors to view Voorhees using Google Earth and Google Street View, where a person can actually drive along the main roads in Voorhees to actually see a potential site from the road.

Users can also quickly measure any distance on the map, select and filter certain areas of the city and quickly determine exact GPS coordinates at the click of a mouse.

Mayor Michael Mignogna, who gives a video introduction describing the Web site, greets site visitors:

www.voorheesprospector.com sends a clear and distinct message to all potential businesses. Voorhees is open and ready for business online," he says in the video. "Visit voorheesprospector.com today and imagine your company in Voorhees; in the center of everything and away from it all.

Site selectors using the site can tailor the maps and reports to suit their specific needs. Available properties can be viewed, along with size, use, cost, development incentives and broker/contact information.

To date, the township has catalogued more than 60 commercial properties on www.voorheesprospector.com.

Automated Trash Collection: Bulk Trash Dates 2010

Bulk trash will be picked up during the **3rd full week of every month on your scheduled trash day** (the first week that includes a Monday). Bulk items consist of furniture, mattresses, carpet, excess trash etc., **but not** hazardous materials, construction and/or remodeling debris.

January	18 - 22
February	15 - 19
March	15 - 19
April	19 - 23
May	17 - 21
June	21 - 25
July	19 - 23
August	16 - 20
September	20 - 24
October	18 - 22
November	15 - 19
December	20 - 24

Please note:

You do not need to wait for bulk trash day to put out your **metal/white goods** (appliances). Once the items are at the curblineline call 856-428-5499 for a scheduled pick-up.

Public Works Holidays

Monday, April 5
Easter Monday

Monday, May 31
Memorial Day

All vegetation from Monday's yard waste will be recycled during the course of the week.

Electronics Recycling Collection Events 2010

Camden County is sponsoring an Electronics Recycling Collection Event for all Camden County residents. Recycling your electronics keeps dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium from being released into the environment.

April 17, 2010

Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold.

June 12, 2010

Camden County College
Peter Cheeseman Road, Gloucester Township
behind the CIM Building.

October 23, 2010

Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold.

If you have any items that are in question, please call (856) 858-5241

All items will either be refurbished or recycled!

For more information on this event, call the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs at (856) 858-5241 (proof of residency required).

Sponsored by The Camden County Board of Freeholders.

Sorry, no electronic equipment will be accepted from businesses.

Public Works Spring/Summer Hours

On June 1, 2010, the Public Works Department will be changing to spring/summer hours of operation from 6 AM until 2 PM.

Household Special Waste Collection Dates 2010

Event hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Call 856-858-5241 for more information

March 29

Cherry Hill Public Works, 1 Perina Blvd.

April 24

Collingswood Public Works Complex, 713 N. Atlantic Ave.

May 15

Atco Parking Area, corner of Atco and Raritan Ave.

June 12

Gloucester Twp., Camden County College, Peter Cheeseman Rd.

September 11

Pennsauken Landfill, 9600 River Rd.

October 16

Lindenwold, Camden Co. Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd.

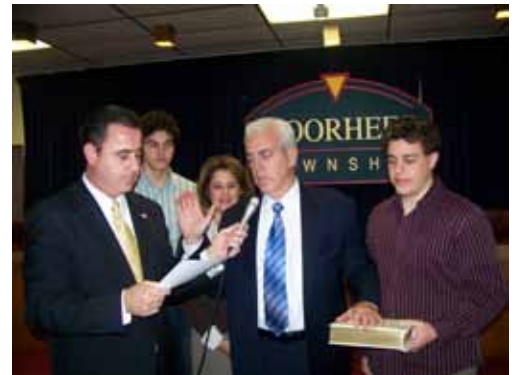
Mayor, Deputy Mayor, & Committeemen Sworn In

Right: Steven Mignogna, Esq. administers the oath of office to Mayor Michael Mignogna, witnessed by his family (from left) daughter Kelly, wife Mary Pat, son Matt and mother Florence.

Below, left: Steven Mignogna, Esq. administers the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Dean T. Mazurek, witnessed by his family (from left) daughter Jillian, wife Robin and son Colin.

Below, center: Voorhees Mayor Michael R. Mignogna administers the oath of office to Committeeman Joe Lovallo, witnessed by his family (from left), daughter Alexa, wife Theresa, and son Joey.

Below, right: Voorhees Mayor Michael R. Mignogna administers the oath of office to Committeeman Mario DiNatale witnessed by son Gabriel, wife Gisele, and son Sebastian.



2009 Recycling Report

Voorhees Township had another outstanding year with our recycling program. We had a great compliance rate and our residents have been pro-active in keeping our recycling rate one of the highest in South Jersey. By keeping recycling material out of the waste stream, we gained significant monetary savings and helped preserve the environment.

In 2009, Voorhees had a solid waste disposal fee of \$64.00 per ton. Voorhees saved \$1,227,761.92 by keeping recycling products out of the incinerator/landfill, based on total tonnage of 19,183.78.

2009 Total Recycled Tons

Single stream:	2,752.31
White goods/metal:	463.10
Grass:	2,657.78
Brush:	506.25
Bagged leaves:	656.00
Vacummed leaves:	11,517.48
Street sweeper material:	621.66
Oil:	9.20
Total:	19,183.78

Metal Recycling

Metal recycling can be placed at the curblin at any time. You do not need to wait until bulk trash day. Once metal items are placed at your curblin, please call (856) 428-3136 for a scheduled pickup. Collection occurs 1-3 days after notification.

Metal items include, but are not limited to, appliances (white goods), file cabinets, lawn mowers, and fencing.

Remove all doors from refrigerators and freezers per state law.

Spring Cleanup

Signs will be posted at the entrance of each development prior to your scheduled week. A posted schedule will be available mid March in the Voorhees Sun, on Channel 19, and on the Township Web site, www.voorhees-nj.com.





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Important Dates

May 1: Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats held at the old Township Community Center, located behind the Municipal Building. 9:00 AM–Noon

May 10: Last day to register your dog and cat without being assessed a \$25.00 per pet late fee. (Except new residents or dogs/cats that have been acquired in the past 30 days. Proof of either status must be shown.)

The 2010 Census – It’s in our hands

The U.S. Census Bureau is preparing to mail the 2010 Census Form to all residents of the U.S. The questionnaire is the shortest in history and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The forms will be mailed March 15–17 and are due back by April 15. The Census Bureau hopes that our community will participate to make this the most successful mail back campaign ever. Please look for your questionnaire in the mail.

Municipal Directory

Ambulance	911	Police Chief, Keith Hummel	428-5400
Fire Department	911	Public Works, John Maurer	428-5499
Police Emergency	911	Senior Citizens Programs, Grace Kennedy	429-4703
Administrator, Lawrence Spellman	429-7174	Sewer, David Corsaro	428-6925
Construction, Stephen J. Murray	429-7759	Tax Assessor, Michael Kane	429-7767
Economic Development, Michael Marchitto, Jr.	216-0473	Tax Collector, Jennifer Dukelow	429-7762
Municipal Court	429-0770	Township Clerk, Jeanette Schelberg	429-7757
Municipal Inspections, Joseph Hale	428-5914	Vital Statistics, Gail M. David	429-4482
Parks/Recreation, John Maurer	428-7480	Zoning, Stephen J. Murray	429-0647
Chief Financial Officer, Dean Ciminera	429-7026	Summer Series and Special Events Hotline	882-7469 (SHOW)

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