

Rapid and Cost-Effective Snail Mail?  
Ratner is 'Absurd'

I was shocked to read the letter you published this week by Robert Ratner criticizing Tina Renna/Union County Watchdog's efforts and ultimate success in forcing the county to stop requiring a special form be mailed in to request information.

Mr. Ratner's ranting personal attack seems misplaced and uninformed and, quite frankly, absurd. The last time I checked, e-mail was not just a little, but a whole lot faster than "snail mail" and Mr. Ratner thinks you should still have to snail mail your requests for information on "official forms" and further suggests that such mailing "ensures rapid responses."

I'll try not to laugh.

I think any reasonable person in this day and age would agree that e-mailing requests has a better chance of a rapid response from our county government - if there is such a thing - than snail mailing. And cost-effective? Really? Is obtaining then mailing this form really costeffective?

Of course not. Letters now cost 44 cents to mail and an e-mail costs, well, nothing. But, there is something outrageous here.

Why did it take three years and require the intervention of the N.J. Supreme Court to agree the form is not needed? A schoolchild could do a better job at reading the law than the Union County judge who first threw out the case.

The next thing you know, I will be reading about someone defending the county's approval of the \$600,000 dog park. And if you don't already know, it was another "oddball action" by Ms. Renna and the Union County Watchdog group that helped get that stopped. I commend her and her group for attacking waste in our county government in these difficult financial times even while she herself is being attacked.

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