

Readington Recognized As One of NJ's Safest Towns During Hunterdon Board Director's Community Tour

Safer Roads, Buffalo, New Farm Market Owner Highlighted

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway, as part of the Director's July 21st Community Tour that highlighted safety and agriculture in Readington, presented the Township's Mayor, Police Chief, and other officials with a Proclamation honoring Readington's designation as one of the safest places to live in New Jersey, according to Safewise.com.

Readington joins Raritan and Clinton Townships as being named a safest town, along with Hunterdon County's designation as the Safest County in America to Raise Children.

Soloway, in presenting the Safest Town Proclamation to Mayor John Albanese, Deputy Mayor Jonathan Heller, Committee Member Juergen Huelsebusch, and Chief of Police Joseph Greco, at the Municipal Building, stated, "Readington's local officials have every reason to take pride in this recognition from Safewise.com, which has been achieved by the dedication of so many members of the community, particularly the Police Department."

Soloway's Community Tour, one of several planned for communities in the County during the summer, included observing points where roadway safety initiatives have been implemented by the Township and visits with the agri-tourism sites; the Readington River Buffalo Farm and the Vacchiano Farmers Market on Route 202.

Committeeman Huelsebusch and Chief Greco gave Director Soloway a tour around Readington to observe locations where roadway safety initiatives have been implemented.

"While on the tour, Chief Greco, Committeeman Huelsebusch and I discussed local business and resident concerns. Being able to gain direct feedback is a great connection for the County Board members.

We appreciate the initiatives Readington has put in place for local roads and the Township's continuing cooperative efforts with the County," Director Soloway continued.

Soloway observed the intersections of CR 523 (Flemington, Whitehouse Road), Stanton Road, Pleasant Run Road and Springtown Road where overgrown tree cover that made visibility difficult was removed, making travel less dangerous as traffic increases during the summer months.

The local officials also pointed out the closing of Springtown Road that improved safety at the intersection.

At the Readington River Buffalo Farm, Director Soloway spoke with owner Erick Doyle about the farm and land conservation efforts, including how COVID-19 shifted the farm's business model and product sales.

The Readington River Buffalo Farm is home to nearly 60 American Bison and in 2019 was awarded the River Friendly Farm Certificate which recognizes farms that protect shared natural resources through responsible land management.

Mr. Doyle said, "Twenty-three years ago my Dad and I took ownership of the Buffalo Farm and much of the pasture was in rough shape. Bison's grazing patterns naturally regenerate soil health and their foraging helps build soil, maintain biological diversity and deepen plant roots which helps with carbon saturation in the soil."

The final stop in Readington was at Vacchiano Farmers Market on Route 202, where Director Soloway spoke with Vacchiano family members about their newly acquired business.

"It is exciting to have family-owned businesses coming to Hunterdon County and the Board wishes the Vacchiano family, and all businesses in the county, continued success, as we navigate through the recovery process from COVID-19.

I look forward to continuing the tour, along with my colleagues, to visit with residents, businesses, and local leadership to discuss the issues and concerns that impact the residents of our localities," Director Soloway concluded.