



# LINCROFT VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION Inc.

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“A COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR COMMUNITY”

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Middletown Township Committee  
1 Kings Highway  
Middletown, NJ 07748

Dear Middletown Township Committee members,

The Lincroft Village Green Association is aware that Middletown Township is currently negotiating a renewal of its contract with Marpal regarding trash removal. We are writing to ask the township to include two provisions in the contract:

- 1) Truck routes must be established that require Marpal trucks to exclusively use state highways when traveling to and from the county landfill, recycling center and other townships. Basically, truck routes must be established throughout the township that restricts the use of residential roads by heavy trucks as much as possible. Specifically, Marpal trucks must not be allowed to use Middletown-Lincroft/Swimming River Road to enter and exit the township except for local pickups.
- 2) Marpal trucks should not be allowed to enter Middletown Township before 6 AM

A study by The Monmouth County Air and Noise Program Coordinator, William R. Haas, in March 2006, found that, during a one hour period, 61 large trucks used Swimming River Road. Comparable one hour measurements were made at two other, similar county road locations with the following results: at Sycamore Rd/Homestead 22 trucks were counted and at CR537 at Dorbrook Park 12 vehicles were counted. Out of the 61 trucks counted on Swimming River Road, 11 of them were garbage trucks. Sound data indicated that garbage trucks were on average louder than other types of trucks. Out of the 5 loudest trucks measured, 2 of them were garbage trucks.

The State Police recently completed a 3-4 hour truck safety inspection on Swimming River Road. Out of 9 trucks inspected, 6 of the trucks were taken out of service because of safety violations. Two of the drivers were found to be illegal drivers.

The township recently passed an ordinance that sets the time when garbage can be picked up in the morning. This does not prevent the garbage trucks from traveling to their first pickups well before the starting hour. Some trucks enter the township as early as 4 AM.

We ask that Middletown Township act responsibly and establish truck routes and hours for the Marpal truck fleet that services our township.

Sincerely,

Abe Littenberg  
Carol Baker  
Co-presidents