

# OPINION

## TOPIC OF THE DAY

### *Neighborhood noise*



### **Don't expand garbage dump**

The application to expand the Marpal Inc. (Republic Services) dump facility on Wayside Road in Tinton Falls should be denied. The request to expand is to further assault the quality of life of every resident who lives in the area of this facility and every resident who lives along the roads that provide access to this facility. Furthermore, the property values of every homeowner along these roads are compromised by the ever-escalating volume of truck traffic generated by Marpal on these residential neighborhood roads.

Lines of speeding garbage trucks from before 6 a.m. until late in the evening along Wayside Road, Tinton Avenue and Sycamore Avenue in Tinton Falls and Swimming River Road, Middletown-Lincroft Road, Church Street and Kings Highway in Middletown are not conducive to public safety or quality of life. Responsible government, both local and county, should deny any expansion of this facility. Any approval would reek of disregard for anyone or anything except corporate profits.

Marpal exhibits the attitude that because they collect garbage in some of the surrounding communities — for which they are well paid — it exempts them from responsibility for their actions in our communities. Respect for local speed limits is rare or nonexistent. Any expansion proposal would double truck traffic that already roars by our homes at all hours and exacerbate traffic conditions on our already overburdened local roadways.

Area residents are entitled to consideration and quality of life. We did not invest in homes to now find ourselves on the "Gateway to the Marpal Dump." We ask all local and county officials to consider the welfare of our families and our right to quality of life and deny any expansion proposals for this facility.

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