

Letter from Mayor Birge

September 6th, 2007

Dear Montgomery residents,

It is with great pleasure that I report to you that the building demolition work and more than 50% of the steam pipe removal work at the former North Princeton Developmental Center (NPDC) site have been completed with zero injuries and zero real-time dust monitors triggered by work activities.

As of August 31, 2007, all 92 buildings (a total of approximately 600,000 square feet of building area) in the demolition contract were demolished in 60 days. This is an extraordinary success and achievement for the entire community.

The statistics below are a sample of data collected from the worksite, and it provides a good picture of the scale of the job:

- Concrete recycled: 14,780 tons
- Metal recycled - 943 tons
- Construction & Demolition debris removed - 10,917 tons
- Light bulbs recycled - 7,860 bulbs
- Days worked on asbestos abatement and building demolition - 60
- Hours worked - 32,162
- Injuries – 0
- Real-time dust monitors triggered by work activity – 0

Brandenburg did an outstanding job on this project and I can only offer the highest praise. They always understood both the need for utmost safety and the importance of completing the demolition before the beginning of the school year. At one point every Brandenburg truck in their eastern US division was brought in to work on this project, along with operators and crews from Michigan and St. Louis to remain on schedule. In the end, they were able to complete this project on time and without incident.

This success could not have been achieved without the following people:

- My fellow Township Committee members Deputy Mayor Louise Wilson, Mark Caliguire, Brad Fay and John Warms, who set and expected the very highest standards for the work performed by township staff and professionals, and who never wavered from their determination not to compromise safety for speed.
- The civic-minded members of the Community Advisory Board chaired by Steven Sacks-Wilner, who volunteered their time, professional skills and sometimes just parental love and concern to ensure every single aspect of the project was carefully designed and safe for the VES community and the neighbors close by.

- Township Engineer Gail Smith and her staff, who worked virtually around the clock to ensure the project was completed on time and as promised.
- Township Administrator Donato Nieman, Township Health Officer Stephanie Carey, Community Information Officer Tammy Garaffa, Township Code Official Jack Marold, Public Works Superintendent Art Villano and his crews, and the Montgomery Police Department.
- Township Environmental Consultant JM Sorge, Inc., who brought an enormous amount of technical and regulatory expertise to the process and have carried the Township's vision by serving as the glue between the township, state and federal regulatory agencies and all the contractors.
- School administration, the Board of Education and PTAs.

This list goes on and on, as this project has been truly a community effort. Montgomery residents can be proud of the commitment and personal investment our staff and community volunteers devote to this wonderful community.

Though much attention has been paid to the demolition activities, Weston has also removed a majority of the above- and underground pipes on site with zero injuries and no exceedances of any trigger levels during the entire project. As we begin the new school year, Brandenburg's site restoration activities, including final grading, topsoil, seeding and mulching will continue into the fall, as well as Weston's steam pipe removal, soil remediation and lake restoration work.

As of today, Weston has removed about 35,000 linear feet of above- and underground pipes throughout the site, 25% more than they originally anticipated, with an estimated 20,000 to 25,000 linear feet still to be removed. The significant increase in quantity is due to the finding of multiple lines of pipe in each conduit instead of the single line that was anticipated.

The on-going pipe removal work will include about 600-700 feet of underground pipes in the so-called "spaghetti area", located about 450-800 feet north and east of the school property line and about 200 feet north of Main Boulevard. Though Weston initially gave assurances that it would complete pipe removal in this area by this time, they now expect to have this work completed in September, pending the Township's review and approval. The same stringent monitoring standards that have applied since the pipe removal work began in April will continue to apply through final completion of the removal work. Additional steps are also being taken to ensure that site visual, traffic and noise disturbance is minimized to respect the school operations.

Given the very keen interest among Skillman Village neighbors and parents of Village School students in air quality in and around the site, the Township is particularly pleased and proud of the very high air quality that has been maintained on site throughout this

project, even as a great deal of work was accomplished. The precautions and dust control measures taken by Brandenburg and Weston have worked very well indeed.

In the short seven months since the Township took ownership of this property, we have taken a gigantic step forward in turning the brownfield that was NPDC into the green field that will be Skillman Village. We look forward to concluding the cleanup and site restoration in the coming months, and moving ahead with planning for redevelopment of the site as a wonderful community asset.

Respectfully,

Cecilia X. Birge
Mayor
Montgomery Township