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Message from the Mayor - ERUV UPDATE

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If you follow Social Media, concerns from residents have spread from Upper Saddle River to Mahwah regarding the ERUV. An ERUV is a closed perimeter area of about 26 square miles. Please click on the following link for more information: <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/eruv>

Click on the following link for a list provided by O&R of every utility pole where the plastic pipes have been secured. (**Click here: [Listing of Poles](#)**) Advice by our attorney is that we cannot do anything about the installation of these plastic pipes on these utility poles establishing a ERUV. There are links below that may better help you understand some of the issues.

The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) <http://www.bpu.state.nj.us> is the State of New Jersey public utility authority who has granted permission to this group to place the 1/2 plastic pipes for the purpose of a ERUV on Orange and Rockland (O&R) utility poles. <https://www.oru.com/en/contact-us>

Normally, O&R does not allow anyone to place anything on their utility poles without permission but because of several Federal Law suits, both BPU and O&R are obligated to allow these ERUV markings, But they have NO OBLIGATION to notify the municipality. The most recent litigation was in Tenafly NJ. <http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/opinarch/013301.txt>

These markings connect Saddle River Road and East Mahwah road, by way of Airmount Road, Airmont Ave, Masonicus Road and Sparrowbush Road and a left hand turn onto Saddle River Road.

The ERUV is not complete until the perimeter is complete. The municipalities, both Mahwah and Upper Saddle River, did not receive any notice, nor could O&R deny the application.

I realize a lot of information is circulating around town and some of it may be concerning to residents. I hope we have provided you with information that provides an understanding of the situation at hand. I, along with the Council, continue to explore options regarding this issue. We will pass on any new information as we receive.

Regards,

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