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## **Middlesex Co. Officials Help Advance Truck Ban Ordinance in Monroe**

*County Concurs with Municipal Truck Ban, Sends Report to  
NJDOT*

Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro announced that Middlesex County officials are recommending that the state approve a popular ordinance that bans heavy tractor-trailers from three residential roads along the Cranbury town line in Monroe.

The ordinance banning heavy trucks was unanimously approved by the Township Council in October with more than 300 residents attending a public hearing in support. Review by the New Jersey Department of Transportation is the final approval needed to begin the statutory process to remove tractor trailers weighing more than eight tons from Cranbury Station, Prospect Plains and Cranbury Half Acre roads, west of Applegarth Road.

To advocate for the ordinance, Mayor Tamburro met with Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios and Middlesex County professional staff to discuss how hundreds of tractor trailers are using these three residential roads in Monroe to access large warehouses in neighboring Cranbury.



*Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro (right) meets with Middlesex County officials to discuss a recently-adopted ordinance banning tractor-trailers from three residential streets in Monroe Township. From left: Mark Rasimowicz, Monroe Township Engineer; Khalid Anjum, Department Head of Infrastructure Management, Middlesex County; Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios (Photo: Monroe Township)*

“I am pleased to see this truck weight restriction moving forward at my urging,” Mayor Tamburro said. “I appreciate that county officials were so quick to review our Truck Study and ordinance and recommend to the state that it be approved. I want this truck ban enacted as soon as possible for our residents and I am fully committed to ensuring this ban is finalized by the state.”

It is important to note that weight restrictions are enacted on some of these county roads in Cranbury, recognizing concerns with truck traffic. Monroe is simply seeking the same protections for its residents.

Mayor Tamburro vowed to keep residents informed as this tractor trailer ban progresses through state review. “We are eager to get these tractor trailers off our residential streets, once and for all,” the mayor added. “This is all about improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Our residents deserve quiet, safe streets in front of their homes. That is the sole driving force behind this ban.”

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## State DOT Adds Left-Turn Arrow at Route

# 33, Applegarth Road and Butcher Road

## *Long-Sought Project to Improve Traffic Flow Reaches Completion*

A major road improvement project on Route 33 is completed and fully operational.



“We have heard and responded to residents about the need for left-turn arrows on Route 33 and Applegarth Road and Butcher Road,” Mayor Tamburro said. “Because Route 33 is a state highway, we went to our state legislators and asked them to intervene and fast track the project with the state Department of Transportation.”

Mayor Tamburro expressed his great appreciation to Assemblyman Benson, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, and his colleagues representing the 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District: Sen. Linda Greenstein and Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, who helped move this major intersection improvement project to completion.

“Working with our state and county leaders who serve Monroe, I am extremely pleased to report that work is finished on a much-needed dedicated left-turn arrow on both sides of Route 33,” Mayor Tamburro said. “This project is very important to our residents and I can’t thank our legislators enough for getting this project to the top of the pile at the state transportation department.”

“I am very pleased that the state has improved this intersection, which is helping to better manage traffic, reduce travel times and improve the quality of life for Monroe and area residents,” Assemblyman Benson said.

The project began in late September, following an agreement between the State of New Jersey, Middlesex County and Monroe Township. Last year, at the urging of Mayor Tamburro, the state added a left turn signal at Route 33 and Perrinneville Road as part of the completed project.

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## Monroe's "Kids for Kids" Support Make-A-Wish NJ



Members of "Kids for Kids" pose with their donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey. (Photo: Make-A-Wish New Jersey/Monroe Township)

Mayor Tamburro and the Township Council would like to express its deepest appreciation to the "Kids for Kids" community service youth group, which visited the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Feb. 14 to donate money and take a tour of the "Castle" on Perrineville Road.

Kids for Kids, a program through the Monroe Township Library, raised money for the charity in January, conducting a holiday movie and bake sale event at the library. The students, parents, and library staff received a behind-the-scenes look at the magic of Make-A-Wish and learned how their generous donation will help make children's wishes come true.

Since 1983, Make-A-Wish New Jersey has created life-changing wishes for nearly 11,000 children in the Garden State. In the fight against a critical illness, a wish helps kids look past their limitations, families overcome anxiety and entire communities experience joy. Make-A-Wish New Jersey granted 560 wishes in its most recent fiscal year.

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## Police Department Promotions and New Addition



Congratulations to the Police Department's newest hire, Officer Michael Steele. Also, congratulations to Officer George Olynyk for being promoted to Sergeant and Sergeant Sergeis Jangols for being promoted to Lieutenant on Feb. 4.



## A 2020 Update; State/Court-Ordered Affordable Housing Presentation

We invite you to attend a presentation detailing the state's "Mount Laurel" affordable housing court decision and how it is impacting municipalities across New Jersey and

Monroe Township specifically. Residents can attend two **public presentations** on this important subject by Township Business Administrator Alan M. Weinberg.



The presentations are scheduled for **Monday, March 16** and **Wednesday, April 22** at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at Town Hall.

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