



**BOROUGH OF PARAMUS
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Dear Paramus Resident:

New Jersey State Law mandates that each municipality update its Master Plan at least once every ten years, and now is the time for Paramus to undertake this important task. A Master Plan is an extremely important document that outlines decisions on zoning, planning, development and many other issues in our community, and as elected officials we believe strongly that Paramus residents deserve an opportunity to learn more about this process and provide your thoughts and input on what you want for the future of our home. With that in mind, we would like to invite you to attend any of our two upcoming Public Input Sessions on the Master Plan:

June 1 st , 2016	2-4pm at the Senior Center	5-7pm at Borough Hall
June 2 nd , 2016	11am-1pm at the Senior Center	5-7pm at Borough Hall

While the Master Plan will not be decided until after public comment is heard, the Mayor and Council do have several important goals that we are hoping to address in the final plan:

- Ensuring that residential neighborhoods are protected and not interfered with
- Maintaining Paramus' competitive advantage as the premier retail destination in Bergen County in order to continue to be able to fund nearly 50% of the property tax burden from commercial businesses as opposed to homeowners
- Modernizing the borough's zoning plan, which has not been thoroughly updated in over 40 years and;
- Diversifying the borough's tax base to attract more non-retail, non-office uses such as medical facilities, restaurants and more

We invite you, the residents of Paramus, to attend one of these sessions and let your voice be heard. As fellow residents of this great community, I trust that you all understand how important it is to me personally as your Mayor and to all of us to ensure that it not only stays just as good, but continues to get even better. We hope to deliver a final new Master Plan that will meet that criteria, and we invite you to be a part of that process.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rich LaBarbiera