

Letters

Meet challenge

To the Editor

In the aftermath of the recent cross-burning incident which shocked the Livingston County community, a group of local community leaders have been meeting to discuss the possible ramifications of that event, and at the same time to formulate plans to make the county more attractive for current and future growth.

The committee, tentatively named "Livingston 2001," strongly feels that the quality of life for persons from all types of ethnic backgrounds who may wish to relocate or work in our community is a vital part of the continued prosperity for the county.

The early goals of the committee are:

1. To form a permanent association of concerned residents, employees, political leaders, officials and business owners to bring more growth to the county.
2. To work with the schools, churches and volunteer organizations to develop and implement educational programs that are designed to encourage tolerance and openness.
3. To cooperate with law enforcement officials and encourage reporting of all violations of individual civil rights, so that prosecution can go forward.
4. To work with elected officials to evaluate current laws protecting individuals against threats, or intimidation, and work toward improving those laws where necessary.

The "Livingston 2001" committee welcomes anyone to join it in a commitment to prepare our county to meet the challenge of an increasingly diverse population and to make our area a model of respect for the rights and integrity of the individual, and to lay a firm foundation for our economic and family growth into the coming century.

Please contact Ms. Lee Reeves at the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce for more information in this most worthwhile endeavor. Phone number 546-3920.

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