

Mayor's Message continued Summer 2021

Meanwhile, Arizona Iced Tea, Dawn Foods, Performance Food Group, Robertet Flavors and Tramontano Produce are getting a wide variety of foods to markets.

Aaron & Company, FW Webb, and Fujitsu are all in Piscataway providing goods for home improvement. At the same time, furniture from Bob's Discount Furniture and Humanscale as well as appliances from Best Buy and Fisher & Paykel are being moved through our Township.

The transportation industry is now relying more on Piscataway. Kinkisharyo and Strato are key players in train travel as National Manufacturing Company and Thales Avionics provide necessary equipment for airplanes.

Speaking of technology, DuPont Fabros, SHI, Verizon and Whale Ventures all call our Township home. Hudson Holdings Group is producing N95 masks right in our community and the medical field is further boosted by the Piscataway-based facilities of Cambridge Pharma, Johnson & Johnson and Horiba Scientific.

It's important to remember that these facilities are on private property zoned for decades for commercial and industrial use. To have kept the land untouched would have meant the Township purchasing the properties from the private owners possibly through eminent domain. That would have meant tens of millions of additional tax dollars coming out of your pockets.

Fortunately in our community we can have both booming commerce and open space with our planned 75-acre Piscataway Ecological Park. In addition, our 27 parks with new playgrounds and other amenities provide fantastic outdoor recreation.

If the private landowners had chosen to build acres of new houses and apartments, that would have been a large budget strain on our school system. Thousands of passenger cars would have been added onto our main roads and neighborhood streets – far more vehicles than the commercial trucks that only use thoroughfares to get to I-287.

Moving forward in 2021, Piscataway will continue to support our great economic activity so we can all enjoy affordable neighborhoods and fantastic amenities including a \$32 million community center built with no residents' tax money.

As always, if I may ever be of help to you, please call my office at (732) 562-2301.