

## Dear Resident:

Since the April 6, 2021 inception of Matawan Borough's Voluntary Plastic Film Recycling Pilot Program, we've promoted sustainability and reduced the environmental impact of tons of plastic film.

SC Johnson initiated and sponsored this pilot program, covering the monthly recycling costs. However, their sponsorship concluded a few months ago. The Borough has been absorbing the costs, actively seeking state grants and/or sponsorships to continue the program, but has yet to find a viable alternative.

Unfortunately, without a sponsor or grant, the Borough can't bear the cost of such a program. Placing this burden on the taxpayers would be unfair. *As a result, February 6, 2024, will be the last Borough-wide curbside pick-up of plastic film.* 

## Other recycling schedules remain unchanged.

While this may be disappointing, this decision was made with financial viability and taxpayer impact in mind. Alternative options exist for individual plastic film recycling at nearby locations like Kohl's, ACME, Stop & Shop, Wegmans, and Whole Foods.

We appreciate your understanding and support. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Ryan L. Michelson, MPA Borough Administrator