

INDEPENDENCE DRIVE SAFETY INITIATIVE

The Township has received several inquiries from residents as to the reason for the painting of double yellow lines down the center of Independence Drive. For several years, the Township received many complaints about speeding vehicles and reckless driving on Independence Drive. At a recent public hearing conducted by the Township's School and Park Safety Sub-Committee, residents again complained about the high rate of speed of some vehicles using this roadway. As a result, the Township's Police and Engineering Departments recommended the painting of the double yellow lines as a traffic calming method.

The use of double striped lines keeps vehicles in the lanes and slows speed. It is not an attempt to deface our neighborhoods but only to make them safer for all. This method has been used successfully on Forest Way in Cedar Knolls where vehicles sometime travel at excessive speeds as they make their way to American Road.

The painting of the double yellow lines has no relationship to the road reconstruction work at Parsippany and Whippany Roads or the construction of the new MetLife Building.

Finally, the Mayor recommends to the Township Committee that in the future letters be sent to affected neighbors explaining the intentions of a proposed safety improvement.