

# TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO

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Dear Neighbors,

In the many communications I have had with residents as your Mayor, and in the presentations and speeches I have made since I took office in 2008, there has been a common thread – that we come together in times of adversity and value and honor the diversity of our community.

Marlboro Township is home to many places of worship that represent a myriad of faiths and beliefs. We have residents of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds in our schools, youth programs, and on local committees – these individuals come together to make up the rich fabric of our town. It gives me great pride to serve as the Mayor of such a diverse community.

However, it is with deep sadness and disappointment that I have become aware of recent incidents in Marlboro involving the demonstration of hate based on this same diversity. As these incidents are under police investigation we cannot disclose details at this time. On November 8<sup>th</sup> our country chose our next President, and while our constitution gives our citizens the right to peacefully make their feelings known, it is with determination and without equivocation that I declare that expressions of bias or intolerance are not welcome in this community. Furthermore, let it be clear that any crimes committed in this regard will be prosecuted under the fullest extent of the law.

I ask you to join with me in opposing such actions -- if you see something, say something. Let's show everyone what makes our community great by speaking out against discrimination in all its forms. If you observe graffiti or witness an incident, whether verbal or physical, I ask you to be proactive. Immediately, call the Marlboro Police at 732-536-0100. Should you wish to report an incident anonymously, call the Marlboro Tip Line at 888-536-1010. If you feel that your own safety, or the public's safety, is at risk, get to a safe place and dial 911.

This weekend is Marlboro's Ninth Annual Multi-Cultural Day. This event began during my first year as your Mayor as a way to celebrate Marlboro's cultural diversity. It has always been a wonderful afternoon filled with song, dance, food and fellowship appropriate for all ages. Please join with me at this free event on Sunday, November 20 from 1-5 pm at Marlboro High School. It is a day which celebrates all that makes Marlboro great. And during these challenging times, it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate that we as a community stand together.

Yours in community,



Mayor Jonathan Hornik