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Preserving Our Community's Rural Heritage

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IMPORTANT MEETING: MEETING OF CONCERNED CITIZENS

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Rd., Southampton, NJ
(The Village side of Pemberton Rd. near Allen's Oil)

We will discuss the court ruling, next steps, and ways to improve communication



Why We're Fighting

This is the view of Allied Recycling's lot from one of our neighbor's homes. What is this run-off doing to our wells? What contamination are we being exposed to daily? What is breeding in those tires? Are the tires protected and stacked to avoid standing water and mosquito infestation? We must continue to battle in order to assure our way of life is not destroyed.

Earliest Date for Next Allied Appearance before Zoning Board June 12, 2014

Judge Bookbinder determined that Allied Recycling did not meet its burden of proof in front of the Zoning Board **and** that the Zoning Board did not explain its vote against Allied clearly enough. This judgment means that Allied must appear in front of the Zoning Board again.

Approximately a dozen neighbors attended the court hearing. We believe that, for such a hearing, this was a large audience.

No definite deadline was given by Judge Bookbinder as to when Allied had to appear before the Zoning Board, but he did make it clear that Allied must move forward.



New Billboard

Southampton Township has rented the billboard at Route 206 and New Road to Allied. The township stated that they could not deny the rental of the billboard to Allied Recycling.

Staying Committed

From the beginning of this fight, we have known that Allied has deep pockets and will continue to take the battle to court, to the Zoning Board, and will utilize whatever delaying tactics are possible. Why? Continued diligence on the part of the neighborhood is difficult to sustain. The hope of Allied Recycling is that these tactics will simply wear us out so we just let this go.

We cannot stop. The quiet of the winter months awaiting rulings by the court may have lulled some of us to put Allied on the back burner. Family commitments and work responsibilities also make it tough. We must continue to fight, to stay informed, to ask questions of anyone who will listen. Photographs taken by neighbors are simply frightening. We have no idea what exactly is entering that yard. We do know that chemical pollution of our environment can happen very quickly but take years to clean up. Southampton Township is supposed to be a pristine, cozy township sheltered in the Pinelands from the toxicity of industrial pollution. If this battle is not won, we will no longer be able to make that claim.

Pinelands Preservation Alliance Support

The Pinelands Preservation Alliance is supporting our efforts. If you would like to review the legal documents or other information, please visit:

<http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/protection/hotissues/development/alliedrecycling/>

**Please stay involved
and informed!
We need you!**

Photo Gallery The photos below were all taken from your neighbors' yards

These photographs are provided so those of you who do not live close enough can witness what some see every day.



Notice where the fence is! This is seepage from Allied's facility into a neighbor's yard!



The attractive nuisance is still present. Summer is upon us, and kids will be out playing. The placement of the railroad car by New Road has the potential to lure children to play in the railroad car. This is a dangerous situation. Those of you who attended the meeting with Allied MONTHS ago will recall that Allied stated it had a potential buyer for the train car, yet the car still sits along New Road.



The screened fence offers no screening of the operation at all to neighbors who, for years, lived peacefully next to Last Chance Auto Salvage.



And from another yard... trailers and scrap tower over the fence.

Future Zoning Board Meeting Dates:

June 12, 2014	7:30 PM
July 10, 2014	7:30 PM
August 14, 2014	7:30 PM
September 11, 2014	7:30 PM

Future Township Committee Meeting Dates:

June 17, 2014	8:00 PM
July 15, 2014	8:00 PM
August 19, 2014	8:00 PM
September 16, 2014	8:00 PM
October 21, 2014	8:00 PM