

**Grayzel Commentary**

**Township Committee Meeting**

**Meeting of October 23, 2013**

Congratulations to Officer McIver on her great work and her receipt of the special life-saving award from the police department. Congratulations to Patrolman Laauwe on joining our police force. I wish him well serving the residents of our Township.

Congratulations to Cory Booker on winning the Special Election to become our new Senator from our great state of New Jersey. I wish him well and hope that he lives up to the words he used during his campaign of bipartisanship and reaching across the aisle to work with his republican colleagues in Washington. The local Morris Township results were interesting in that they show that Cory Booker actually won the vote in Morris Township.

I am still not sure why there had to be a special election instead of letting the election take place on the general election date in November, and I am disappointed that the NJ taxpayers were forced to foot the bill of over \$12 million to hold the special election.

In less than two of weeks we will have another election, and as there is every year with our local form of government, there is an election for the Township Committee on the ballot. I wish both Mr. Mancuso and his challenger Cathy Wilson the best of luck in the election.

A couple of weeks ago Mr. Mancuso and I took part in our first meeting of the Committee that runs shared court in Madison. As of January 1 we will officially be the fifth member of this court that is currently shared between Madison, Harding, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township. Each municipality has two members appointed to the Committee, and the chairmanship rotates each year. I am very hopeful that this was the right move on the part of Morris Township to make this switch to this shared court.

It looks like Mother Nature is going to give us a break this year and that all of our kids will finally get to celebrate a regular Halloween. The Fairchild firehouse is holding their Halloween parade on Sunday at 1:30pm, and the Hillside Hose company is holding their on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Although it has been a delightful Fall season thus far I suggest that everyone make sensible preparations for a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 100 year storm. You never know what surprises global warming will bring us, and we have all learned that it is always a good thing to be prepared.

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