

Edgewater: Letters, July 15

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Walkway issue continues

TO THE EDITOR:

As an addendum to your fine article ("Council alerted to walkway vandalism," July 1) I would just like to add the following: We at Grand Cove, and indeed all of those people living on properties that are contiguous to the walkway, are private citizens that have paid taxes to the Borough of [Edgewater](#), the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey. It is inherently unfair that we must, in addition, pay for the repairs, upkeep, maintenance and security of a public access walkway. Mr Strobel, along with Mr. Ahmad (now retired) have never indicated who will actually pay for the aforementioned upkeep, etc. Rather, in the way of all politicians they simply pass the buck.

It goes like this: The state mandates a walkway, to be overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection, which, in turn, of course, approves the county plan. The county then says it hasn't the control. Well, who does?

It should be noted that when the county held hearings in the [Edgewater](#) Borough Hall on its grand plan for the walkway at least 90 percent of the people there, and the room was packed, were against it. There were Edgewater Council members that questioned why the county is taking the control of the walkway out of Edgewater? The bottom line is this: The state and the county have never thought through their grandiose plans of any walkway in Edgewater. As a result, we, as private citizens have had to foot the bill over and above our "normal" taxes. If memory serves, this is called Taxation without Representation. Gee....isn't this what started the American Revolution?


I would like to add one more thing. I would like to congratulate and thank the [Edgewater](#) Police Department for the excellent job they are doing to try to handle the loiterers and crime that is on the walkway. When a call is placed to report anything untoward they respond usually within a few moments.

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