

June 1, 2002

Cassandra Wilday
Director of Environmental Services
City of Hoboken
94 Washington Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Ms Wilday;

As you recall back in August of 2001, I requested to meet with you to discuss matters concerning/regarding the First Ward. I felt it important to continue the progress through the transition period.

We discussed several matters, one of them being the Festivals at Sinatra Park and Pier A Park. I understood that the location of the event is ultimately the sponsor's choice. While we welcome and enjoy our waterfront festivals, our residents in the area have repeatedly voiced concerns and I have some suggestions.

Since we now have a walkway adjoining both parks, these events could and should spill over to involve both parks. All speakers should face the Hudson River, as not to resonate against the buildings and create an echo. Music set-up should be placed at the open-air Amphi Theatre on Pier A.

Pier A is so much more conducive to such events, 5 ½ acres of open space certainly lends itself to large crowds. Instead of containing an event to one park consider the adjoining walkway. We should be enjoying the use of both Parks for events. So the concentration of such crowds will now be spread over a larger area and this will alleviate the somewhat negative impact in the neighborhood.

I have brought this issue up at several council meetings and have not yet heard a response. As we are now approaching the festival season, I would request we meet to discuss this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely;

Theresa Castellano
1st Ward Councilwoman