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Mayor John E. McCormac Announces Street & Parking Lot Paving Underway at Colonia High School...

Cost Effective Program Utilizes New Public Works Equipment...

Geared to Reduce Cost & Expense Through Repair & Maintenance of Township Infrastructure...



(left to right) Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac, Vincent Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Henry, Director, Public Works, and Supervisors announce a new shared services program to pave Township and School District infrastructure. Public Works crews complete paving Avalon Drive and the Harrow Street Drive entrance to Colonia High School.

WOODBIDGE – As part of the continuing effort to consolidate costs and provide better and more responsive municipal services, Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that the Township street and lot repaving and maintenance program is underway with Public Works crews paving Avalon Drive and the Harrow Drive entrance and parking area at Colonia High School.

Joining Mayor McCormac to announce the repaving at Colonia High School were Vincent Smith, Superintendent of Schools, members of the Woodbridge Township Municipal Council and members of the Board of Education, along with Dennis Henry, Director, Department of Public Works and the Public Works repaving crew.

“In reviewing municipal operations, one of the more significant recurring costs was the maintenance, repair and repaving of municipal and school district infrastructure such as streets, parking lots and public areas,” Mayor McCormac said. “Paving crews at the Department of Public Works now have the

equipment and training and are moving full speed ahead resurfacing and repairing neighborhood streets and parking areas at municipal facilities, libraries and school district buildings. The end result is that we now have an efficient and cost-effective repaving program that is getting the job done quickly and efficiently and is saving taxpayer dollars.”

Mayor McCormac noted that last March, the Municipal Council approved the purchase of \$529,000 in new and upgraded construction and paving equipment for the Department of Public Works. The new equipment allows

Public Works to maintain and repair municipal infrastructure such as driveways, parking lots and smaller neighborhood streets, thereby reducing the need to pay higher subcontractor expenses. The new and upgraded construction and paving equipment includes:

- Rubber-Tracked Paver @ \$270,000
- Midsize, High Frequency Vibratory Roller @ \$33,000
- Large, High Frequency, Vibratory Roller @ \$86,000
- 540 Gallon Tack/tar Trailer @ \$15,200
- Crack Sealer Trailer @ \$50,000
- Portable Asphalt Trenching & Recycling Attachment @ \$75,000

Public Works paving crews have recently resurfaced the entrance and parking area at the Keasby Public Works Convenience Center; the police impound yard in Sewaren; the Smeathers Street entrance to Woodbridge High School; the intersection of Henry and Holly Street in Port Reading and the Sycamore entrance and parking area at Colonia High School.



Woodbridge Township Public Works "road paving crew" complete paving Avalon Drive and the Harrow Street Drive entrance to Colonia High School. The paving program is part of a shared services initiative announced by Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac and Superintendent of Schools Vincent Smith.

“The paving and repair program is another example of how sharing services with Township government saves dollars and lessens the expense of maintaining school district infrastructure,” said Superintendent Smith. “The Board of Education and each of our schools look forward to additional projects where we can combine resources to improve school security, maintain and repair infrastructure or improve the condition of athletic fields and facilities. Together, the school district and the Township Administration is seeking to share services wherever possible.”

“As I travel through each community - Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Port Reading, Sewaren, or Woodbridge - speaking to residents, the most significant and often mentioned issue is the need to maintain and repave our neighborhood streets. The Public Works repaving and maintenance program allows the Township to better maintain and repair streets and parking lots and, over the long-term, will result in a reduction in paving and maintenance costs,” Mayor McCormac said.

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