

Township of Tewksbury

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To whom it may concern,

On July 29, 2012, a young Tewksbury resident's vehicle was surrounded by a group of cyclists, who intimidated her and caused significant physical damage to her vehicle. This incident is not the first but was clearly the most egregious.

This event, as you can imagine, has caused great concern among the residents of the Township and this behavior will not be tolerated. The matter has been discussed in public at Committee meetings, articles have appeared in print newspapers and on-line publications and a radio forum was recently heard on radio station NJ 101.5.

Please advise your patrons and any bicycle groups you may coordinate, the Township of Tewksbury is serious about adherence to all applicable State, County and municipal laws, rules and regulations as well as all applicable rules of the road.

The League of American Cyclists has six clear rules of the road that include the following.

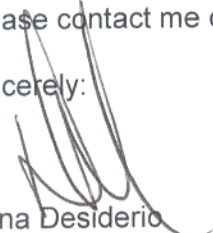
1. Follow the law.
2. Be predictable.
3. Be conspicuous.
4. Think ahead.
5. Ride Ready.
6. Keep your cool.

Tewksbury is blessed with great scenic beauty and the roadways are particularly conducive to bicycle riding, walking, running and hiking. Use of our roadways is expressly conditioned upon each cyclist's compliance with the foregoing. Failure to do so will lead to prosecution.

The safety of all our citizens is a most important responsibility.

Please contact me directly if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely:


Dana Desiderio
Mayor Township of Tewksbury