

Grayzel Commentary
Township Committee Meeting
Meeting of June 19, 2013

Congratulations to the two new police officers who were sworn in tonight. I wish them well in their service to the residents of Morris Township. We have a fine police force and this is evidenced by two recent commendations they have received, which are just two of many they have received over the years.

Recently the Morris Township police department was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their DWI enforcement efforts. According to government statistics almost 10,000 people died in drunk driving crashes last year. This is a staggering number.

Police Officer Clay Boeninghaus, along with another officer from the Hanover Police Department, recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the organization ASIS International. The two officers chased down a suspected robber by foot, apprehended the suspect, and this person was indeed later convicted. So my congratulations go out to the entire police department on their achievements and please keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Zach Certner for his work with SNAP, which stands for Special Needs Athletic Programs. Not only does it serve a great need to these special needs kids but it also inspires the youth mentors who volunteer in the program to work together through athletics, peer mentoring activities, and educational programs. SNAP's goals are to ultimately raise awareness about the impact students can make in the lives of children with autism and other disabilities. For more information of if you want to donate to this local non-profit organization, please visit their website at www.snapclinics.org

The Department of Parks and Recreation, led by Director Bill Foelsch, has initiated a process for natural resource management/stewardship planning for two of the Park Preserves assigned to our department – the Spence-Doremus Preserve and the Jockey Hollow Top Preserve. We have contracted with the firm Conservation Resources, Inc. (CRI) of Chester, NJ to help us establish goals for managing the land, identify and inventory all special resources to be protected, review recreational/community impacts, and ultimately look at possible management strategies and potential funding sources to assist the Township with these Preserves. I would like to thank Bill for his good work in this effort.

The July 4 holiday is just a couple of weeks away. Every year the National Historic Park puts on a wonderful historic reenactment of the reading of the Declaration of Independence. This year the reading will take place on the historic Green in the center of Morristown. The reading will be followed by music, family fun games and activities. It is a great event for all ages and I highly recommend that everyone make an effort to go hear our Declaration of Independence.

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