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TO: Denville Township Council

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa

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Mayor's Report – Final Version

Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet - As you may know Denville Twp. is one of the original members of the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet. We have been a consistent contributor these past 13 years. I'd like to announce the full slate of cabinet members and ask your advice and consent for the following new members.

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| Ted Husa | administration representative |
| Nick Stecky | governing body representative |
| Fred Prager | public at-large representative |

Additionally, I'd like to inform you that I have offered Denville Township to be the host municipality for 2009. Hosting the RRWC has rotated from town to town. Parsippany-Troy Hills hosted the meetings for many years, then Hanover took its turn and currently Boonton Township is the host. You recently received a memo outlining this. I ask your approval of my RRWC appointments.

Advice and Consent for New Planning Board Member – Additionally, I'd like to ask for your approval for Nick Stecky's Planning Board replacement, namely Sue Filauro. Sue served on the Planning Board in prior years with distinction and also as Planning Board Chairman and we very much appreciate her willingness to serve again.

Meeting Minutes on file in Mayor's Office – In Early May the Mayor's office conducted an exercise of filing all the minutes of all 13 Standing Committees, three Mayor's advisory Boards and two river cabinets of which we are

members. For accountability purposes and for ease of access all these minutes are on file in the Administrative assistant's area.

I would like to add that generally all committees are functioning very well. Most committees are focused, well attended, enthused, mission oriented and accountable. Submission of minutes is nearly 100%.

Beautification Committee Update - On May 10th a second Beautification Committee field trip was conducted. The process of assigning each area to Committee members was completed. Work has been done on all parcels and a systematic procedure for ordering plants was set up. Irene Stefanacci coordinated this. In addition to each parcel being covered by committee members, each planter downtown has been assigned to individual storeowner's for watering. This accounting will all be tracked as part of the Committees minutes.

Habitat for Humanity – Two homes were dedicated on May 8 at 38 and 40 Husa Place. They were part of Denville's round two COAH obligations. The ceremony was well represented by the current administration, past administration and Denville employees and residents who participated.

2008 Living Treasure Awards – On May 8 at St. Francis, Ralph and Maida Avallone, Eleanor Gavegan, Arthur Plantamura and Doris Roberts received the Living Treasures Award for 2008.

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Fund – Denville recently received a notification that \$769,156 in funds has been recommended for approval by Stanley Cache the Assistant Director of the State Municipal Finance and Construction Element. Lauren Baker of the Finance Department has been involved with this issue.

Memorial Day Parade (May 26th) – Many thanks to all who made our Memorial Day Parade a wonderful event. It was well attended and all Council members participated. We extend a special thank you to Phyllis and Jim Vilard for their efforts in organizing this event.

National Day of Prayer – Was held on May 1st and organized by Tommy Dean.

Senior Activities – The Recreation Committee held it's third senior social of 2008 in May. Additionally the Mayor's third of four spring genealogy classes was held on May 22nd with a field trip to two noteworthy Morristown Genealogy libraries. Both events were well attended.

Pedestrian Overpass – On July 8th from 4 to 7 PM there will be a public hearing on the State DOT pedestrian Overpass at Franklin and Rt. 46. This project is going out to bid soon and it is expected that work will start this summer.

Public Health and Safety Committee – The Committee has conducted two important events since the last Mayor's report. At the Council meeting tonight participants will be honored who helped with raising money for the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter. \$700 was raised and almost 50 bags of supplies and groceries by Girl Scout Troops #266 and #2165.

Additionally the PH&S Committee got national attention by conducting a Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day on May 21st. Mary Wilson, the National NF Awareness Chairperson, attended it. The event was at the request of Denville resident Mary Ann Redondo.

BIKE RODEO - On Wednesday June 18th the PH&S Committee will conduct a bike Rodeo focusing on bike safety for youth. Council members are invited to participate and man a safety station. The event will be conducted in the parking lot by the tennis courts on Gardner field.

It has been put together my committee member Michelle McGlynn and will feature seven safety check stations including a Helmet Check, Wheel Shop, Riding Right, Following the Rules, Safe Places to Ride and Pedestrian Stop.