



## Pinelands Municipal Council **PRESS RELEASE**

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### *Pinelands Municipal Council Elects Officers*

*Buena Vista Township Mayor once again chosen to lead mayors' group*

BUENA VISTA, N.J. – Buena Vista Mayor Chuck Chiarello has been elected to another term as the Chairman of the Pinelands Municipal Council, the council announced during its regular meeting at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building on March 11.

Chiarello chaired the Pinelands Municipal Council in 2007 and 2006, in addition to serving in that capacity from 1996 to 2002. He also served as the Council's vice-chairman from 2003-2005.

"We're looking forward to a new year of opportunities to discuss issues that are important to Pinelands communities," Chiarello said.

Also elected to serve on the Council's Executive Committee were:

- **Woodbine Borough Mayor William Pikolycky**, who was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Pikolycky served as the Council's Chairman from 2003-2005;
- **Berkeley Township Planning Board Chairman Anthony Mazzella**, who will serve his third term as Secretary. Mazzella also serves as the Mayor's designee to the Pinelands Municipal Council for Berkeley Township;
- **Egg Harbor City Mayor Joseph A. Kuehner**, who will serve his third term as Treasurer. Kuehner was first elected Treasurer in 2005;
- **Tabernacle Township Committeeman Richard Franzen**, who will serve his first term as the Council's Member at Large. Franzen takes over the position that was held by former Mullica Township Mayor Robert Hagaman, who served eight terms as the Council's Member at Large before stepping down from the post.

Several members of the Executive Committee were sworn in by state Senator Jeff Van Drew (Democrat, 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District) during the Pinelands Municipal Council's March 11 meeting.

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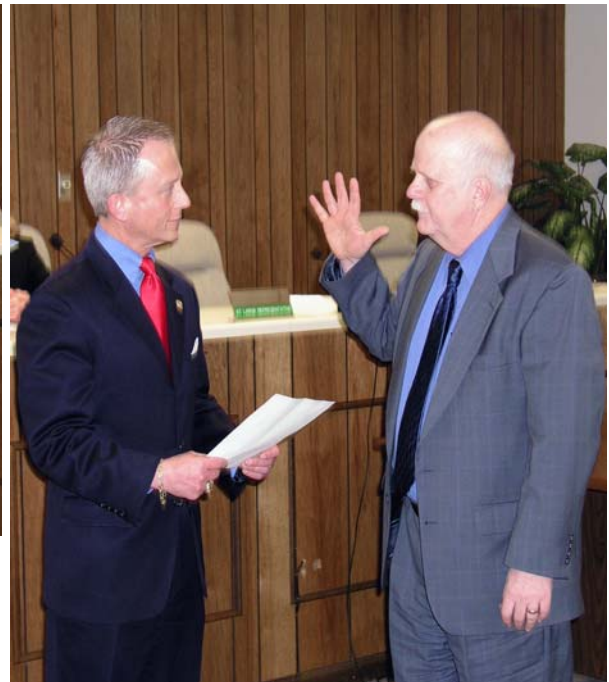
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Created under the Pinelands Protection Act of 1979, the Pinelands Municipal Council is composed of mayors or their designees of the 53 municipalities in the Pinelands Area. The Council is empowered to review any changes to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, the rules that govern land use, development and natural resource protection in the Pinelands. The Council also advises the Pinelands Commission on any matters relevant to Pinelands municipalities.

\*\*\* Photos of the swearing in are available by contacting (609) 894-7300.



**(Above): Berkeley Township Planning Board Chairman Anthony Mazzella and Woodbine Mayor William Pikolycky, pictured left to right, were sworn in to the Pinelands Municipal Council's Executive Board by state Senator Jeff Van Drew (Democrat, 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District).**



**(Above): State Senator Jeff Van Drew (Democrat, 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District) swore in Tabernacle Township Committeeman Richard Franzen to the Executive Board of the Pinelands Municipal Council.**

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