



NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

## Re: OPRA REQUEST

1 message

Kevin Pearce <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 3:11 PM

To: NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

Cc: Al Jardine <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>, Brian Thomas <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>

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## Horn Complaints

1 message

Kevin Pearse <kefkpearse@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 17, 2024 at 8:32 AM

To: Chris Thomas <cfdthomas@gmail.com>, Rich Maher <rmaher@neptunecitynj.com>

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E: kefkpearse@gmail.com

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To: NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 9:31 AM

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From: <prenee@neptunecitynj.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 2:36 PM

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### 8 attachments



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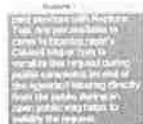
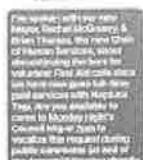
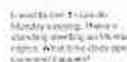
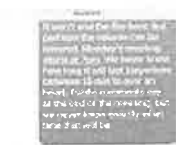
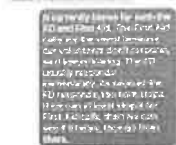


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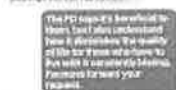




The problem is the road.  
Roads, they aren't in touch.



I agree with you on this one.



I appreciate that (thumbs up)

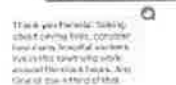
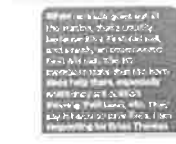


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Yesterday 7:06 PM

Hi Pamela and happy new year! Reaching out to follow up about the horn blaring unnecessarily at the towns people. Twice just now in under 5 minutes such a public nuisance. Looking forward to a solution that makes for peaceful living in Neptune City.

Today 10:25 AM

I've spoken with our new Mayor, Rachel McGreevy, & Brian Thomas, the new Chair of Human Services, about discontinuing the horn for volunteer First Aid calls since we have now gone full-time paid services with Neptune Twp. Are you available to come to Monday night's Council Mtg at 7pm to vocalize this request during public comments (at end of the Agenda)? Hearing directly

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It won't end the fire horn, but perhaps the volume can be lowered. Monday's meeting starts at 7pm. We never know how long it will last (anywhere between 15 min to over an hour). Public comments are at the end of the meeting, but we never know exactly what time that will be.

**The fire horn is the main issue, they sound it so much**

It currently blares for both the FD and First Aid. The First Aid calls are the worst because our volunteers don't respond, so it keeps blaring. The FD usually responds immediately. As soon as the FD responds, the horn stops. If we can at least stop it for First Aid calls, then we can see if it helps, then go from there.

**I appreciate your efforts on**

I appreciate your efforts on this but respectfully, I both are a nuisance and fire blares most often. The fire team uses an app called I Respond to call the volunteers and functioned fully without the horn for a glorious two months of peace this fall. Turning one off is nice but consider that there are deaf fire volunteers on our team that no matter the volume will never respond to the horn. It's a system that does not work and harms those who are inundated by it. If we do it, we should do it across the board and improve the full system

The FD says it's beneficial to them, but I also understand how it diminishes the quality of life for those who have to live with it constantly blaring. I'm move forward your request.

I so appreciate that Pamela. I

I so appreciate that Pamela. I want to ask how is it beneficial and in what ways can we meet that need that does not also alarm the entire town.

I've been documenting the noise and observe that the horn does not call FD to arrive, it is often being blown when no one responds and no truck comes out of the station or runs as they are leaving the station. Looking forward to seeing it end completely, thank you for your help

When no truck goes out of the station, that's usually because it's a First Aid call, and usually an unanswered First Aid call. The FD members state that the horn does help them, especially when they are outside mowing their lawn, etc. They say it helps to save lives. I am requesting for Brian Thomas

to revisit it all with them  
though.

There are two different sounds so it's not as simple as it being first aide. The oohaahs are first aide, that honking horn is fire. The FD horn does not tied fire volunteers and a truck rolling out, it's just what we've seen over the years.

Even if what he said is true- It's just not a reason to alarm a whole town. The fire chief used to claim it was because of an ordinance which once I asked that he please provide it he then changed his tune to there's a need. It's not a strong case to use when the residents and those who work in the city building complain for years about the noise.

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**\*yield**

I agree

I appreciate you!

Thank you! I can't promise anything, but I'm trying to get it resolved.



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Ps a horn can't be heard in the supermarket, at Home Depot or Lowe's or anywhere else the team could be any random time. We deserve a system that works for everyone, appreciate all your effort on this.

True, indeed! You're welcome.

Delivered



NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

## Fwd: Neptune City Town Horn Negatively Affecting Community Well-Being

1 message

**Brian Thomas** <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>  
To: NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 3:32 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brian Thomas** <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>  
Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 12:42 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Neptune City Town Horn Negatively Affecting Community Well-Being  
To: Al Jardine <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John Collado** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 11:21 AM  
Subject: Neptune City Town Horn Negatively Affecting Community Well-Being  
To: bthomas@neptunecitynj.com <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>

Mr Thomas,

I am writing to express my objection regarding the use of our town fire horn. The noise adversely affects the well-being of myself, my household, and our community including first responders. Research supports that loud noise has negative impacts on all populations including first responders and people with disabilities.

On behalf of our community, I ask for your help to support our first responders and our community overall in using new technology to replace and to discontinue the horn. I believe you can help us in this matter so I am calling on you to support the needs of our community. We must save lives effectively and support peaceful enjoyment of our beautiful town.

John Collado

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## Fwd: Noise pollution- we deserve peace in Neptune City

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From: **Brian Thomas** <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>  
Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 10:25 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Noise pollution- we deserve peace in Neptune City  
To: Al Jardine <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Suzanne Collado** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 10:23 AM  
Subject: Noise pollution- we deserve peace in Neptune City  
To: <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>

Council person Thomas,

I am writing on behalf of myself, our household, and our community. We support our first responders in transforming the ineffective and harmful blaring town horn into an up to date system that gives responders the needed information to support our communities and peace for everyone in our communities.

Blaring horns harm everyone. Responders are shown to have worse response due to loud sirens. There is decades of proven scientific research showing the harmfulness of noise and the negative effect noise pollution has on people. From damaging hearing and hearing loss to causing cardiac events, stress, cognitive impairment and more, town administrators must listen to the outcry of the public. We need you to hear our voices and make this town's systems work for everyone.

We say no more horn, we must do better, we say yes to peace for everyone in Neptune City.

Suzanne

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## Fwd: First Aid Horn

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Glen Kocsis <gkocsis@neptunecitynj.com>

Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 9:30 AM

To: NC Clerk <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <prenee@neptunecitynj.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 10:40 AM

Subject: First Aid Horn

To: Brian Thomas <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>, Bob Brown <mayor@neptunecitynj.com>

Cc: Al Jardine <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>

Mayor & Commissioner,

I've been receiving a lot of complaints from residents recently about the annoyance of the First Aid horn blaring repeatedly. As you probably know, it continues to sound if our volunteers do not respond, which is quite disruptive to the residents who live near the horn. It is diminishing their quality of life.

Since we have recently gone to full-time First Aid paid services with Neptune Township, it seems time to stop the horn from blaring for First Aid calls. As long as Neptune Township is contracted to immediately respond to calls, then it seems useless to blare our horn any more.

Please discuss with everyone involved as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Pamela

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Suzanne >

Good morning Pamela,  
Sunday morning by that  
terrible noise of the fire horn.  
Three times today so far!

It's puzzling. How is there  
always a need for alarms at  
the same time each week?  
There's not likely a true call at  
the same time during church  
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Wishing us all a peaceful day and life in Neptune city!

Today 12:24 PM



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Email chain.

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Date: Wed, Jan 10, 2024 at 6:26 PM

Subject: Re: Firehouse Horn Blaring

To: Brian Thomas <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>

Cc: Kevin Pearse <[REDACTED]>, Al Jardine <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>, Bob Brown <mayor@neptunecitynj.com>

Thank you for your replies. I apologize for not having seen these emails sooner, and I also apologize for speaking out of my lane regarding this topic at Monday night's council meeting.

Sincerely,

Pamela

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2024, at 12:59 PM, Brian Thomas <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com> wrote:

Thank you Councilmember Renee and Chief for responding.

Pamela, thank you for speaking with the resident and sharing their thoughts.

This is something we can look into (possibly altering alarms), but I don't want to speak without having all the information pertaining to overall safety liabilities for the community as well as speaking with the Chief and Captain Latshaw. From my knowledge, the FD's horn sounds infrequently; however, we will absolutely discuss with the First Responders directly to get their input.e. Please feel free to share with the resident(s) that we will be meeting to discuss soon.

- BT

On Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 6:27 PM Kevin Pearse <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Good evening,

I would first like to start off with Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone enjoyed their New Year Day activities. Thank you for being apart of an amazing, memorable day for my family and I at the Borough of Neptune City.

Regarding this email, reading all the conversations (complaints) that were attached ,I do see the frustration of the people in your conversations. I would like to see if we could find a solution. I believe this matter has been going on before my Fire Department Chief year. Prior to speaking/commenting on this I will be reaching out to Ex-Chief Chris Thomas as well to O.E.M Director Richard Maher, to obtain information on this subject.

In conclusion, I do respect the concerns and complaints of the residents of the Borough. We will all work together with trying to make progress. Thank you for reading my email. Speak to you soon.

Respectfully,  
Neptune City Fire Department  
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## Subject: Re: Horn Complaints



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to Rich Maher, Al Jardine, Kevin Pearse, NC Clerk

Sat, Feb 17, 9:16 AM (4 days)

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## Subject: Re: Draft Email



**Rachel McGreevy** <mayor@neptunecitynj.com>  
to Al Jardine

Tue, Feb 6, 5:5

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perfect.

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 5:12 PM Al Jardine <[ajardine@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:ajardine@neptunecitynj.com)> wrote:

Please let me know what you think of this draft email to send to Chief Quagliato as discussed about the FA horn can include Councilman Thomas and also see that we follow up again with the FA to set up a meeting but also notify them of these intentions as soon as we have a timeframe.

"Chief,

When you have a moment can you reach out to the radio techs to see if we can get the tone for the first aid on the horn deactivated and what the estimated timeframe for what this would be. While we are waiting to speak with them to determine their level of reliance on the system we would like to deactivate it as most of the time it is on we are covered by Neptune so long as you do not see this being an issue. We for the time being will leave the fire as is (but maybe in the future explore options to lessen the impact felt by residents in the nearby area) as they are maintaining it is a resource they still utilize. Thank you for your assistance with this matter."

**Albert S. Jardine**

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Subject: Re: Siren

Wed, Feb 7, 3:5



**Quagliato, Matthew** <mquagliato@neptunecitypolice.org>

to Al Jardine, Brian Thomas, Rachel McGreevy

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**Matthew J. Quagliato, Chief of Police**  
**Neptune City Police Department**  
**106 W. Sylvania Ave**  
**Neptune City, NJ 07753**  
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On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 3:50 PM Al Jardine <[ajardine@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:ajardine@neptunecitynj.com)> wrote:

Thank you very much. When they let you know when they're coming please let me know. Thanks again!

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# Subject: Fwd: Internal review of OPRA request - Neptune City Noise Pollution Town Horn



**NC Clerk** <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>  
to Brian Thomas, Al Jardine

Tue, Feb 6, 9:5

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An update to the information that was distributed yesterday regarding the OPRA request for horn useage

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Date: Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 9:49 AM  
Subject: Internal review of OPRA request - Neptune City Noise Pollution Town Horn  
To: NC Clerk <[clerk@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:clerk@neptunecitynj.com)>

Dear NC Clerk,

We eagerly await the information requested and have received none but an extension that included factual inaccuracies on the timing of this request demonstrating a lack of attention regarding the seriousness required in the process in gathering the requested information while our community continues to suffer under blaring horns.

Yours peacefully,

PINC

-----Original Message-----

Please see the attached response letter requesting an extension of time until March 1, 2024.

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## Subject: OPRA Requets

Mon, Feb 5, 1



**NC Clerk** <clerk@neptunecitynj.com>  
to Brian Thomas, Al Jardine

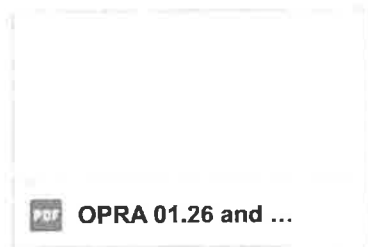
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Please see the attached two OPRA requests received regarding the town horn.

Thank you,  
Corinne

Corinne DiCorcia Williams, RMC  
Borough Clerk  
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Neptune City, New Jersey 07753  
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# Subject: Fwd: Neptune City Town Horn Negatively Affecting Community Well-Being



**Brian Thomas** <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>

to Al Jardine

Mon, Feb 5, 1

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From: **John Collado** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 11:21 AM

Subject: Neptune City Town Horn Negatively Affecting Community Well-Being

To: [bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com) <[bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com)>

Mr Thomas,

I am writing to express my objection regarding the use of our town fire horn. The noise adversely affects the well-being of myself, my household, and our community including first responders. Research supports that loud noise has negative impacts on all populations including first responders and people with disabilities.

On behalf of our community, I ask for your help to support our first responders and our community overall in using technology to replace and to discontinue the horn. I believe you can help us in this matter so I am calling on you to support the needs of our community. We must save lives effectively and support peaceful enjoyment of our beautiful town.

John Collado

--

Brian J. Thomas

Councilman

Borough of Neptune City

732-556-8519(c)

[bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com)

# Subject: Fwd: Noise pollution- we deserve peace in Neptune City



**Brian Thomas** <bthomas@neptunecitynj.com>  
to Al Jardine

Mon, Feb 5, 11

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From: **Suzanne Collado** <[suzanne.collado@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:suzanne.collado@neptunecitynj.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 10:23 AM  
Subject: Noise pollution- we deserve peace in Neptune City  
To: <[bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com)>

Council person Thomas,

I am writing on behalf of myself, our household, and our community. We support our first responders in transformir ineffective and harmful blaring town horn into an up to date system that gives responders the needed information t support our communities and peace for everyone in our communities.

Blaring horns harm everyone. Responders are shown to have worse response due to loud sirens. There is decade proven scientific research showing the harmfulness of noise and the negative effect noise pollution has on people. damaging hearing and hearing loss to causing cardiac events, stress, cognitive impairment and more, town administrators must listen to the outcry of the public. We need you to hear our voices and make this town's system for everyone.

We say no more horn, we must do better, we say yes to peace for everyone in Neptune City.

Suzanne

--

Brian J. Thomas  
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[bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com)

## Subject: Opera Request

Mon, Jan 29,



**Kevin Pearse** [redacted]

to Al Jardine, Brian Thomas, Rich Maher

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Good afternoon,

As you know, I have received an opera request on 01/26/2024, regarding the outside siren/horn. I will be working on getting this information. If you haven't already, please read it over. Any input please kindly reach out to me.

Thank you,

Kevin

## Subject: Fire / First Aid Horn



**Al Jardine** <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>  
to Dan Harker, R Reynolds

Thu, Jan 25,

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Hello,

So might be getting ahead of myself here as I await on what the final outcome will be, but just thinking ahead. If there to be changes made with the horn do we have someone that we use to service it and that can make changes I guess the programming if deemed necessary? Just want to be sure whenever it is decided we are ready to go or see if we want to start looking for someone.

**Albert S. Jardine**

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## Subject: Re: Firehouse Horn Blaring

Wed, Jan 10, 6:21



**prenee@neptunecitynj.com**

to Brian Thomas, Kevin Pearse, Al Jardine, Bob Brown

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Thank you for your replies. I apologize for not having seen these emails sooner, and I also apologize for speaking of my lane regarding this topic at Monday night's council meeting.

Sincerely,

Pamela

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2024, at 12:59 PM, Brian Thomas <[bthomas@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:bthomas@neptunecitynj.com)> wrote:

Thank you Councilmember Renee and Chief for responding.

Pamela, thank you for speaking with the resident and sharing their thoughts.

This is something we can look into (possibly altering alarms), but I don't want to speak without having all the information pertaining to overall safety liabilities for the community as well as speaking with the Chief and Captain Latshaw. From my knowledge, the FD's horn sounds infrequently; however, we will absolutely discuss with the First Responders directly to get their input. Please feel free to share with the resident(s) that we will be meeting to discuss soon.

- BT

On Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 6:27 PM Kevin Pearse <[kevin.pearse@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:kevin.pearse@neptunecitynj.com)> wrote:

Good evening,

I would first like to start off with Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone enjoyed their New Year Day activities. Thank you for being apart of an amazing, memorable day for my family and I at the Borough of Neptune City.

Regarding this email, reading all the conversations (complaints) that were attached, I do see the frustration of the people in your conversations. I would like to see if we could find a solution. I believe this matter has been going on before my Fire Department Chief year. Prior to speaking/commenting on this I will be reaching out to Ex-Chief Chris Thomas as well to O.E.M Director Richard Maher, to obtain information on this subject.

Subject: Fwd: [Neptune City, NJ] Fire & EMT sirens (Sent by Liz Gensemer  
elizabethbboyd@gmail.com)



prenee@neptunecitynj.com

to Bob Brown, Brian Thomas, Kevin Pearce, Al Jardine

Wed, Jan 3, 3:11

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**To:** prenee <[prenee@neptunecitynj.com](mailto:prenee@neptunecitynj.com)>  
**Subject:** [Neptune City, NJ] Fire & EMT sirens (Sent by Liz Gensemer,  
[elizabethbboyd@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbboyd@gmail.com))  
**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

Hello prenee,

Liz Gensemer ([REDACTED]) has sent you a message via your contact form  
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Message:

Councilwoman Renee,

I hope you are well. We spoke briefly during your campaign this past fall - my husband Ryan and I are homeowners at [REDACTED] 5 Laurel Ave. We have a one and a half year old daughter and a small dog.

Earlier in the fall, Mayor Wardell made an effort to stop the EMT and Fire sirens from sounding. For a span of a few months, the sirens were no longer active, which was very much appreciated by our family. Within the past few weeks, the sirens have resumed (today, the alarms have sounded 6 times between 8:30am and 1:45pm). It is our understanding that the sirens are not essential for the functioning of EMT and fire services with the concurrent use of digital notifications. The sirens also often make naps challenging for our daughter and upset our dog. We would like to know what steps are necessary to bring this issue forward in hopes of eliminating the use of the sirens.

## Subject: First Aid Horn



**prenee@neptunecitynj.com**

to Brian Thomas, Bob Brown, Al Jardine

Wed, Jan 3, 11

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Mayor & Commissioner,

I've been receiving a lot of complaints from residents recently about the annoyance of the First Aid horn blaring repeatedly. As you probably know, it continues to sound if our volunteers do not respond, which is quite disruptive residents who live near the horn. It is diminishing their quality of life.

Since we have recently gone to full-time First Aid paid services with Neptune Township, it seems time to stop the horn from blaring for First Aid calls. As long as Neptune Township is contracted to immediately respond to calls, then it is useless to blare our horn any more.

Please discuss with everyone involved as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Pamela

## Subject: Volunteer Inquiry

Tue, Aug 29, 2023,



**Al Jardine** <ajardine@neptunecitynj.com>  
to A Wardell

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As mentioned spoke with Suzanne Collado of [REDACTED] who along with expressing wanting the sirens to be taken as a they are a nuisance. She also expressed interest in becoming involved possibly as a member of Shade Tree. number is [REDACTED].

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## Subject: Fire Dept Horn



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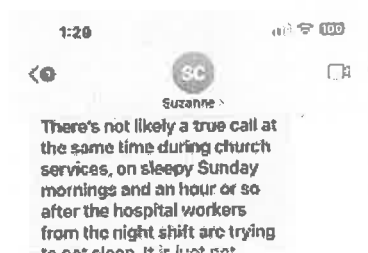
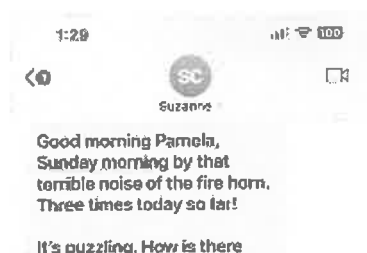
to Brian Thomas, Bob Brown, Al Jardine

Sun, Jan 7,

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Following is another text today that I received regarding the fire dept horn.

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Suzanne >

Good morning Pamela,  
Sunday morning by that  
terrible noise of the fire horn.  
Three times today so far!

It's puzzling. How is there  
always a need for alarms at  
the same time each week?  
There's not likely a true call at  
the same time during church  
services, on sleepy Sunday  
mornings and an hour or so  
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Suzanne >

There's not likely a true call at the same time during church services, on sleepy Sunday mornings and an hour or so after the hospital workers from the night shift are trying to get sleep. It is just not right. It's a pattern that it happens at this hour. It really needs to stop. Enough is enough.

Wishing us all a peaceful day and life in Neptune city!

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