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LOOKING FORWARD

LBI RESIDENTS SHARE THEIR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

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New Year's wouldn't be complete without some resolutions for the future — so we asked a variety of people on LBI about their plans for New Year's Eve as well as their hopes and aspirations for LBI, their town, or their organization in 2011:

▼ **Kirk Larson**
 Mayor, Barnegat

“My wife and I will probably have a quiet night at home on New Year's Eve — maybe go out to eat or watch a football game. In terms of New Year's resolutions, I'd like to see other towns get easement issues settled, so they can get some sand on our beaches. I also hope to see state mandates on budgets and fisheries regulations get resolved, so all of our employees can be secure.”



Lori Pepenella
 Destination marketing director,
 Southern Ocean County
 Chamber of Commerce

“This New Year's Eve, I'll be spending with family, going out to eat and playing with whatever fun gadgets we get for Christmas. My resolutions for 2011 for our region are to work hard to make our “Shop Local” campaign successful throughout the year, develop some fantastic new angles to further promote the area, introduce the region to as many new visitors as possible and enjoy the company of great family, friends and neighbors.”

▲ **Ray Sullivan**
 Long Beach Township resident
 Winner, 2010 LBI Surf Fishing Classic
 (Bass Category)

“We'll either be celebrating this New Year's with family in Texas or New Jersey. Aside from catching an even bigger fish in 2011, I'd love to see beach replenishments, especially in Holgate. Many people go fishing and clamming in Holgate, and it's really been deteriorating — one bad storm could cut it right in half.”

▲ **Candice MacLusky**
 Public programs and
 membership coordinator,
 Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts
 and Sciences, Loveladies

“I'll be spending New Year's Eve in Havertown, Pa., with college friends, and this year will be extra special, as we'll be sharing it with the newest addition to our

circle of friends, my friend Walker's new baby girl, Abigail. Regarding a New Year's resolution for our organization, I hope that the not-for-profit LBI Foundation of the Arts and Sciences is able to reach our goal of 800 memberships in 2011!”



▲ **Matt Burton**, owner
 M T Burton Gallery, Surf City

“For past New Year's, we've gotten together with our neighbors, but this year we'll probably hang out at our house with our young kids. It's hard to plan anything with small children! Regarding a New Year's resolution, of course we all wish that the economy would pick up a bit, but personally I'd like to continue providing the community with diverse, exciting exhibitions involving ceramics, paintings and photography.”

Lori Malay, owner
 How You Brewin' Coffee Company and Cafe,
 Surf City

“This New Year's, I'll be spending time at home with my family, and we'll make a special dinner or a fun dessert. In 2011, I would love for people to consider our place a hangout where they can sit with friends for a while. It's starting to happen now, that people are seeing us as more of a destination year-round, not just a place to stop in for coffee and go.”

▲ **Roger A. Caruba**
 Interim
 superintendent,
 LBI Consolidated
 School District

“The last several New Year's, we've visited with friends and family, had dinner locally and returned home to watch the Times Square Ball drop, but this year I'm planning a quick trip to Singer Island, Fla., to enjoy my first New Year's with palm trees! In the midst of a very difficult financial year for almost everyone, my resolution is to encourage every member of our beautiful island community to reflect on how truly fortunate we still are and to work together through these tough times to strengthen the bonds of our family, our schools and our community to preserve Long Beach Island for our children and all generations to come.”

Scenes from LBI throughout the past year.
 (FILE PHOTOS)

