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May 18, 2010

**To: Members of the recreation committee
All coaches for each sports program
All board members for each sports organization
Recreation Department
Township Committee**

Re: 2010-2011 Budget Changes for Upper Township Recreational Sports Programs

Our Recreation Department has faced challenges this year in determining the best way to support its recreational programs and remain within budget. Until now, each sports organization has collected and retained registration fees from participants, while the Township has provided the funding for uniforms, equipment and supplies, league and tournament fees, umpire/referee fees and costs related to coach certification. In addition, the Township has also maintained and upgraded all fields, courts and facilities.

It is no longer possible for the Township to fully fund each program's operating expenses, while at the same time absorb all of the costs for maintenance. As some may agree, we are in desperate need for improvements to some of our fields and as all are aware, Amanda's Field remains unfinished.

Given required budget reductions and in order to utilize whatever Township funds are available in the most efficient manner, this year the Township will begin transitioning its resources away from operating expenses. By next year, Township funds shall be used solely to maintain and upgrade our fields and facilities. All other operating expenses of each recreation program will become the sole responsibility of the sports organizations themselves, with the exception of insurance, fingerprinting fees, certification fees and the Challenger program.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, they are welcome to attend a Recreation Committee meeting or email me at kgabor@uppertownship.com.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter and wish you and your children well during your sports season.

**Sincerely,
Kristine Gabor
Upper Township Committee**