

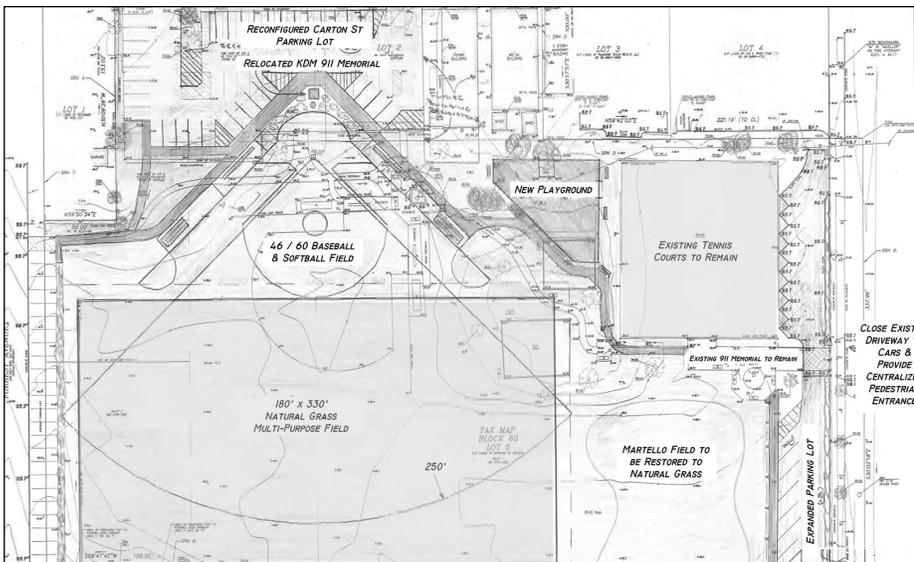


Joseph K. Hemphill

## Mayor's Message

As we move into fall, I hope all of our residents have had an enjoyable and safe summer. The Borough Council and I have been busy working with the community on park designs, planning infrastructure maintenance projects, and completing an audit and a successful summer recreation program. The Borough received a large grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation which will provide us the ability to embark on a major road paving project. Finally, I would like to welcome James "Clay" Kingsbury who was sworn in on June 12th as my replacement on the Borough Council.

## Piping Rock Park News



A detailed design plan of Piping Rock Park can be downloaded at [http://www.rumsonnj.gov/downloads/Aug-2018\\_Piping\\_Rock\\_Park\\_Layout.pdf](http://www.rumsonnj.gov/downloads/Aug-2018_Piping_Rock_Park_Layout.pdf)

We have exciting news regarding a complete upgrade of the facilities at Piping Rock Park.

In early 2014, the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director evaluated recreational needs within the Borough for a new multi-purpose soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and football field. Later in 2014 the Borough Council, at the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director, developed concept plans for Piping Rock Park for the purposes of submitting a grant application to the Monmouth County Recreation and Open Space Program. The application was awarded a \$250,000 grant from Monmouth County Parks and Recreation.

In 2015, the Borough made a Phase 2 application for Piping Rock Park which consisted of all the improvements of the 2014 application plus a synthetic turf baseball/softball field, new playground, expanded parking in the Carton Street and East River Road parking lots, and additional walking paths. That application was also funded by Monmouth County Parks and Recreation with a \$137,000 grant award.

Community concern over the installation of a synthetic turf field and the potential of environmental health risks necessitated an amended plan to use natural grass. The Borough submitted a revised concept plan eliminating the synthetic turf and in April of 2018 the revised concept plan was approved by the County.

By June 2018, the plans were further developed and the Borough hosted an open house for residents of properties previously noticed in 2015 to present the changes to the previous plans. As with many Borough projects, the improvements at Piping Rock Park have evolved since their inception in 2014. As a result of the open house and

comments received from the community, a final plan was engineered, received County approval, and then put out to bid.

The final plan includes A 180' x 330' multi-purpose natural grass playing field to accommodate soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and practice football, and a 46/60 baseball/softball field with a 250' outfield. The existing tennis courts and the existing 911 Memorial near East River Road will remain in their current location. A new playground will be constructed on the west side of the tennis courts. The Keith D. McHeffey 911 Memorial will be relocated to align with the new baseball/softball field and will be prominently featured as you enter Piping Rock Park from Carton Street.

Walking paths will traverse the park connecting the East River Road, Carton Street and Forrest Avenue entrances. All the facilities, including walking paths, will meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The East River Road parking lot will be expanded to provide additional parking with ADA compliant parking facilities. The Carton Street parking lot will be reconfigured to accommodate the new field layout. Traffic circulation will be changed to one-way to make for an overall safer environment.

On August 21, 2018, Precise Construction of Freehold, NJ was awarded the contract for the Piping Rock Park project. Precise Construction has over twenty-five years of experience and has worked for the Borough in the past on projects including the road work on Shrewsbury Drive, the Riverside Park upgrades, Forrestdale Field, sewer system construction and a number of improvements over the years at Meadow Ridge Park.

Project construction status may involve the park being closed to residents for their safety. The summer program of American Youth Football has been moved to Meadow Ridge Park for the 2018 season. Any changes to the public usage at Piping Rock Park during the construction period. will be posted on the Borough website.

## Mayor Joseph K. Hemphill

When Joe Hemphill was sworn in as our new mayor he had been serving for the past twelve years on the Council, including the last four years as Council President. As Councilman, Joe was Chairman of the Building Committee which was responsible for the construction of the new Borough Hall and its campus including the Department of

Public Works and the Recycling Center. Joe's experience and expertise were crucial to keeping the town running and to the rebuilding of the infrastructure after Superstorm Sandy. He was also a member of the Finance Committee. In addition to his service to Rumson, Joe has served on the boards of CPC Behavioral Health and the Atrium at Navesink Harbor.

Joe has been a resident of Rumson his entire life, graduating from Holy Cross School and the Hun School in Princeton. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Parsons College. In 1970, he joined First Merchants National Bank, eventually becoming a Senior Vice President and the General Auditor. When the bank merged with Midlantic Bank, Joe decided to start his own company and founded Hemphill Associates Inc., a contracting company that specializes in building custom homes, extensive renovations, and restorations of historical buildings. Over the past 40 years, he and his firm have lent a helping hand to many charities, religious organizations and individuals.

Joe is married to the former Robin Fowler, also a lifelong resident of Rumson, She is a graduate of the Rumson schools and Duke University. She has been a local real estate agent, for the past thirty-six years. They have two children who graduated from our fine schools and two wonderful grandchildren.

Joe's dedication and love for our town is reflected in his generosity of giving his time and expertise to keep our town moving forward while remaining respectful of our past. He is honored to have the opportunity to keep Rumson one of the finest places to live in the country.

## Councilman James "Clay" Kingsbury

In 1985, Clay and his wife Mary Lou moved to Rumson. When his family eventually grew to include five children they moved to a larger home in the same neighborhood. In 1997 due to an expanding role at work, Clay moved his family to northern New Jersey, but they continued to own his home and spend summers in Rumson. Two years ago, he and his wife moved back to Rumson full time.



Clay graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1978 and began his career as an auditor with Price Waterhouse & Co. During his time with PW, Clay was responsible for auditing a variety of companies including banks, brokerage houses, consumer product companies, and mining operations in East Africa. In 1988, Clay went to work for Wasserstein Perella, a start-up investment bank, where he was the Chief Financial Officer and a Managing Director responsible for all the firm's operations including legal & compliance, finance, risk monitoring and computer operations. When the company was sold to Dresdner Bank, he became Co-Chief Operating Officer of its North American operations. In 2002, Clay left Dresdner and became a Managing Director at Lazard Freres & Co.

Clay is a Board Member and Finance Committee member of Family & Children's Service of Monmouth County, and a Board Member & Treasurer of the Oceanic Free Library Trust.

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## Important Fall Road Paving Notice

Thanks to a New Jersey State Department of Transportation grant and utility company infrastructure improvements, all or portions of the following roadways will undergo paving:

Ridge Road, Hartshorne Lane, Cedar Street, Holly Street, Carton Street, Black Point Road, Rosalie Avenue, Parmly Street, Bay Street, Oak Lane, Oakwood Lane, Lakeside Avenue, Highland Avenue, Island Road, Riverview Avenue and Center Street

Please check the Borough website for updated road and paving information.

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