



Township of Maplewood

POLICE DEPARTMENT

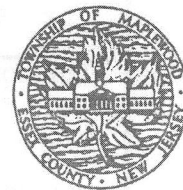
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Maplewood Parking Enforcement

Recent news reports have brought the issue of parking enforcement in Maplewood to the attention of the public. The community should be aware that the Maplewood Police Department has consistently endeavored to service the public from a community oriented policing philosophy- one that is viewed as a partnership with the community and one that attempts to strike a fair balance between formal enforcement and public education- but always directed at gaining compliance with the law..

Recently Mayor DeLuca commented on concerns about parking enforcement. As our Mayor, it is Mr. DeLuca's duty to represent the concerns of the community and his right as a public official to make requests of the Police Department.

The Maplewood Police Department periodically receives requests for enhanced enforcement efforts. Requests for enhanced enforcement are a common part of policing and not unfamiliar to any police agency. Hundreds of summonses are issued each month in Maplewood as part of our various traffic and criminal enforcement duties, so enforcement is always on-going. Nonetheless, as a police department, it is our obligation to respond to all complaints with an evaluation of the complaint and, if appropriate, to institute a revised enforcement or action plan.

During the coming months Maplewood police officers and civilian parking enforcement officers will be even more focused on their enforcement of violations in the complaint areas of Maplewood Village and Springfield Ave.

For the purposes of fairness and public notification, all drivers should be aware that parking regulations in Maplewood will be checked more frequently, so they should be mindful of the posted parking time limits and other violations.

I am confident that all of our officers will respond to this most recent request for enhanced enforcement with the same quality effort they consistently exhibit in each of their assignments. Officers will continue to operate fairly and courteously in accordance with the law.

Sincerely,

Chief Robert J. Cimino
Maplewood Police Department