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Dear Property Owner:

For the last several years, the Borough has sought to expand the Glen Ridge Historic District. Thus, we are pleased to inform you the Mayor and Council will be considering the inclusion of your property into the local Glen Ridge Historic District. On June 21, 2012, a public meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Glen Ridge Municipal Building to discuss the nomination of the expansion of the Glen Ridge Historic District to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. At this meeting, members of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, the Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission, Borough staff, and a historic preservation consultant were present to discuss the nomination.

The New Jersey State Board of Review held public hearings on July 10, 2012, and November 13, 2012, to discuss and consider the nomination. The proposed expansion area was nominated to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places in November of 2012.

As per our local ordinance, the Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission will now review this expanded area, hold a public hearing, and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding its inclusion in the local Glen Ridge Historic District.

After the Glen Ridge Historic Commission holds the hearing, they will forward their comments to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council will then consider the adoption of an ordinance expanding the district. As with any ordinance, the Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing regarding its adoption.

If the Mayor and Council include your property into the local historic district, all exterior changes to the structure requiring a permit, visible from any street (regardless of existing or future trees, shrubs, or other landscaping), are subject to review and approval by the Glen Ridge Historic Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission, established by municipal ordinance in 1987, is charged with

conserving, protecting, enhancing, and perpetuating the landmarks, properties, and improvements within the Glen Ridge Historic District. The Commission strives to assist owners in planning renovations or remodeling to meet the historic preservation criteria and standards. In reviewing applications, the Historic Commission considers the visual compatibility of the proposed alteration with the structure, its history, and its surroundings.

The following are some of the actions, which require the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission before a Building Permit can be issued:

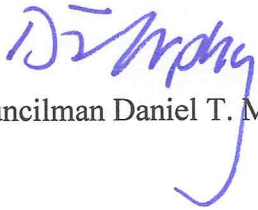
- Application of new roofing or siding if using a material other than that presently on a structure
- Alteration of structures such as the house or garage, or of some portion of a structure, e.g., porches, decks, or new additions
- Moving, adding, or removing windows or doors
- Changing or covering any portion of the exterior, e.g., with vinyl or aluminum
- Demolition or removal of any exterior structure
- Building any new structure

The Commission does not oppose changes, but seeks to ensure that any changes do not detract from the historic character of the Historic District. The Glen Ridge Historic Commission does not review paint or roof color, or roof materials if they are the same as the existing materials.

We welcome your input at the March 19, 2014, meeting held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex at 7:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact me via email with any question or concerns at dmurphy@glenridgenj.org.

Sincerely,



Councilman Daniel T. Murphy