

Message from Mayor Womack

Thank you to all of the residents, Council Members and Township staff who attended our special meeting at Temple B'nai Tikvah on Thursday night (May 21) to address issues of concern to residents who live on or near Finnegan's Lane. Several concerns were heard, and we are establishing this web-page as a resource for residents and staff to follow progress on the issues.

The primary concerns voiced by residents involved Finnegan's Lane. Specifically mentioned were: traffic volume, traffic speed, and pedestrian safety. Many residents expressed a desire for a traffic control light to be placed at the intersection of Finnegan's Lane and Tulip Drive. There were also many calls for crosswalks or other safety measures that would allow commuter bus passengers and other pedestrians to cross Finnegan's Lane safely. The speed of traffic and the need for traffic enforcements was noted by several residents.

In addition to Finnegan's Lane, issues were raised regarding traffic using back streets during rush hours, and the need for speed bumps and traffic speed enforcement on those streets. There were also concerns expressed regarding recent car burglaries and possible drug activity in the neighborhood. Several residents brought to our attention a North Brunswick school bus stop which seems to be hazardous. Some residents believe the bus is not stopping where the Board of Education regulations require.

Here are the things that the Township's will be doing as initial follow-up from the meeting.

1. The Mayor and Council will be reaching out to our colleagues on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the South Brunswick Township Council to:
 - a. advise of our residents' concerns and advocate for studies and actions that can lead to the installation of a light at Tulip and Finnegan's;
 - b. advise of our residents' concerns and advocate for studies and actions that can lead to the installation designated pedestrian crossings;
 - c. advise of our residents' concerns and advocate for a joint request to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a reduced speed limit on Finnegan's Lane.
2. Police Director Kenneth McCormick or his designee will:
 - a. initiate additional patrols and traffic enforcement in the area, as appropriate, and will direct that strong consideration be given to placement of a "speed sign" on Finnegan's Lane;
 - b. follow up with residents who have information regarding drug activity or burglaries.

* RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR NIXLE ARE STRONGLY URGED TO DO SO. INFORMATION REGARDING NIXLE IS AVAILABLE HERE ON THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE.

Questions regarding progress and developments on Finnegan's Lane can be directed to:

- Michael Hritz, Director of Community Development;
- Robert Lombard Business Administrator;
- Janice Larkin, Assistant to Mayor Womack;
- Mayor Womack or any Member of the Council (all of our phone numbers are available here on the website or you can send us an email)

Thank you again, and keep checking this webpage for updates!