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YOUR BOROUGH PARKS AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Each day as I drive along Chestnut Avenue on my way to and from work, it is so pleasing to see residents both young and old walking, jogging, riding bikes, pushing strollers and even using the exercise equipment. They are all able to take advantage of this recently renovated Borough property. The Merchantville mile has become a great place for residents to be able meet and greet friends and neighbors on a daily basis or perhaps just sit on one of the benches and watch their neighbors go by.

Morrissey Park with its water fountain, flowers, shrubs and benches is also becoming a place of relaxation. Even a little day dreaming for those folks that want to just sit and listen to the sound of water flowing from the fountain is possible. Wellwood and the Community Center Parks with the children's playground equipment, ball fields, volleyball and tennis courts also provide many hours of enjoyment for both young and old. Wellwood Park has become the location of choice for the Borough's Birthday and Memorial Day Celebrations, fall car show and the occasional concert in the park. Having the snack stand and gazebo along with a grassy field, shade trees, softball field and playground equipment all help to make these events a great success.

The reason for providing this information, is that on the November ballot you will be asked to vote for or against a special fund set aside for the preservation of your parks and historic properties. The annual levy of $0.02 will be dedicated only for the maintenance and upkeep of your parks, recreation areas and Borough Historic properties.

Council has been pro-active in obtaining grants from both federal and state agencies that have covered most and in some cases all costs needed for the restoration of the Borough's parks and historic properties. However, there is no guarantee that this funding will be available in the future for those types of projects.

It is because of your ownership, that I ask you to VOTE YES in November approving the $0.02 increase. This is needed to assure that these improvements do not fall back into disrepair and are maintained in the future.

As always please feel free to contact me at mayor@merchantvillenj.gov or 662-2474 ext. 119 with any questions or if you simply wish to schedule a personal meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,

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