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## State DOT to Add Left-Turn Arrow at Intersection of Route 33, Applegarth Road and Butcher Road

Mayor Tamburro, following a series of in-person meetings in Trenton with state officials to secure support for a major road improvement project on Route 33, said the work is to be completed by the end of fall.

This announcement follows meetings involving Mayor Tamburro, New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Assemblyman Daniel Benson, Middlesex County Freeholder Leslie Koppel, and other state, county and municipal officials in Trenton.

“We have heard from 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 forward.



*From left: Middlesex County Freeholder Leslie Koppel, Senator Linda Greenstein, Monroe Township Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, and Assemblyman Daniel Benson. (Photo: Monroe Township)*

“Working with our state and county leaders who serve Monroe, I am extremely pleased to report that work is well underway to add 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.”

The project began in late September, following an agreement between the State of New Jersey, Middlesex County and Monroe Township.

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

Earlier in 2019, at the urging of Mayor Tamburro, the state added a left turn signal at Route 33 and Perrinneville Road.

“We are pleased to see that work is underway at this intersection and that Middlesex County played a role in supporting a new dedicated left-turn arrows,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Leslie Koppel.

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## Following a Great Fall Season of Sports, Monroe Honors the Municipal Parks Department

Mayor Tamburro and Monroe Township Council members are thankful this holiday season for Parks Division Manager Virgil Caputo and his team for outstanding work maintaining the Township's numerous parks and athletic fields.



*Parks Division employees received a round of applause from all in attendance at a recent council meeting, recognized for their service by Council President Stephen Dalina (right) and Parks Division Manager Virgil Caputo (second from right). (Photo: Monroe Township)*

Council President Stephen Dalina lauded Caputo and his team for always going above and beyond to make sure Monroe Township parks and fields are in superb condition and creating new fields, such as the cricket fields at Danny Ryan and Avenue K.

Caputo recently was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ). Each member of the Parks Division team received a Commitment To Excellence pin in recognition of his hard work and dedication at a recent council meeting.

Thank you to the Parks Division for a job well done!

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**Township Officials  
Announce  
Upgrades to  
Applegarth Rd.  
Park & Ride**





Commuters asked for it, and township leaders have responded.

Commuters are invited to check out the newly paved and striped Park & Ride on Applegarth Road, which has reopened for commuter parking.

Work continues, as the township will be upgrading the lighting to ensure an even higher level of safety and convenience, as well as a new commuter shelter. Both projects are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

## Greenhouse Opens at Monroe Community Garden & Park



*Photos: Monroe Township Community Garden*

Monroe Township has cut the ribbon on the much-anticipated Community Garden greenhouse, which will greatly expand the growing season and provide gardeners with fresh produce throughout the year.



The Community Garden has become one of the most welcomed amenities within the Township, allowing everyone with a green thumb to grow fresh vegetables among fellow residents. The Community Garden grows in popularity every year, so why not become a part of it? Your perfect tomato awaits!

Learn more about Monroe's Community Garden:

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