



Freeholder Deputy

James J. Mancini

**Director: Department of Transportation
and Senior Services**

Term Expires: 12/31/91

Ocean County Freeholder James J. Mancini brings a wealth of governmental experience to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

He began serving the public 30 years ago as Long Beach Township's building inspector and tax assessor, moving to the Long Beach Township governing body, where he served for 26 years, the Long Beach Township Planning Board for 29 years and mayor of the community for 22 years. He joined the Freeholder Board in 1982, serving as director in 1985.

Freeholder Mancini's experience on other levels of government include his tenure as a State Assemblyman in 1972-73; a member of the New Jersey State Assembly Tax Committee for two years; and a member of the Congressional Advisory Committee.

In Long Beach, he serves as mayor and director of Revenue and Finance. As a Freeholder, he is Director of the Department of Insurance & Risk Management, Office on Aging, Construction Inspection, Data Processing, Bridges, Roads, Engineering, OCAT, OCHETS, and Vehicle Maintenance. He serves as liaison to the Board of Taxation, Board of Elections, Handicapped Commission, Library Commission, Beach Erosion, Mosquito Extermination Commission, New Jersey Transportation Coordinating Council, Veterans Bureau, Film Advisory Commission, Board of Public Transportation, Senior Citizen & Disabled Transportation, Small Cities Fishery Loan Advisory Commission, Task Force on Senior Victimization & Elderly Abuse, and Construction Board of Appeals.

Mancini's recent accomplishments include a vast upgrade of the County Library system. As part of the county's library plan, eleven libraries will be constructed or renovated throughout Ocean County in the next few years. The Board, behind the strong backing of Mancini, liaison to the County Library Commission, provided the funding. Towns benefitting from the project are Berkeley, Brick, Manchester, Stafford, Long Beach Island, Point Pleasant, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Barnegat, Jackson and beach communities in the upper peninsula of the county.

In a keen effort to provide better health care for area residents, Mancini established the Ocean County Nursing Task Force and spearheaded a drive to bring federally approved health maintenance organizations (HMO's) into the area. The task force meets regularly to report on the effects of the nursing shortage in Ocean County and make suggestions on remedies to the freeholder board. The HMO's are an important aid for the more than 100,000 senior citizens in Ocean County. Mancini's persistence in the matter was in direct response to requests from senior citizens for the option of health maintenance organizations authorized to accept Medicare payments.

The mayor of a beach community, Freeholder Mancini is also a member of the Barnegat Bay Study, a commission which investigates development patterns and problems affecting the bay. He was appointed as a member of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee to study and report on pollution problems in area waters.

Jim and his wife, Madeline, (nee Klaas of Elizabeth), have nine children: Susan, Joseph, Nancy, Annmarie, Jane, Joan, James Jr., Madeline and Henry. They have eleven grandchildren.

Freeholder Mancini was born in Newark; raised in Irvington in the Northern section of the Garden State. After graduating from Irvington High School during World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was training as an Aviation Cadet when the War ended in 1945. Subsequent to his military service, he joined the family's general contracting business in Essex County. In 1954, he and his wife moved to Long Beach Township, reestablishing the business with his father and brother in Ocean County.

Mr. Mancini is the founding member of the Long Beach Island Community Center Senior Citizens' Program, and is currently vice president of that organization. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Ocean County Hospital, and was the Building Committee Chairman when the Hospital was built in 1972.

Freeholder Mancini has served in the following positions: member and past president of the Long Beach Island Rotary Club, member of the Stafford Italian-American Club, member and past grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, past president of the Holy Name Society, past board member of the Stafford-Long Beach Board of Trade, chairman of the

Easter Seal Committee - Long Beach Island, member of the executive board of Ocean County Boys Scouts, past president of the Mancini Development Corporation, past chairman of the board of Citizens State Bank, past president of the Ocean County Republican Organization, delegate to the Republican Presidential Conventions in 1976, 1980 and 1984, and 1988. Jim Mancini has received the "Mayor of the Year" award from the Ocean County Chiefs of Police Association, "Book of Golden Deeds" award from the Exchange Club of Beach Haven, "Man of the Year" award from the Italian-American Club of Lacey Township, and many other awards for community service.

Mr. Mancini and his family attend St. Francis Catholic Church, Brant Beach. His hobbies include fishing, gardening, photography and reading.