

Opinion:
Passaic Avenue Pots

The County of Hudson recently installed twenty-seven large pots along the road improvements on Passaic Avenue. The County donated the pots to the Town of Kearny with the stipulation that the Town maintain the pots. This is according to Mayor Santos who made an announcement at the last council meeting. The pots are currently empty.

Several weeks ago, the Mayor announced that there was positive findings of the West Nile Virus in Kearny. One of the locations announced was the border of Kearny and North Arlington near Passaic Avenue. One of the recommendations to residents to lower the mosquito population was to eliminate any standing water around their homes. It is ironic that the County of Hudson would install twenty seven planters without soil in an area where the West Nile Virus was detected. What better breathing grounds for mosquitoes than twenty-seven large pots collecting rain water.

If I were Mayor Santos, I would insist that the county immediately fill the pots with soil and an appropriate shrub or perennial. Why should the taxpayers of Kearny pay for soil and plants for a County road improvement project? Mayor Santos stated that the pots were a gift from the county. They may have been a gift but we all know when we have gotten a "recycled" gift. A "recycled" gift is not much of a gift at all. Would you buy someone a pot, and not get the soil and plant to go with it?