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Monroe Brings Pool Permitting to Residents' Attention

MONROE – With temperatures well into their seasonal ascent, Monroe officials are cautioning residents interested in installing above-ground pools to apply for proper permitting.

According to State statutes, any above-ground pool that contains water more than 24 inches deep requires both zoning and building permits prior to installation.

“These guidelines have been put in place as a safety measure,” said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “We’re safeguarding your neighbors from potential property damage, not to mention homeowners and their children from possible hazards.”

The permitting process is fairly simple, according to Township officials.

To begin, a resident must bring the following documentation to the Township’s zoning office prior to constructing the pool: a property survey showing the pool’s proposed location, a letter of approval from the homeowner’s association, where applicable, and an application, which can be located on the Township’s website, www.monroetwp.com.

“In this case, we’re reviewing the setbacks and lot coverage,” said Robert Hudak, Township planning director. “For instance, these types of pools must be setback a minimum of eight feet from the property line and from the home. The process is straightforward and consistent throughout the State.”

Upon receiving zoning approval, residents are then directed to the Township’s construction office, where staff have prepared a packet that includes any necessary building and electrical permit applications, as well required specifications for a barrier, the pool, the filtration system and ladder.

“Since there are so many variables with pools, we recommend that residents come or call here to speak with us before their installation,” said Lou Buonocore, Township construction director. “There are so many people out there who are completely unaware of the requirements. The best rule of thumb is to read the pool’s installation manual, which usually indicates if there is any construction permit follow-up needed.”

With regard to permitting, pools aren’t the only problem, he said.

Homeowners can often overlook applications for fencing, decks, patios, pavers, walkways, generator, solar installation and other property improvements.

For further information on permitting requirements, contact Monroe Township’s zoning office, 1 Municipal Plaza, at 732-521-4400 or the Monroe construction office, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road, at 732-656-4585.

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