

**Grayzel Commentary**  
**Township Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting of May 15, 2013**

Thank you to County Freeholder Hank Lyon for presenting to us tonight the overview of the County budget. It is clear that Freeholder Lyon knows the numbers well and has a very good understanding of their budget, and his presentation was enlightening.

Thank you also to the Morris County Department of Transportation for their presentation tonight on the train station access study. I look forward to reviewing the report on the county website, and I encourage the public to go to the MCDOT website as well to view it for themselves.

On tonight's agenda we had a resolution for the "Click it or ticket" program run by our police department. This is a good reminder that all drivers and car passengers should always be wearing their seatbelts.

Boy Scout Troop 39 of Morris Plains recently held a Court of Honor to recognize its 78th Eagle Scout since its founding in 1930. His name is Daniel English of Morris Township. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts. This Morristown High School freshman designed and built four fitness stations on Jockey Hollow Preserve Top Trail, off Rolling Hills Drive in Morris Township. More than 30 volunteers, including Troop 39 Boy Scouts and their families, contributed more than 300 volunteer hours to complete this project. Thank you to Daniel and congratulations on this fine achievement.

The County College of Morris Foundation's 2013 Scholarship Gala, held April 26 at the Hyatt-Morristown, raised net proceeds of more than \$100,000 for the college's scholarships and programs. The amount set a new record for the annual event. Scott Kansky of Morristown, NJ received the Alumni Humanitarian award. Kansky, who graduated the college in 1997, is a flight paramedic with Atlantic Ambulance Corporation and has ties to Morris Township in his role as vice president of the Morris Minute Men Emergency Medical Services.

Morris Township Police reported last week that black bears were spotted in the area. Last Friday morning, two black bears were seen crossing Columbia Road. Monday morning, another was spotted off Washington Valley Road in Morristown near The Seeing Eye. The public is reminded that it is actually illegal to feed any bear. For more information about bears please see the NJ State website called "bear aware".

Please join the community to honor our Veterans during scheduled Memorial Day ceremonies and during this Memorial Day, our first one in the Morristown Community in a long time without the leadership of Robert Tracey, who passed in October of this past year. Memorial Day Services will begin at 10:00am at Morris Township town hall.

I would like to thank elected officials in Morristown for introducing an ordinance for improvements at the Morristown Municipal Airport and appropriating \$141,866.42 to pay for part of the costs. This ordinance is for the Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Wildlife Management Plan at the airport. This will benefit the wildlife in the area, including Morris Township.

Congratulations go out to Tim Quinn and the entire group of police officers and other bike riders for their participation in the Police Unity Tour. This ride brings public awareness of Police Officers who have died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices it is a great event in support of a great cause.

As I mentioned last month, regular Yard waste collection has been included in this year's budget. The once-a-month collections started last Saturday in zone 1 and continue with pick-ups this coming Saturday in zone 2. Please check the Township website for the complete schedule and to see which zone you are located in.

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