
From: John Sotir <jgsotir@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 9:27 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: American Constitution

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Shame on your township, you, police, city council, city attorney,

Pure un-American action - you are shameless tyrants

From: Rich S <rjs0234@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 8:51 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.org
Subject: The Flag, U.S. Constitution, and other props

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

It is an affront to the residents of Edison and the citizens of this nation that Edison Township Council President Patel would seek to ban American flags and copies of the U.S. Constitution from council meetings. Throughout the centuries many Americans have fought and died defending the values of liberty and justice that that Flag represents. Apparently none of Mr. Patel's ancestors were among those Americans.

Without the the rights established by the Bill of Rights and U.S. Constitution Mr. Patel and his family would not even have been able to come to America. He would not be president of the Edison Township Council.

That disgraceful act of anti-Americanism, besides embarrassing Edison nation-wide, will not stand. Patel has brought shame upon himself. His act of anti-patriotic petulance was actually quite stupid - as it will no doubt ultimately bring to an end his tenure as council president and will foreclose any future possibility of him, and those who publicly support him, in serving in elected government.

Americans could more easily abide someone who uses the Flag as a prop than someone who spits on it.

Sincerely,
Richard Sautner

From: Hank Hohenstein <hankhohenstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 2:45 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: American Flag

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Good Evening Mr. Mayor,

Recently, I read that a member of the Township Council proposed removal of the American flag and other 'props' from Council chambers.

Is that true?

I have copied this from your official Website: "This history of Edison, however, is more than a collection of facts and figures, chronologies of events and even a rich inventory of historic sites and buildings. It is a rich and varied legacy of the people groups, institutions and organizations that have helped form the community into what it is today."

That is a commendable statement. Folks from a wide variety of people groups have migrated from their homes in foreign lands to move to America for a better life. That migration has been going on for 340 years and for 250 of those years the American flag was symbolic of why these folks had undertaken such a journey, often filled with uncertainty. My family was among them. They did not reside in Edison, but were just up the highway in the Passaic/Clifton area. Perhaps your family as well was among one of those migrating people groups. Perhaps the symbolism was important to them as well.

My roommate at Rutgers (NB), Don Duncan '54 gave his life in defense of the US while serving in the Air Force. I know the symbolism of the American flag was important to him.

It seems to me that a ban on the American flag and other 'props' is contrary to the hopes and dreams of so many folks who migrated to Edison and its neighboring communities.

If the ban is true, I would encourage it to be reconsidered after there has been extended public input so you may honor all the folks who participated in the numerous waves of folks who came to America for peace, freedom and opportunity.

Thank you, hank

Hank Hohenstein, OFS
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hankhohenstein@gmail.com

From: Mark Parks <mparks4340@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 12:59 PM
To: help@edisonnj.gov
Subject: The constitution

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Having a member of the public removed from a town meeting by jackboot thugs looks really great for your township. Having uneducated council members and stupid attorneys helping you pass unconstitutional items in committee is also stupid. You should prepare for the multitude of federal lawsuits that you deserve.
Sent from my iPad

From: Brenda Eagle <brendaeagle716@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 11:30 AM
To: MayorJoshi; Patel, Nishith; Shmuel, Asaf; Harris, Margot; Brescher, Richard; Poyner, John; jcoyle@edisonnj.gov; apatil@edisonnj.gov
Subject: Re: Town Council Meetings - Public Speaking Time

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Dear Mayor Joshi,

I am writing to follow up on my email sent on September 10th regarding the proposal by Town Council members to limit public participation in Town Council meetings.

I am disappointed that my previous emails have not been acknowledged. The lack of responsiveness from the office to residents' concerns is deeply concerning.

Furthermore, the recent conduct of Town Council meetings has been increasingly unprofessional. Such behavior is disrespectful to taxpayers and undermines the democratic process. There are other ways to hold productive meetings without limiting the residents as opposed to the bad actors. Given the large population of our town, the council has a responsibility to ensure that all attendees are given a fair opportunity to be heard. The constant low turnout is a red flag, indicating a potential lack of engagement from the broader community you serve.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed limitations on public participation and to commit to fostering open and transparent communication with the community.

I would be grateful for your perspective on this issue and hope for a timely response.

Regards,

Brenda Eagle

Edison Tax Payer

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 11:35 AM Brenda Eagle <brendaeagle716@gmail.com> wrote:

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I would be grateful for your perspective on this proposal. Your insights on this issue is appreciated since the topic is on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Brenda Eagle

Clara Barton Resident

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,
Brenda Eagle
Clara Barton Resident

From: McCray, Marlena </O=EDISONTWP/OU=EXTERNAL (FYDIBOHF25SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=9DF4A4D6BA9A4013A8927765FC57F931>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:35 PM
To: Alves-Viveiros, Sonia; Alicea, Chelsea; Berlen, Carol; Burns, Michael; Checchio, Trisha; Diehl, Robert; Ginda, Alex; Joshi, Sam; Lack, Harlynn; Leary, Catriona; Mcavoy, Mary; Minchello, David; Nutter, Robyn; Rainone, Lou; Bignell, Hank; Bushell, Christiaan; DeRoberts, Ken; Fircha, Joyce; Jimenez, JoAnn; Patel, Nima; Poerio, Raymond; Smith, Robert; Vallejo, Lina; Watkins, Matt; Barocas, Sheryl; Bayne, Nicholas; Brescher, June; Bryan, Thomas; Brzozowski, Andrew; Chaudhry, Ashley; D'Amato, Michael; Edwards, Tashyna; Fragasso, Elizabeth; Freda, Roger; Gerba, Jason; Gomez, Darlene; Jimenez, JoAnn; Kennedy-Grant, Tashana; Ligato, Dana; Mayerowitz, Jeffrey; Mcavoy, Mary; McFee, Joan; Methasani, Suzana; Milazzo, Iwona; Morado, Joann; Morris, Lorraine; Musarra, Amanda; Overton, Jermaine; Petro, Maryann; Piccirillo, Brian; Rinaldi, Brenda; Scalero, Gloria; Shah, Binal; Smoltino, Kelly; Strodt, James; Tax Collector E-Mail; TaxCollectorOffice; Thompson, Dawn; Toth, Andrew; Vesce, Laura; Wright, Shalonda; Augustine, Cassandra; Ruggiero, Rachel
Cc: Russomanno, Cheryl
Subject: R.668-112024 -- Schedule of Meetings 2025
Attachments: image001.png; R.668-112024 (c).pdf

Find attached the 2025 Council Schedule of Meeting.



Marlena McCray

Deputy Municipal Clerk
Clerk's Office | Township of Edison
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From: D E <transatlantic19@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 3:41 PM
To: DiNuzzo, Daniel
Cc: MayorJoshi; Toth, Andrew
Subject: Re: Diwali Festival - Red Flag Warnings
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg

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Captain DiNuzzo,

Thank you for your timely response and addressing my concerns. I appreciate your feedback.

Have a great rest of your week!

On Thu, Oct 24, 2024 at 3:28 PM DiNuzzo, Daniel <DDiNuzzo@edisonfd.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please be assured that the Edison Township, the Edison Division of Fire, and the Edison Fire Prevention Bureau understand the state warnings regarding the current drought conditions. Also, be advised we are working closely with the NJ Division of Fire Safety to minimize the risk to the public during this time.

In addition, the Township Diwali Event on 10/26/2024 will not be utilizing fireworks.

Thank you,

Daniel DiNuzzo

Captain

Fire Prevention

Edison Division of Fire

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Edison NJ 08817

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732-609-4882 (mobile)

732-248-7555 (fax)

ddinuzzo@edisonfd.org



From: D E <transatlantic19@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 12:54 PM

To: DiNuzzo, Daniel <DDiNuzzo@edisonfd.org>; MayorJoshi <MayorJoshi@edisonnj.gov>

Subject: Diwali Festival - Red Flag Warnings

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Good Afternoon Captain DiNuzzo and Mayor Joshi,

I hope all is well. I'm writing with concern regarding our current Red Flag warnings and the worst drought we've had in recent years. I understand the Diwali festival is coming up and that it is one of the biggest festivals of the year for Edison. This is considered the "Festival of Light" and I know that fireworks, floating fire lights, etc. are a huge part of this festival celebration. I'm greatly concerned about the fire risks regarding this event and wanted to reach out to ensure there's procedures in place to stop the usual fire celebrations as we're located extremely close to the festival's location. Myself, and my surrounding neighbors, have expressed great concern regarding this and fire risk potential.

Please let me know if my concerns should be forwarded to someone else, as I'm unsure of who was the right person(s) to contact regarding this matter.

I truly appreciate your time and assistance!

Sincerely,

Theresa E.

Edison Resident

From: DiNuzzo, Daniel </O=EDISONPS/OU=EXTERNAL (FYDIBOHF25SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EC0CDA5DF0C94C9CB5F9BD8859AB043E>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 3:29 PM
To: D E; MayorJoshi
Cc: Toth, Andrew
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Thank you,

Daniel DiNuzzo

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To: DiNuzzo, Daniel <DDiNuzzo@edisonfd.org>; MayorJoshi <MayorJoshi@edisonnj.gov>
Subject: Diwali Festival - Red Flag Warnings

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Theresa E.
Edison Resident

From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:30 AM
To: Jill Golden
Subject: Nicaraguan Flag Raising Invite
Attachments: image.png; Updated 2024_PGA_NicaraguanFlagRaising_Invite_.pdf

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Good morning,

Please see below and attached:

THE BOARD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

2024
**Nicaraguan Flag
Raising Ceremony**
MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ

Friday, October 25 | 5 PM

Middlesex County Administration Building
75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

RSVP to Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us


MIDDLESEX
COUNTY • NJ

Jill Golden

Aide to County Commissioner Charles Kenny

Board of County Commissioners

Administration

75 Bayard Street

New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

732-354-2279

[Jill.Golden@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us)

From: Alves-Viveiros, Sonia </O=EDISONTWP/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=94428C11C45247CFAD0319BC5CF45E8D-ALVES-VIVEIROS>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Rainone, Lou (External); Rainone, Lou; Diehl, Robert; Leary, Catriona; Joshi, Sam; 'Michael Burns'
Subject: FW: Mask mandate at council meetings
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, MPA, QPA

Business Administrator
Township of Edison
Municipal Building
100 Municipal Blvd.
Edison, NJ 08817-3302
Tel. 732-248-7298



From: Nill, Jessica <JNill@edisonnj.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Alves-Viveiros, Sonia <SAlves-Viveiros@edisonnj.gov>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.gov>; Rainone, Lou (External) <lrainone@njrcmlaw.com>
Cc: Municipal Clerk <clerk@edisonnj.gov>
Subject: FW: Mask mandate at council meetings

We received the below correspondence which is not an OPRA, please see below.



Jessica Nill

Clerk's Office | Township of Edison
P: 732-248-7350
F: 732-248-3738
E: jnill@edisonnj.gov

From: Steven Wronko <wronko@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:03 PM

To: EDISON POLICE OPRA <policeopra@edisonpd.org> <policeopra@edisonpd.org>; OPRA <OPRA@edisonnj.gov>; Patel, Nishith <NPatel@edisonnj.gov>

Cc: Harris, Margot <MHarris@edisonnj.gov>; Brescher, Richard <RBrescher@edisonnj.gov>; Coyle, Joseph <JCoyle@edisonnj.gov>; Patil, Ajay <APatil@edisonnj.gov>; Poyner, John <JPoyner@edisonnj.gov>; Shmuel, Asaf <AShmuel@edisonnj.gov>

Subject: Mask mandate at council meetings

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Edison Town Council
100 Municipal Boulevard
Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Members of the Edison Town Council,

I am writing to formally demand that the Edison Town Council immediately cease and desist from enforcing the policy that requires members of the public to remove their masks while speaking at public meetings. This policy is not only a violation of public health guidelines but also infringes upon the constitutional rights of individuals attending these meetings.

The policy in question is in direct conflict with established case law and constitutional protections. Specifically, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the refusal to wear a mask during a public health emergency does not constitute protected speech under the First Amendment (Falcone v. Freehold Township Board of Education, 2024)¹. This ruling underscores that while individuals may voice their opposition to mask mandates through various means, disobeying a masking requirement is not protected by the Constitution.

Furthermore, the Kentucky Court of Appeals in Campbell County Board of Education v. Ken Moellman, Sr. (2023) found that imposing mask requirements as a condition for attending public meetings violates open meetings laws, which state that no condition other than those required for the maintenance of order shall apply to the attendance of any member of the public at any meeting of a public agency². This precedent clearly indicates that the Edison Town Council's policy is unlawful.

In light of these legal precedents, I urge the Edison Town Council to immediately revoke the policy requiring the removal of masks while speaking at public meetings. Failure to do so will result in further legal action to protect the constitutional rights of the public and ensure compliance with established laws.

I look forward to your prompt response and the immediate cessation of this unlawful policy.

Semper Fidelis,

Steven Wronko

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Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Soltesz, John
Cc: Joshi, Sam; Leary, Catriona; Bignell, Hank; Leary, Pattie; Piccirillo, Brian; Diehl, Robert
Subject: Mandatory Meetings
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

John,

Regards,
Sonia

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, MPA, QPA
Business Administrator
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Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Jill Golden
Subject: Polish Flag Raising Invite
Attachments: image.png; 2024_PGA_PolishFlagRaising_Invite.pdf

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Good morning,

Attached and below please find the invite to our upcoming Flag Raising to Celebrate the Polish Community of Middlesex County.



The graphic is a promotional flyer for a Polish Flag Raising Ceremony. The top half has a green background with white text and a white stylized 'M' logo. The text reads: 'THE BOARD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR 2024 Polish Flag Raising Ceremony MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ'. The bottom half has a white background with green text and a Polish flag. The text reads: 'Friday, October 4 | 6 PM', 'Middlesex County Administration Building 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901', 'RSVP to Jill Golden jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us', and the 'MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ' logo.

THE BOARD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

2024
**Polish Flag
Raising Ceremony**
MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ

Friday, October 4 | 6 PM

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RSVP to Jill Golden
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Jill Golden

Aide to County Commissioner Charles Kenny
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Jill.Golden@co.middlesex.nj.us

From: Brenda Eagle <brendaeagle716@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 11:35 AM
To: MayorJoshi
Subject: [Possible SPAM] Re: Town Council Meetings - Public Speaking Time

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,
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Clara Barton Resident

From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Jill Golden
Subject: Guatemalan Flag Raising Invite
Attachments: image.png; 2024_PGA_GuatemalaFlagRaising_Invite.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached and below invite to our upcoming Guatemalan Flag Raising.



THE BOARD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

2024
**Guatemalan Flag
Raising Ceremony**
MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ

Friday, September 20 | 5 pm

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Clara Barton Resident

From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Jill Golden
Subject: Mexican Flag Raising Invite
Attachments: image.png; Updated_2024_PGA_MexicanFlagRaising_Invite.pdf

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Good morning,

Please see below and attached invite to the upcoming Mexican Flag Raising.



THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

2024
**Mexican
Flag Raising**
MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ

Friday, September 13 | 5-7 pm

Middlesex County Administration Building
75 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

RSVP to Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us



All the best,

Jill Golden

Aide to County Commissioner Charles Kenny
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Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 2:38 PM
To: Rainone, Lou (External); Aaron Rainone; Burns, Michael; Joshi, Sam; Diehl, Robert
Subject: FW: Notice of Claim - Christo Makropoulos/Edison FILE: 2025341720
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; Notice of Claim - Christo Makropoulos.pdf; Summit Risk referral form.pdf

FYI

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, MPA, QPA

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From: Susan Lovett <susan.lovett@qual-lynx.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 2:20 PM
To: New Fund Claim <newfundclaim@summitrisk.com>
Cc: ivers@summitrisk.com; Richard Pevner (Summit Risk Services) <pevner@summitrisk.com>; Jeremy Solomon <jsolomon@bobsmithandassociates.com>; jhrubash@permainc.com; Bradford Stokes <bstokes@permainc.com>; rwalcoff@permainc.com; Alves-Viveiros, Sonia <SAlves-Viveiros@edisonnj.gov>; Rainone, Lou <LRainone@edisonnj.gov>; McCray, Marlena <MMcCray@edisonnj.gov>; Mcavoy, Mary <MMcavoy@edisonnj.gov>; Kathleen Kissane <kathleen.kissane@qual-lynx.com>
Subject: Notice of Claim - Christo Makropoulos/Edison FILE: 2025341720

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Good afternoon. This is a recurrent claimant with a history of claims, usually against the police department. The Township's adopted tort claim form was supplied to him in response to this Notice of Claim and has not yet been returned. Since this claim involves alleged rights violations of an OPMA meeting against Township Council, we are sending a copy to you in the event he does pursue the claim, and his allegations/pleadings would also need to be reviewed under the POL coverage handled by Summit Risk.

Thank you.

Susan Lovett
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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 3:38 PM
To: term-forward-anne.froio@qual-lynx.com <anne.froio@qual-lynx.com>
Cc: Rainone, Lou <LRainone@edisonnj.gov>; BTrelease@njrcmlaw.com; Mcavoy, Mary <MMcavoy@edisonnj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Notice of Claim - Christo Makropoulos

See attached

- Claim sent to Township (Not on Notice of Claim Form)
- Notice of Claim letter sent to Claimant



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To: sjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: [Possible SPAM] Reminder: Brian Clancy shared "HUNGARIAN FLAG RAISING 2024" with you

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Hi there,

In case you missed it, Brian Clancy (bclancy@edisonnj.gov) shared
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Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 11:21 AM
To: All Edison Township
Subject: Hungarian Flag Raising Ceremony- Today August 20th, 2024 at 2:00pm.
Attachments: image001.png

Good morning,

Please join us this afternoon at 2:00pm in front of Town Hall for our Hungarian Flag Raising Ceremony.

Thank you,



Chelsea Alicea
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From: Sara Sharp <sharpiesara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 8:09 PM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: [Possible SPAM] Mask Bans

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Dear Mayor Joshi,

I am writing to you because I am a member of the Edison community and a constituent concerned about mask bans that are spreading throughout the country.

Mask bans are a dangerous violation of our rights. We need mask requirements in healthcare, not mask bans, which will make public spaces even more unsafe and inaccessible, especially to those who are immunocompromised.

Masks can be worn for various reasons, including protecting oneself and others from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections. As we wrap up the summer and head into the fall and winter, COVID and other respiratory infections will likely spike. Masks are needed and should be encouraged for everyone to prevent the spread of disease.

Mask bans have the potential to lead to the dangerous spread of diseases as well as the dangerous rise of fascism where we are told what we can and cannot wear. We all have the right to protect ourselves from both of these harms.

I urge you to not only reject any form of mask bans but work to keep ableism, COVID-19, and fascism out of the Edison community.

Thank you for your time,
Sara Sharp

From: John Egbert <icecreamkid72@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 10:15 PM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.org
Subject: [Possible SPAM] Wearing a mask to speak is expressive!

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Commenting while wearing a mask has (obvious) effect and relays feelings that are expressed by the commentator. Oh, lord, you'll be paying this man someday. Poor taxpayers.

From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Jill Golden
Cc: Stephen Dalina; Samantha Perez
Subject: Lebanese Flag Raising Invite
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Friday, August 2 | 5 PM

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75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

RSVP by July 29 to Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us




Jill Golden

Aide to County Commissioner Charles Kenny
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75 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
732-354-2279
Jill.Golden@co.middlesex.nj.us

From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 1:28 PM
To: Jill Golden
Subject: Jamaican Flag Raising
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Friday, July 26 | 5:00 pm

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RSVP to Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us



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From: Pradip (Peter) Kothari <peter@quicktravelinc.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:14 PM
To: Samip Joshi; Hon. Mayor of Edison Samip Joshi
Cc: Mary McAvoy Assistant to Mayor of Edison
Subject: Fwd: India's 75th Independence Day and Flag Hoisting Ceremony
Attachments: India's Independence & Flag Hoisting 2021 Front JPG.jpg; India's Independence Day & Flag Hoisting flyer 2021 back JPG.jpg; India's Independence Day 2022 front JPG.jpg; India's Independence Day 2022 Back JPG.jpg

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Dear Hon. Mayor Samip Joshi,

Indo American Cultural Society of USA Inc., cordially invite you as our **Honor Guest** to India's **78th Independence Day Celebration and Flag Hoisting Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024** from **12:00 noon to 4:00 PM** at **Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church, 1295 Oak Tree Road(Public Parking Lot), Iselin, NJ 08830**. Event will consist of **Singing of Patriotic Songs, Colorful Cultural Dances and beautiful Flag Hoisting Ceremony**. For last more than 20 years, **IACS of USA Inc. and the Man Making Group with the cooperation of Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church** have organized this event.

We request your confirmation as early as possible, so we can place your name as our **honor guest** list on our 4 color flyer to distribute in community as well to invite leaders of community leaders and other elected officials. Duration of event will be from **12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, but the best time for your arrival to grace will be from **1:15 PM to 2:00 PM**. Flag hoisting will take place

on or after 2:30 PM. We will appreciate your prompt response to our invitation on or before Wednesday, July 24, 2024, will help us in planning this event properly. **For your information, I have attached our flyers of a past celebration of this event.**

Regards.

Pradip (Peter) Kothari, President.,
Indo American Cultural Society of USA Inc.,
C/O Quick Travel & Insurance,
1655-260 Oak Tree Road,
Edison, NJ 08820.
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Email: peter@quicktravelinc.com

From: Vesce, Laura </O=EDISONTWP/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LAURA POPICKA93>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 4:01 PM
To: Alves-Viveiros, Sonia
Cc: Joshi, Sam; Diehl, Robert
Subject: RE: September 23rd and 25th Meetings
Attachments: image002.png; image003.png

Sonia, I have to check as I promised to babysit my great niece while my niece is on vacation (they have someone during the day but not at night/overnight). Not sure what week in September so I'll reach out to her, find out and let you know.



Laura Vesce

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From: Alves-Viveiros, Sonia <SAlves-Viveiros@edisonnj.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Vesce, Laura <LVesce@edisonnj.gov>
Cc: Joshi, Sam <SJoshi@edisonnj.gov>; Diehl, Robert <RDiehl@edisonnj.gov>
Subject: September 23rd and 25th Meetings

Laura,

I will be away at a conference between September 21st to September 25th. Are you available to do the Workshop and Regular Council meetings that week?

Regards,
Sonia

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, MPA, QPA

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To: Jill Golden
Subject: Colombian Flag Raising Invite
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You are invited.....



Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm

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RSVP by July 14

Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us



Jill Golden

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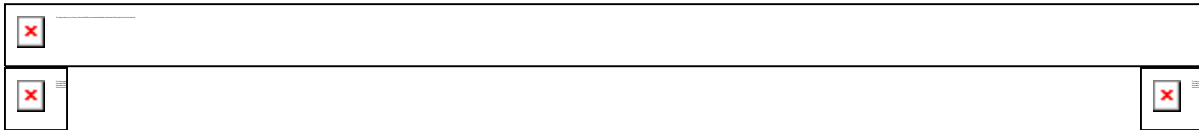
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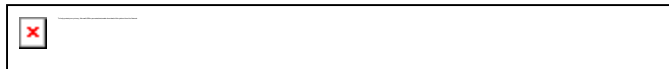
From: Central Jersey <noreply@reply.mycentraljersey.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:03 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: Daily Briefing: Controversy erupts in Sayreville over borough hall Pride flag

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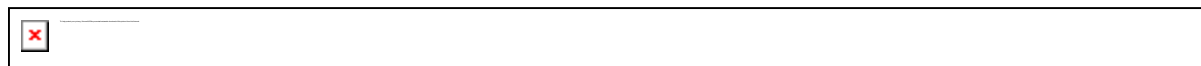


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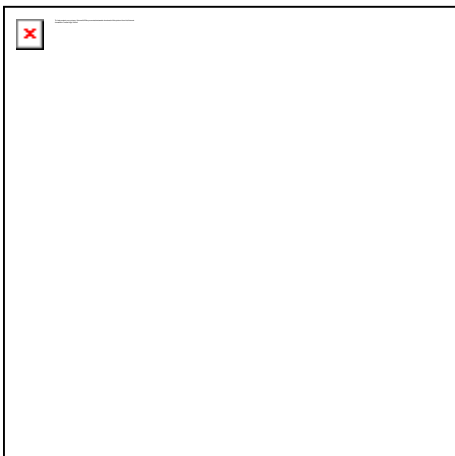
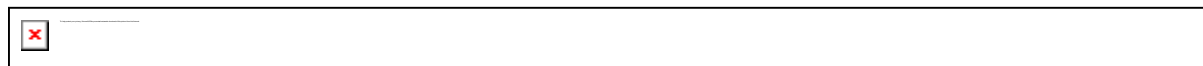


Controversy erupts in Sayreville over borough hall Pride flag



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said the ordinance should settle the controversy over which flags should be mounted on the flagpole.

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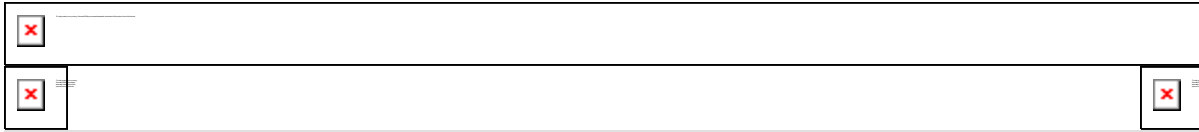


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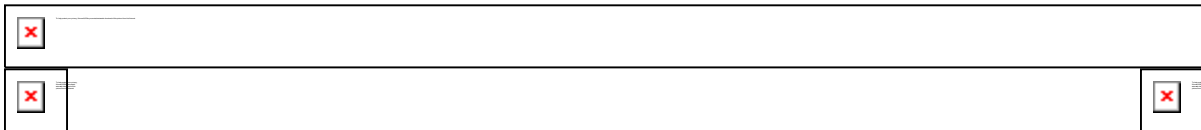
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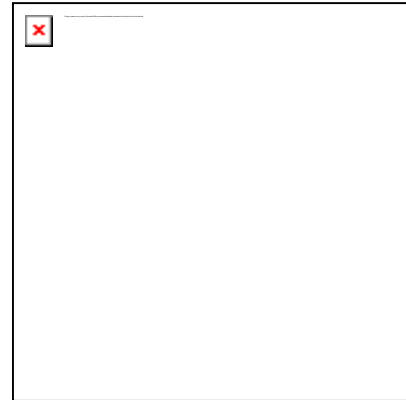
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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:33 PM
To: Harris, Margot
Cc: Joshi, Sam; Diehl, Robert; Rainone, Lou (External); Michael Burns; Leary, Catriona
Subject: RE: Broadcast of meetings to accommodate seniors
Attachments: image001.png

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Subject: Broadcast of meetings to accommodate seniors

Hi all –

Best regards,

Margot Harris
Council Vice President
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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 3:55 PM
To: Joshi, Sam; Diehl, Robert; Alves-Viveiros, Sonia
Subject: Broadcast of meetings to accommodate seniors

Hi all –

I continue to get questions from seniors about the scheduling of the council meetings on Edison TV the current schedule makes absolutely no sense for these seniors, who are dedicated watchers, but who go to bed earlier than 10 or 10:30 PM.

Can you please let us know what the planned corrective measures will be, and when they will take place? This issue is just not going to go away.

Best regards,

Margot Harris
Council Vice President
Township Council | Township of Edison
E: mharris@edisonnj.gov

From: Garden State Equality <hello@gardenstateequality.org>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:04 AM
To: Sam Joshi
Subject: Tell Mayor O'Brien and the Borough Council to fly the Pride Flag from Borough Hall

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Sam,

For the past four years, Sayreville has flown the Pride Flag in front of Borough Hall during the month of June. The flag serves as more than just a colorful piece of fabric; it is a beacon that our borough is one where all are welcome, regardless of what you look like, who you pray to, or who you love. The past four years have felt full of hope and promise. But this year, Mayor O'Brien has decided to hide the flag behind Borough Hall, sending the message Sayreville may not be as welcoming as we know it to be.

We must tell Mayor O'Brien and the Borough Council to fly the Pride Flag from Borough Hall once more so everyone knows Sayreville welcomes everyone.

Tell the Mayor and Council to fly the Pride Flag from Borough Hall!



You can also show your support by attending the Borough Council meeting on June 17 at 7pm. Bring flags, testify, and help show Sayreville is welcomes everyone!

Sayreville Borough Council Meeting (June 2024)

Monday, June 17 • 7pm

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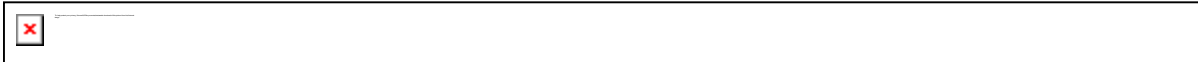
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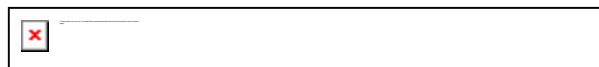
From: jamesd@timeshred.com
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 7:05 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.gov
Subject: Happy Flag Day 2024

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From: Anthony Sposato <30.anthonysposato@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:01 AM
To: mayorjoshi@edisonnj.org; mayor@eastbrunswick.org; //mayorsoffice@perthamboynj.org; mayor@southamboynj.gov; wbmayer@twp.woodbridge.nj.us; mayorwomack@northbrunswicknj.gov; jpalmer@spotswoodboro.com; jbusch@metuchen.com; mayor@helmettaboro.com; efoster@hpboro.com; Mayor.Kramer@franklinnj.gov; sdalina@monroetwp.com
Subject: [Possible SPAM] Fwd: Sayreville Pride Flag
Attachments: image.png; image.png; image.png

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Mayors,

I write to you from Sayreville, NJ, home of Jon Bon Jovi, the Starland Ballroom, a Borough built on the backs of immigrants who toiled on the banks of the Raritan River to create something new, piece by piece, and brick by brick, where members of the LGBTQIA+ community have contributed for years, on the periphery. And I need your help.

For the past four years during Pride Month, Sayreville has proudly flown the Pride Flag on the front of our Borough Hall, a beacon to folks that Sayreville, our Sayreville, is one where all are welcome, regardless of what you look like, who you pray to, or who you love. The past four years have felt full of hope and promise. Many of you have also flown the Pride Flag for your residents, and for that, I cannot thank you enough.

In fact, our Borough Council passed a bipartisan memorialized resolution, stating that “the Pride Flag be allowed to fly **at the Borough Hall Building**...each year for the entire month of June.” I fought hard for the flag to be flown, earning the votes of both Democrats and Republicans to fly the flag year after year. Our late Republican Councilwoman, Eunice Dwumfour, whose memory we hold dearly in our hearts day after day, said this in her vote to support the flying of the Pride Flag:

“Honestly sir, I really, really want to commend your bravery. I’m a pastor, and I’m excited to vote ‘yes’, and I’m proud to say ‘yes’. Because on behalf of God, he represents everyone on the face of this planet, and I’m glad that you came up here, and I’m super excited once again, on the record, to vote ‘yes’. And I don’t have any hesitation with saying this in front of my congregation. Thank you so much, and also, greet your son Gabriel, for me.”

Sounds good, right? Well, enter a new Republican Mayor, Kennedy O’Brien, who took the power entrusted in our Council by the voters, and quietly, outside the public view, enacted a policy for a new flagpole on the far periphery of the property, behind trees and utility poles, out of the eyes of a community whose visibility and representation has been proven to foster community, support families, and save lives. Let me state clearly.

Separate but equal is never equal. Never.

And so, as a husband and a father of an 8-year old, and as a community member who knows that we deserve more than we are being given, I have stood outside Borough Hall each night until sundown, a restoration of visibility, a human flagpole absorbing slurs and epithets screamed from passersby, as the sun sets on another day at the back of the bus. Erasure starts in small ways, and the clawing-back of rights happens in darkness.

I will be addressing Borough Council at its meeting on June 17th, at 167 Main Street in Sayreville. If you’re able to come, please do. Defend your friends, defend your kids, defend equality. Bring your flag, speak at the meeting, and help folks

understand why this is more than just an 8-foot rectangle of fabric. If you are unable to attend, but able to send a statement of support, I will have it read into the record at the meeting.

Garden State Equality, as well as the NJLGBTQ Caucus, have both pledged their support and efforts, by creating this: <https://secure.everyaction.com/xwL4CGHI8EeFhxvkgbrWSw2>

Let us be the light that illuminates a Borough deserving of more.

Our children, their friends, and the parents who love them must know that Sayreville is more than a place for some; we are a place for all, a safe and welcoming Borough that we will continue to protect, defend, and love with everything we have. We are more than our Mayor. We are me, and you, and us. Now we must stand together. Our children are watching us, as they watched you.

With Pride,

Anthony Sposato, Gabe's Dad
732-425-0139



From: Jill Golden <jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us>
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Good morning,

Please see attached and below invite to our upcoming Flag Raising.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US



2024
**Peruvian Flag
Raising Ceremony**
MIDDLESEX COUNTY • NJ

Friday, June 28 | 5 PM

Middlesex County Administration Building
75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

RSVP by June 21 to Jill Golden
jill.golden@co.middlesex.nj.us

Face Masks are optional.



Jill Golden

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