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To: Joe DeIorio, Municipal Administrator
From: Neil Paulsen, Chairman
Shade Tree Commission
RE: 2010 Annual Activity Summary

The following is a summary of the Shade Tree Commission activity during 2010:

Resident Calls - The STC responded to 52 calls during 2010. Of these calls 27 resulted in issues regarding trees in the Borough Right of Way, the remainder involved resident trees for which the owners were seeking the Borough to do work or advise. No work was done on resident trees.

Activities - The STC organized and conducted Arbor Day activities at MES involving two grade levels – 3 & 4. The children's participation included a poster contest, Arbor Day Essays, group readings at MES. A red sunset maple tree was planted by MES students on the MES grounds. Also, Arbor Day activities for pre-school children took place at the Manasquan Public Library and the Boy Scouts learned proper mulching of trees and shrubs by placing mulch at the library grounds.

New Trees Planted – Due to fund restrictions tree planting was limited in 2010. Locations included MES, and Mallard Park. Several residents have requested street tree plantings and there is one request for a donation of a memorial tree in Hancock Park. The Glimmer Glass Circle residents have an interest in planting street trees on a donated basis.

Tree Removals - Fourteen trees were removed due to hazardous conditions caused by the winter storms or old age. The locations included Parker Ave, Macs Pond Park, Willow St, Virginia Ave., Sea Girt Ave., Old Squan Rd., and Morris Ave., DPW assisted in removing dead trees on Main St. in Mallard and Curtis Parks, and the Stockton Lake Ballfield Park.

Pruning - There were 28 prunings to remove hazardous limbs. Locations were on Ocean,

Old Squan, Cedar, Parker, E Main, S McClellan, Mount La., Skokas Pk., Euclid, Salmon, Third Ave., Mallard Pk., Virginia, and Pearce. STC members fertilized London planes at Stockton Lake Ballfield and the Acme parking lot and pruned trees at the Fourth Ave. parking lot and on Fourth Ave. Ocean Rd., and Salmon.

Elevations - The STC has a rotating street schedule for elevations. The objective is to do each street every five years. During 2010 28 streets were reviewed resulting in 5 being fully elevated and the balance selectively elevated where needed. Two streets, Morris and Virginia were scheduled but could not be done due to funding limitations.

Publicity - The STC Ardor Day activities received extensive coverage in the Coast Star with four articles and an article reporting the 2009 STC Annual Report. The STC website was updated and the STC 2009 annual report was posted on the website. The STC purpose, programs and organization are published on the website.

Education – Three STC members attended the Core Training Program conducted by the NJ Forestry Service for the NJ Community Forestry Council. STC members are required to attend to maintain a qualified commission.

Sidewalks - The STC reviewed sidewalk uplifting by tree roots on S. McClellan, Atlantic and Allen Ave . The Main St. business district was also reviewed in detail by all members again for problem areas and possible tree removals where deemed necessary. A list of recommended corrective actions was given to Code Enforcement.

Awards - The STC received the “Tree City USA” award for the 13th year in a row and the “Tree City Growth Award for the 9th time and the 7th year in a row.

Cc - Mayor George Dempsey
Councilman Jeff Lee
Sharon Bogie, Secretary