September 14, 2012

Honorable Peter A. Hughes
Mayor, Glen Ridge Borough
PO Box 66
Glen Ridge NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Hughes:

We are pleased to inform you that the Glen Ridge Historic District (Boundary Increase #2), Glen Ridge Borough, Essex County will be considered by the New Jersey State Review Board for Historic Sites for nomination to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Both Registers are official lists of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in both Registers provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation’s heritage.

Listing provides recognition of the community’s historic importance and assures protective review of public projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. If the Glen Ridge Historic District (Boundary Increase #2) is listed in the National Register, certain federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply.

For private property owners, listing in the New Jersey and National Registers does not mean that limitations will be placed on the properties by the State or Federal governments. Within the limits of municipal zoning laws, private property owners are free to utilize, renovate, alter, sell or demolish their properties. Public visitation rights are not required of owners nor will the State or Federal governments attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them. All public undertakings affecting registered properties are subject to review and approval in accordance with New Jersey State Register Law.

You are invited to attend the New Jersey State Review Board meeting on November 13, 2012 at which time the nomination will be considered. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., in the Department of Environmental Protection Public Hearing Room, 1st floor, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. A copy of the meeting agenda and a copy of the draft nomination to be considered will be posted on the Historic Preservation Office website; go to www/state.nj.us/dep/hpo and follow the links to the State Review Board meeting.

Attached please find a notice that explains, in greater detail, the results of listing in the New Jersey and National Registers and that describes the rights and procedures by which an owner may comment on or object to listing.
Eligibility for Federal Tax Provisions: If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20-percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15-percent and 20-percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitations of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10-percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 67.

Consideration in Planning for Federal, Federally Licensed, and Federally Assisted Projects: Section 106 of the National-Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information, please refer to 36 CFR 700 et. seq.

Consideration on Issuing a Surface Coal Mining Permit: In accordance, with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 36 CFR 700 et. seq.

Qualification for Federal Grants for Historic Preservation when Funds are Available: Presently, funding is unavailable.

RESULTS OF LISTING IN THE NEW JERSEY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Consideration in the planning for municipal, county, and State assisted projects. The State, a county, municipality, or any of their agencies or instrumentalities cannot undertake any project that will encroach upon, damage, or destroy a State Register property without approval from the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. Review and authorization procedures which will be followed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.131 are outlined in Subchapter 7 of N.J.A.C. 7:4 7.1 et seq. "Procedures Concerning the New Jersey Register of Historic Places"
September 14, 2012

Mayor Peter Hughes
Members of the Glen Ridge Borough Council
825 Bloomfield Avenue, PO Box 66
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

To the Mayor and Council:

The recent efforts of the GRAA to conduct an active campaign toward raising significant amounts of money for artificial turf poses serious and legitimate questions regarding its finances, and how it allocates and reports its money.

The GRAA is the official town youth athletic organization, linked on the Borough website, and characterized on that website as “Supplemented by the Borough Recreation Department.” This public private partnership was expanded when the Mayor agreed that if the GRAA raised $700,000.00 by August 30th of this year, the Borough would have put a referendum on the November ballot asking taxpayers whether or not they supported the installation of turf at Hurrell Field. When the GRAA did not make its deadline, Councilman Theodorou extended it another year. In allowing the GRAA to raise and hold private funds which the Borough has promised to use for a public works project, the Borough has effectively encouraged the GRAA to triple the size of its budget without any increased supervision or oversight of how it manages its funds. The fees collected for participation in sports programs are not insignificant, and residents have few alternatives. There are many residents who want their children to participate in community athletics, yet would not support a campaign to underwrite the costs of artificial turf. They have no way of knowing exactly how their fees are being allocated. The Profit and Loss statement on the GRAA’s website is over two years old. The Borough is taking no steps to guarantee that the funds raised in user fees for sports activities are properly accounted for and segregated from the funds raised for turf. The Borough is taking no steps to see how the funds will be used in the event that turf is defeated in a referendum.

The expansion of the public private partnership between the GRAA and the Borough presents an opportunity for the Borough to perform due diligence and institute fiduciary oversight of what is a significant amount of money. While this letter does not make any accusations of financial impropriety on the part of the GRAA, Glen Ridge volunteer organizations (specifically the ‘90’s era Linden Home School Association and the Town Pool in years past) have lost substantial sums of money. What guarantee is there that if funds go missing, the taxpayers of the Borough will not ultimately be expected to replace the missing funds?

Recently Nutley had a financial scandal in their home school association. In the wake of that, the Glen Ridge Board of Education stepped up its oversight of our home and school associations, underwriting periodic audits and assisting with proper accounting formats. This is appropriate, and should be undertaken by the Borough with regard to the GRAA to protect the community.
The undersigned taxpayers believe the Mayor and Council could be creating liability for the taxpayers of the Borough by expanding the existing public private partnership with the GRAA without increasing fiscal oversight. The Borough must require the GRAA to follow generally accepted accounting principles, and require that the GRAA commit to conducting an annual audit before undertaking additional fundraising. This process should be fully transparent. We look forward to the answers to questions posed in this letter at the next council meeting on September 24, 2012.

Kit Schackner, 92 Carteret St.
Kelly Conklin, 92 Carteret St.
Andrea Webb, 35 Lorraine St.
Doug Webb, 35 Lorraine St.
V. Gene Myers, 41 Douglas Road
RoseAnn Murray, 28A Herman Street
Cherry Provost, 57 Douglas Road
Brian Reach, 566 Ridgewood Avenue
Mary Reach, 566 Ridgewood Ave.
Yvonne Provost, 49 Douglas Rd.
Lloyd G. Provost, 49 Douglas Rd.
Peko Rasic, 90 Carteret St.
Jennifer Rasic, 92 Carteret St.
Lauren Pincus, 65 Sunset Ave.
Henry Passapera, 16 Lorraine St.
Judy Passapera, 16 Lorraine St.
Christine Heinicke, 9 Hathaway Place
Unn Boucher, 65 Douglas Rd.
Tom Boucher, 65 Douglas Rd.
Kathy Kogut, 48 Herman St.
John Horsky, 48 Herman St.
Alexia DeFays, 38 Herman St.
Raymond Capra, 38 Herman St.
Laurie Kroll, 91 Sunset Ave.
Carol Park, 18 Hamilton
Michael O’Connor, 18 Hamilton
Alice Roberts, 523 Belleville Ave.
Steve Zimet, 191 Midland Ave.
Linda Zimet, 191 Midland Ave.
Jackie Yustein, 326 Washington St.
Mark Yustein, 326 Washington St.
Stefan des Lauriers, 21 Herman St
Luann Dragone, 5 Adams Pl.
Lynneve Berkowitz, 195 Midland Ave.
Richard Hartwell, 195 Midland Ave.
Sally Ellison, 52 Lincoln St.
Jerry Esposito, 52 Lincoln St.
Bernie Antonovich, 145 Carteret St.
Karen Antonovich, 145 Carteret St.
Ed Callahan, 11 Hamilton Rd.
Betty Callahan, 11 Hamilton Rd.
Jeff Mensch, 88 Carteret St.
Whitney Mensch, 88 Carteret St.
Peter Herrigel, 42 Glen Ridge Parkway
Mark Wright, 63 Adams St.
Karin Robinson, 63 Adams St.
September 19, 2012

Honorable Peter A. Hughes, Mayor
Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Avenue -POB 66
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear Mayor Hughes:

As you may or may no know Senate President Stephen Sweeney is looking to pass “Shared Services Legislation” Senate Bill – 2 sponsored by him. (I am enclosing a copy of the legislation and bill comments for your review, critique and comments).

Governor Chris Christie recently indicated that he will support legislation that would force municipalities to share services between towns.

Senate President Sweeney’s legislation S-2 would amend the shared services and consolidation laws to allegedly “further encourage cost-saving mechanisms”

There appears to be from the phone calls my office has received concerns from mayors and administrators representing New Jersey’s municipalities. It is said to be pros and cons in the legislation.

It is important to me as the Senator representing the 28th Legislative District that I receive you written comments and concerns regarding any negative impact on your municipality.

It is my understanding that this is on the fast track due to the politics as usual. (Governor’s election next year)
Please review the enclosed information as soon as possible and respond back to me and my running-mates Assemblyman Ralph R.Caputo and Assemblywoman Cleopatra G.Tucker.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Senator Ronald L. Rice
28th Legislative District

Cc: Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo
    Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker
    Glen Ridge Municipal Council Members
Thanks to the robust efforts of our volunteers and supporters,

A LOT TO GROW

has produced over 1440 lbs. of Organic Herbs and Vegetables
In the 2012 Spring and Summer Growing Cycles

for distribution to
Suburban Essex County Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, and Subsidized Senior Housing Facilities

We look forward to adding to this bounty during our 2012 Autumn Growing Cycle
September 2012

Dear Friend:

Essex County has a busy schedule of events this fall, with everything from community recycling days to a variety of special activities throughout our historic Essex County Park System. We hope you take the time to review the enclosed information and mark your calendars. Here are three events that we'd like to highlight:

8TH ANNUAL SENIOR WELLNESS DAY
Wednesday, September 19 from 10 am to 2 pm
Essex County Codey Arena, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
Enjoy an activity-filled day with music, entertainment and information about community organizations and programs that will help seniors live independently and remain active in their community. For information, call 973-621-4400. For transportation to the event, call 973-395-5858.

ESSEX COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY
Saturday, October 13 from 8:30 am to 4 pm
Essex County Fleet Maintenance Yard, 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove
Protect our environment by properly disposing of household materials. For information, call the Essex County Utilities Authority at 973-792-9060.

ESSEX COUNTY COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY
Saturday, October 27 from 9 am to 3 pm
Essex County Fleet Maintenance Yard, 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove
Give your old and unwanted computers and electronic equipment a second life by recycling them. For information, call the Essex County Utilities Authority at 973-792-9060.

We look forward to seeing you at these and other events. Working together we will continue Putting Essex County First.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive

Putting Essex County First

ESSEX COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
Check Out These Upcoming Events

MOVIE SCREENING: SHREK
Friday, September 7 at 7 pm
Essex County Kip’s Castle Park, 22 Crestmont Drive, Verona
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a movie on the lawn. Beautiful princesses, handsome princes, witches, ogres, and fire-breathing dragons turn up in almost every fairy tale. They're all in this computer-animated adventure, but their roles, and the surprising plot twists, are anything but expected in this fun adaptation of the children's book. FREE!

8TH ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST FALL FAMILY CELEBRATION
Saturday, October 6 from 11am to 4pm
Essex County Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
Welcome families! Come celebrate autumn at the Environmental Center! Enjoy fun-filled activities for the entire family – hands-on nature games and crafts, farmer's market featuring a variety of NJ Fresh seasonal produce, canoeing, Native American life, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, food, and more. FREE!

STRUT YOUR MUTT
Saturday, October 20 (Rain date: Saturday, October 27)
Essex County Brookdale Dog Park, Bloomfield/Montclair: 9:15 am Registration; 10 am Parade
Essex County South Mountain Dog Park, Maplewood/Millburn: 1:15 pm Registration; 2 pm Parade
The Essex County canine costume parades have grown into a favorite Halloween celebration for the community to enjoy. Bring your pet or just come to see the creative costumes on display! FREE!

GARDENS AGLOW
Friday, October 26 at 6pm (Rain date: Saturday, October 27)
Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair
Get creative, carve a pumpkin and join your neighbors to line the fall-blooming iris beds with jack-o-lanterns. Entertainment, crafts, and spooky stories! FREE!

HOWL-O-WEEN
Wednesday, October 31 from 4 to 9 pm
Essex County Turtle Back Zoo
Trick or Treat in a safe atmosphere while visiting our animal family on a fall evening. $5 general public admission; $3 for Zoological Society of NJ members

ARTISTS’ OPEN HOUSE & SALE
Saturday, November 3 & Sunday, November 4 from 11am to 5 pm
Essex County Riker Hill Art Park, 284 Beaufort Avenue, Livingston
Visit a variety of different art studios, talk to the artists, purchase art work, and stop by the gallery to view a compilation exhibition. FREE!

For more activities, please visit www.essexcountynj.org

Putting Essex County First
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Essex County Utilities Authority invite you to

**Essex County’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

*Free to all Essex County Residents*

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage

99 West Bradford Avenue

Cedar Grove, New Jersey

**Items accepted:**

- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Oil based paints and stains
- Chemistry sets
- Propane tanks (barbecue type)
- Pool chemicals
- Automotive fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, steering fluids, etc.)
- Darkroom/Photographic chemicals
- Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, NiCad)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts
- Mercury and products containing mercury
- Gasoline/Kerosene
- Household cleaning fluids
- Car batteries
- Fire extinguishers (home)
- Driveway sealer
- Aerosol spray paints

**We will not be accepting:**

- Latex paint
- Unlabeled or Unidentified Materials
- Asbestos
- Regulated Medical Waste or Infectious Waste
- Commercial or Industrial Waste
- Empty Containers
- Explosives, Munitions, Ordnance or Reactive Materials

**Not for Commercial and Industrial Facilities.**

Essex County residents must provide proof of residency at the site.

For more information call **973-792-9060** or [www.ecuanj.com](http://www.ecuanj.com)
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Essex County Utilities Authority invite you to

**Essex County’s Computer & Electronics Recycling Day**

*Free to all Essex County Residents*

**Saturday, October 27, 2012**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage
99 West Bradford Avenue
Cedar Grove, New Jersey

**Items accepted:**

- Computers
- Monitors
- Printers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Telecom Equipment
- Speakers
- Televisions
- Keyboards
- Main Frames
- VCRs
- Stereos
- DVD Players
- Toasters
- Irons
- Old Cellular Telephones

**Commercial and Large Quantity Users May Not Drop Off Items.**

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