

Dear Holmdel Residents,

On behalf of the Township Committee, please accept our warmest wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

The unanimous nomination of the elected township committee as Mayor is an honor.

Dedication, hard work, commitment and compassion are words I don't take lightly.

I am fully prepared to dedicate my time and talent as Holmdel's Mayor for 2017. The unique privilege of having the support of each and every member on the committee does not go unrecognized.

With a unified committee I am confident that, as your Mayor, Holmdel will continue to prosper.

I fully appreciate the diversities and commonalities that make Holmdel unique. I will make great efforts to continue in the wisdom and sound leadership that are the building blocks of good sound government. I will be dedicated and listen to the entire population of Holmdel. It will take hard work and commitment to continue the positive growth everyone is compassionate about. I am and will continue to be foremost, a committee person, with the honor of holding the title of Mayor for 2017.

Understanding how our Holmdel governing body functions is key to appreciating the various duties, positions, and appointments that are part of Holmdel's government. Properly functioning under these laws is what makes our township reliable, consistent, and a great place to live.

Holmdel's governing body functions on a committee form of government. Each committee member has an equal vote, regardless of the title of mayor, deputy mayor, or committee person. Each and every year, the Township Committee selects a mayor from among the five sitting committee members. It is our policy to rotate the position, of which we are all aware. The mayor, the first among equals, comes with ceremonial responsibilities, but is no better or more powerful than the other members.

Our Township Committee appoints its members as liaisons to key committees. Allow me to identify such appointments; Mayor Greg Buontempo, liaison to Administration, Deputy Mayor, Pat Imprevuto is liaison to Public Safety, Committeemen Tom Critelli to Finance, Mike Nikolis to Community Development and Eric Hinds to the Board of Education. Everyone on the township committee is approachable to the Holmdel residents in all areas.

I am excited to be entering into this new chapter with all of you. Please be on the look out for the next addition of the Holmdel Township Newsletter in it you will find information about high interest topics. Just to name a few; the continued fight against JCP & L's proposed project, secondly, an important update and information about the Holmdel Library project, and thirdly the Talent Alliance a way for you as a resident to share with the town your unique and brilliant talents for the greater good. Don't forget to join us Thursday January 12th 7pm at Bell Works for an important Library meeting.

Holmdel Township has been my family's home for 20 years. We chose to live here because of the excellent and gifted community that makes Holmdel special. It is my wish to continue to look to the future with a reverent respect for our past to merge all that is good and move forward with a steady and resolute focus on Holmdel's success. It is my hope, that together we will share our passion for such a future, and join me along with the entire township committee to get there.

Respectfully,

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