

Township of Washington

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Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

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Dear Residents,

A lot of you probably remember the garbage trucks that invaded our town many years ago from the Transfer Station in Hillsdale with noise, smells, and leaking garbage, causing unsafe conditions on Pascack Road and Linwood Avenue in the Township of Washington. In addition, the trucks have to pass through the Washington Avenue/Pascack Road Intersection. Two and a half years ago, Waste Management stopped operating the transfer station, and safety and quality of life improved in Hillsdale and in the Township. However, this could change as Waste Management applied to renew their permit which would allow them to haul up to 900 tons of garbage a day.

If this permit is renewed, it will jeopardize our safety, health, and quality of life as well as put an unfair burden on our roads with garbage trucks going into the facility and large tractor trailers hauling garbage out. Safety is compromised north and south on Pascack Road with Memorial Field and its many programs, Washington School, churches, and the shopping center. The Washington Town Center draws a tremendous amount of children, young adults, seniors, and others with a variety of uses shopping facilities, food stores, restaurants, and a theater. Across the street from the Center is the Township's Municipal Complex with Senior Center that attracts seniors and citizens throughout the day. At the intersection of Pascack Road and Ridgewood Road, there is a substantial amount of crossings by children who attend Westwood Junior/Senior High School just east of the Pascack Road/Ridgewood Road intersection.

Mayor Doug Frank and I have written letters to the DEP opposing the renewal of the permit and have reached out to state officials for help in getting this permit renewal application DENIED. Even if they do not plan to start up immediately, renewal of the permit will give them the opportunity to do so at any time. We will keep you informed on this issue and when the hearing is scheduled.

However, we need your help NOW to assure that this situation does not return to the Township. Please go to our website at twpofwashington.us, town hall, or the library to sign the petition to protect the Township of Washington!

Sincerely,

Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

