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BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



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GLEN ROCK DISCUSSES CHANGING COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Glen Rock, NJ – After receiving several email requests from residents, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock discussed the possibility of changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the 2020 Borough Calendar at the Council Worksession on April 24, 2019. Due to a diversity of opinions on the matter, the matter was put on hold with the discussion set to continue at a future worksession.

Mayor Bruce Packer comments, “For the second year in a row, we received several requests from residents to consider changing the name of Columbus Day, on our Borough Calendar, to Indigenous Peoples’ Day. With seven states and a growing number of cities, including Newark, NJ, enforcing the change, I thought it was important that we respect the wishes of our residents to have this discussion. While the council did not make any conclusive decisions, I am proud of the respectful debate that took place at our worksession despite differing views on how we should move forward and why. The discussion will continue at a future worksession. We continue to encourage residents to reach out with their opinions on the matter by emailing us at mayorandcouncil@glenrocknj.net.”

