

Jeff Grayzel commentary – August 27, 2014

Morris Township Committee meeting

My condolences go out to the family of former County Clerk Joan Bramhall. It was a tragic end for someone who gave so many years of her life to public service.

Congratulations to Dr. Ficarra on a fine career serving the residents of Morristown and Morris Township. I wish him well in retirement.

Schools will be open soon so please be careful when driving through school zones, and please stop for all school buses with flashing lights who are transporting our children. I would also like to wish Mark Manning success in his first full year as the principal at Morristown High School.

Morris County has a very nice memorial to the victims of 9/11 that is located on West Hanover Avenue, and every year there is a remembrance ceremony near the anniversary of the tragic 9/11 event. This year the annual ceremony at the county monument will take place on the evening of September 7. It is a beautiful ceremony which is open to the public, and I urge residents to attend.

Development of the Honeywell property is moving forward with a second meeting of the planning board to review the development plan offered up by the developers. The Rockefeller Group will be the lead developer of the overall project and will be developing the office portion of the complex. Hovnanian builders will develop the residential units. If the planning board accepts the general development plan (GDP), then the next step for them would be to submit a formal site plan application to Morris Township's planning board. The hearings will continue with a special session of the Planning Board tomorrow Thursday August 28. Residents interested in hearing for themselves how this large piece of property will be developed should come out to the planning board meeting tomorrow.

There is a new event coming to our community called the Morristown Book Festival, that will take place on Friday, Sept. 26th and Sat., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be multiple venues

where attendees can participate in in discussion meetings with 21 authors. For more details visit [www.morristownfestivalofbooks.org](http://www.morristownfestivalofbooks.org)

Lastly, the Rec department has published its 2014-2015 Fall-Winter Parks & Recreation Brochure, which is available on-line on the Township website [www.morristwp.com](http://www.morristwp.com). For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the Recreation department at 973-3326-7371.

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