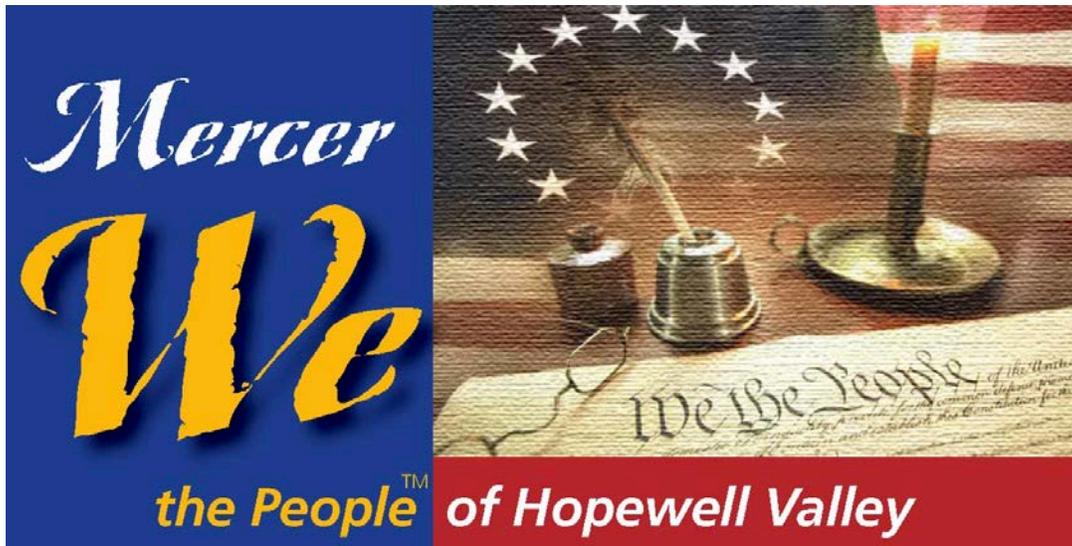


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January 2026: Special Edition

Hopewell Borough: Hate Has A Home Here

By American Anonymous (January 14 2026)

My letter to the editor in [January's issue](#) raised requests for verification of my claims about profane stickers on road signs in Hopewell. I've been noticing the stickers since June 2025. I finally contacted Borough Administrator Jerry Giaimis about them on 9/9/25, 1/6/26, 1/7/26, and 1/9/26 (copying Mayor Ryan Kennedy on the last one).

I identified several locations for the Administrator, and Public Works took those stickers down, but they couldn't be bothered to drive around our 0.7-square-mile town to look for the rest and remove them, even though I told the Administrator three times (in September and January) that there were more locations than the few I'd spoon-fed to him.

I informed the township on 1/8/26 about two stickers on the edge of Hopewell Borough that Mr. Giaimis told me were township signs in his response to my 9/9/25 complaint. Apparently, he didn't pick up the phone and inform them of my report in September. He left that up to me, but I do have my own full-time job to do. Since the stickers (both saying F*CK TRUMP, one on a School Bus Stop sign near Highland Cemetery and one on a Stop Here on Light sign by St. Michael's bridge construction) were still extant in January, I finally reached out to the township.

Unlike the lackadaisical responses I've received from the Borough that I'm about to share with you, the Township's reply strongly denounced this vandalism and vowed to act immediately. Within three days they'd already changed the School Bus Stop sign by Highland Cemetery. The other sign by the bridge construction still has two F*CK TRUMP stickers on it as of this writing. They've been there for 6-8 months.

In response to citizens seeking verification of my claims, I drove around and compiled the following list of locations. I accomplished this in less than one hour. It was shocking to verify just how many there are, and how long they've been on our signs. It should not be my job to identify these locations: keeping our town clean and free of illegal vandalism is the job of borough government and their staff in Public Works. The list includes locations where the stickers still exist, and where they have been removed. It's easy to find signs where they've been removed, because they were up for so long the sticker left a mark.

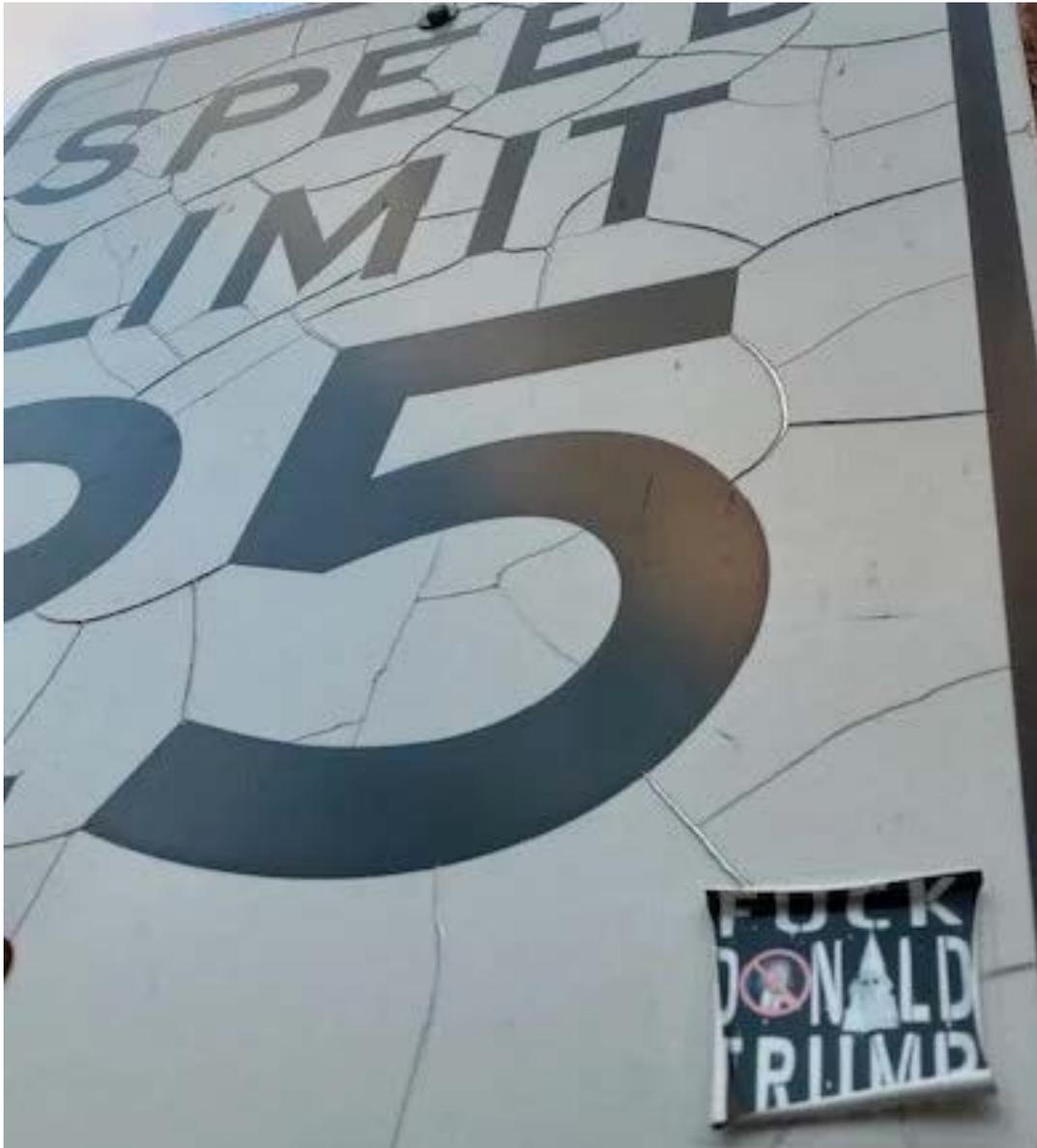
Having contacted Borough administration multiple times now, with my 1/9/26 email still unanswered by the mayor himself in which I identified some locations that remain vandalized as of this writing, I am hoping that by sharing this with readers someone else will chime in regarding our public servants' egregious lack of attention to this matter.

Welcome to Hopewell Borough. Please see below the language that has been greeting shoppers, visitors and residents in our town since June 2025:

- Model Ave: **F*ck Donald Trump**
- Crosswalk, Broad & Mercer: **F*CK TRUMP** (removed)
- School Bus Stop sign by Highland Cemetery: **F*CK TRUMP** (two replaced sign 1/13/26)
- Broad Street: **MAGA-Make America Garbage Again** (removed)
- Crosswalk, Lafayette & Elm: **F*ck Donald Trump**
- Mercer St: **Hitler/Trump face**
- Greenwood Ave & Center St: **No Elon**
- Railroad & Blackwell: **No Trump**
- Electrical box at crosswalk, Broad & Greenwood: **F*CK TRUMP, Free Palestine** (removed)

- Crosswalk, Broad & Lanning: **F*CK TRUMP** (removed)
- Greenwood & Center: **Fool me 13,000 times, I'm a Trump supporter**
- Crosswalk, Lafayette & Elm: **Blue Wave** (approx. 5 of these remain around town)
- Railroad, across from Twine: **F*ck Donald Trump** (removed)
- Mercer & Broad: **Fascism** (removed)
- Stop light at St. Michael's bridge construction: **F*CK TRUMP**, and **F*ck Donald Trump**
- Railroad & Greenwood: looks like **Free Palestine**, but sticker is so old it's unreadable
- Route 518: **F*CK TRUMP** (3 of them, removed by a citizen)
- PNC Bank entrance sign: **Blue Wave** (someone's added a **Red Wave** sticker recently)
- Mercer St. by Village Express: **F*ck Donald Trump**

Model Ave: Been On So Long It's Curling



Especially Charming On A School Bus Sign



Broad St: DPW Removed After My Complaint



Lafayette & Elm: Kids Learn To Spell The F Word At Crosswalk



This Charming Face Greet Us On Mercer St



Greenwood & Center



Railroad & Blackwell



Broad & Lanning



Looks Like Someone Bought The Variety Pack



Railroad Pl: Across From Twine



Mercer & Broad



Stop Light At Bridge Construction Near St Michaels Tract. At Least 6 Months Old.



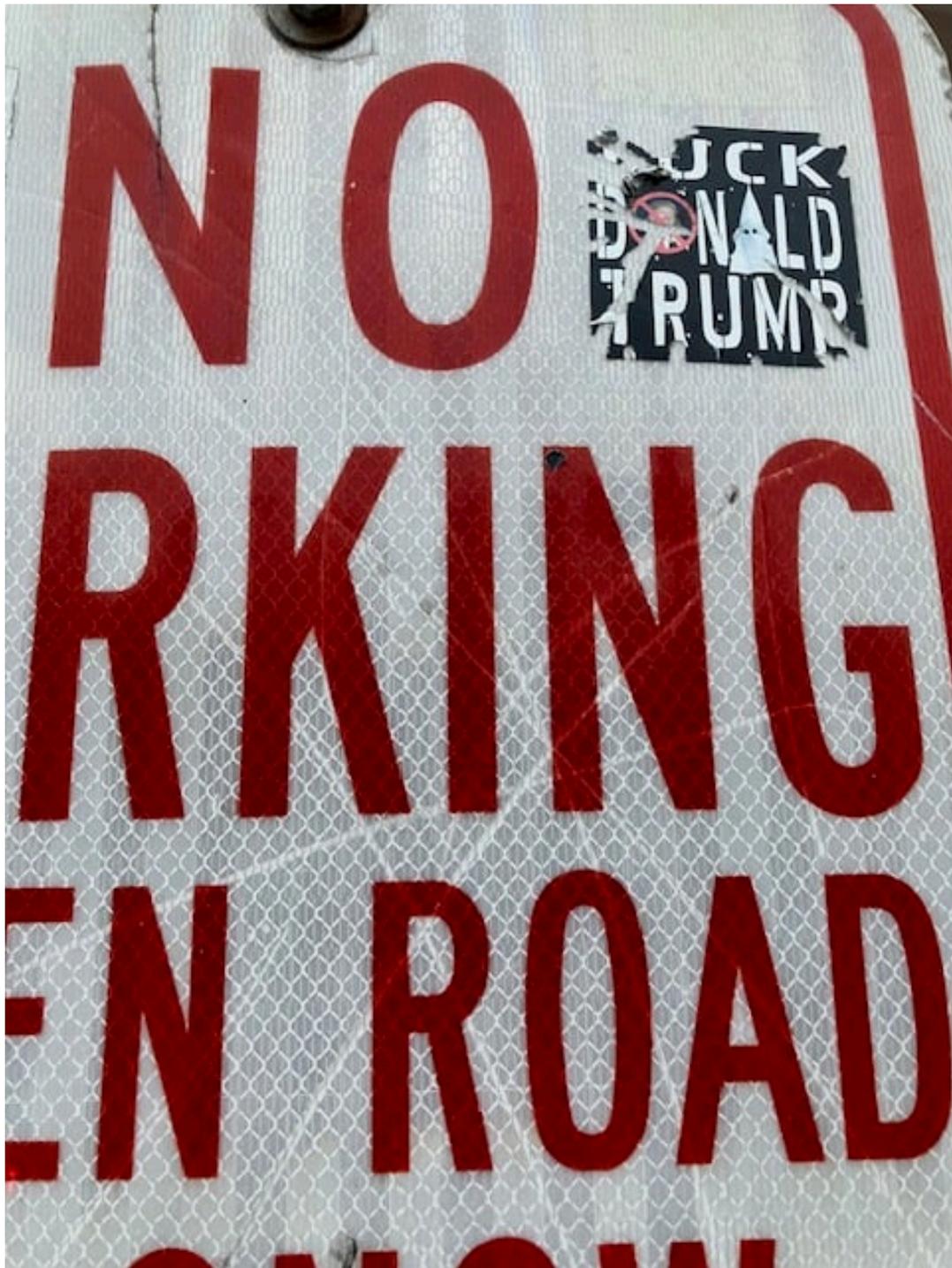
Busy Intersection At Chubbys. Been There So Long It's Faded.



PNC Sign



Mercer St By Village Express



As of this writing on January 14, 2026, at least four stickers remaining include the word F*ck. When I first emailed the Borough Administrator about the stickers on 9/9/25, he thanked me, promised to look into it, and wrote:

"This is the first I am hearing about this, and I have not personally seen it myself."

After seeing my January letter to the editor, a reader emailed Mayor Kennedy about the stickers. The reader then reached out to *Mercer We The People* seeking verification, because the mayor's reply had included:

"I'll be honest, you're the first person to mention this and I haven't noticed anything recently. Can you be more specific about the stickers and signs?"

Hmm. Strikingly similar to the reply I got from the Administrator *five months earlier*. At least Mayor Kennedy offered the obligatory "this has no place in our town."

But clearly, it *does* have a place in our town. This hateful language not only has a home here, it has its own bedroom with attached bath. This is proven by the sheer length of time these stickers have been allowed to remain visible, despite my multiple emails on this matter, even on school bus stop and crosswalk signs.

I can just picture it now: "*Take my hand at the crosswalk, little Johnny*"... "*Mommy, what does F*CK mean?*"

When I emailed the Administrator again on January 9, copying Mayor Kennedy, he informed me that by now he had seen the stickers himself and had asked his employees to "do a better job keeping an eye out," but "they can't always catch them as soon as they pop up."

Can't always catch them as soon as they pop up? As the photos show, some of these stickers have been up for so long they are faded and curling at the edges.

I repeat: our town is only 0.7-square-miles in area. Defacing public road signs is illegal (NJ 2C:17-3.1). One might suspect that if the stickers said *Go Trump* and *Yes Elon*, it would be called propaganda and removed quicker than a gnat's hiccup.

We are all taxpaying neighbors here, of varying political persuasion, sharing public spaces together. Road signs in nearby towns like Hamilton, Flemington, Lawrenceville and Ewing, where they pay a fraction of the taxes we pay, are not plastered with profanity and political propaganda. We can do better. We *must* do better, because the next generation is watching. Right now, they're learning that graffiti, vulgarity, Nazi imagery, and vandalism are all perfectly acceptable in Hopewell.

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