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Architect/artist Joe Tarella made a donation to the town where he lives, Barnegat Light — a detailed map of Long Beach Island that is truly a work of art. Barnegat Light Borough Council enthusiastically received it at the most recent council meeting.

“I live in the borough and we feel really good about living there, so I wanted to donate it as a civic gesture,” said Tarella.

“No new map has been made of the area in quite a long time — I think probably 40 or 50 years, from what I can see. The borough did have a nice collection of maps, and we thought this should be added to that collection,” Tarella said.

The map is five feet long, subtly colored and technically precise. It reflects Tarella’s longtime fascination with maps, as well as the attention to detail that makes him a noted architect in New York.

He donated the map to the borough, and Wildflowers by the Lighthouse donated the framing. Copies of the map are available for sale at that shop, 410 Broadway. Other places to purchase the map include Island Arts, 27th Street and Central Avenue, Ship Bottom; and Earth, Sea & Sky in Schooner’s Wharf, Beach Haven.

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