

TOWNSHIP OF

Parsippany-Troy Hills



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Re: **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017**

Dear Sedgefield and Glacier Hills Residents:

As you now know based on my recent letter to you, Mack-Cali has intervened in the Township's Mt. Laurel affordable housing action. This means that Mack-Cali is seeking to construct multi-family housing in Parsippany, a portion of which is affordable housing. Although Mack-Cali has not specified in its court papers exactly where it seeks to construct such housing, there is speculation that at least one site being considered is 1633 Littleton Road. That property currently consists of a vacant office building.

As I stated in my recent State of the Town address, our ability to comply with New Jersey Supreme Court draconian mandates on affordable housing is one of the most significant changes we face. We will face this challenge together as a community – so that you, the residents, are fully informed about this challenge and have the opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts, views and opinions. The issue is too important and too complex to rely on conventional media sources for news. In fact, relying on the media will, in many instances, provide you with incorrect information. I strongly believe that, given the magnitude of the issue of affordable housing here in Parsippany, I have an obligation to conduct meetings with our residents. The purpose of such meetings is to educate you on the affordable housing issue and what it means to Parsippany and potentially for 1633 Littleton Road.

Towards that end, I will be hosting a TOWN HALL meeting for the residents of Sedgefield and Glacier Hills ONLY on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Parsippany Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. At that meeting you will be provided with a special briefing by our Township Attorney, John Inglesino, Esq. Mr. Inglesino will outline the history of the affordable housing law in New Jersey, including recent Supreme Court decisions. He will advise how these decisions will impact Parsippany and what we can do to minimize such impacts. We will also have our Township planner, Ed Sneickus, present to address any planning-related questions you may have. You will have the opportunity to ask questions. We are allotting one hour for remarks by me and my administration and one hour for questions and comments.

In order that we adequately plan for this event, I ask that you contact my office to advise via email at partroymayorsoffice@parsippany.net or by phone at 973-263-4297 to confirm your attendance.

We are truly blessed to live in the greatest democracy ever conceived in human history. But democracy is not a spectator sport. It requires an active and informed citizenry to be successful. I urge you to be an active participant in our democracy – right here in Parsippany – and attend our Town Hall meeting. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on March 22nd.

Sincerely

James R. Barberio
Mayor