

# A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JONATHAN HORNİK



Dear Resident,

Just a short note to check in with you during these tough times and provide a few updates. We continue to move out of this pandemic, although more slowly than we would like as cases crop up in schools and workplaces. A war is raging in the Ukraine, and gas prices and the cost of groceries are soaring. It has, and continues to be a challenging period in our history, to say the least. All of this is frustrating and exhausting, and I know that it is taking its toll on all of us.

At the local level of government we do not regulate the money supply or provide for defense expenditures, but we do focus on improving the quality of life in our town. That is why we recently put forth a budget plan that maintains critical services, bolsters senior and recreational programming, keeps police officers in schools to protect our kids, and keeps our financial house in order to stabilize taxes. The budget also funds a down payment on important capital projects including road repairs, updates to our Public Safety communications systems, park improvements and maintenance of our infrastructure.

I am proud to say that our 2022 budget was adopted in a bi-partisan manner, and want to recognize Council President Juned Qazi for his leadership and efforts during what was a 14 week long budget process. Our goal continues to be maintaining our status as a premier suburban community in the State of New Jersey, and one of the safest in the nation.

While we can't control what happens in the nation's capital or overseas, I am confident that with the help of our employees, volunteers and caring members of this community, we can continue to make things better for our families here in Marlboro.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Hornik". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.



# MARLBORO TOWNSHIP NEWS



## COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY

Now more than ever, it is important for our local government to have open lines of communication with residents. Since 2008, we made improving transparency a central priority and have expanded our methods of staying in touch. These new points of contact have proven to be especially critical during emergencies. Today, we have more than 34,000 followers on our social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor. We now have over 24,000 subscribers registered to receive email updates. Our social media platforms and emails are where we share information on Township programs and events, safety tips from the police, recycling updates and alerts on road closures.

Join us! If you have not done so already, please visit [Marlboro-nj.gov](http://Marlboro-nj.gov) and enter your email in the blue box on the homepage. The more we communicate, the stronger our community will be.



## TRIPLE-A BOND RATING

Marlboro Township has the highest possible bond rating from both Moody's and S&P, making us one of only seven towns in NJ, out of 565, that have that distinction. Our triple-A rating allows us to borrow money at the lowest possible interest rate, which means we pay less for capital improvements, ultimately allowing us to do more for you, our residents.



## TAKE THE PLEDGE

Mayor Hornik and Chief Pezzullo recently introduced a new initiative called 'Take the Pledge'. To address the uptick in vehicle thefts facing suburban communities around the State, we are asking residents to go on-line and pledge to take basic steps to keep their vehicles and homes safe. In return, a Police Officer will deliver a 'We Took the Pledge' lawn sign to your home. Vehicles stolen in our town almost exclusively have been unlocked with the key fob inside. By taking simple steps, displaying the lawn sign, and calling the police at the first sign of suspicious activity, we hope that thieves will get the message and stay out of Marlboro! #SeeSomethingSaySomethingWeWillDoSomething



## MARLBORO FARMERS MARKET

The 2022 Farmers Market season is in full swing and is open every Sunday through October from 9AM to 1PM. Our market offers a diverse group of vendors, with an array of local produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses, crafts and so much more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates. Save the date for our special Fall Holiday Market on November 20th.

