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**SPECIAL UNCOMING EVENTS**  
**AT GINTY FIELD**

**Gazebo Dedication & Township Day**  
**June 13, 2004**

**9/11 Memorial Ceremony**  
**September 11, 2004**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**  
**Help Us Help You!**

The Morris Twp. Fire Department and the Morris Minute Men First Aid Squad need new volunteers now! The training for this important and rewarding work is provided. If you are interested, please call  
(973) 326-7460 - Fire Department  
(973) 539-1176 after 6pm – First Aid Squad

**Profiles - Your Township At Work**

**Morris Township Department of Public Works** By Joseph Giordano

Many Morris Township residents kept a nervous eye on the nightly weather reports this winter. Concerns about school closures, potential commuting woes, and just digging out of the driveway, often made for some sleepless nights. While our residents were tossing and turning, the workers at the Morris Township Department of Public Works (DPW) were working through the night, and sometimes around the clock, to keep our 120 plus miles of Township roads safe for travel!

From December 1, 2003 to February 10, 2004, the DPW responded to nine (9) different snow and ice events. This group of dedicated Township employees put in over 5,000 man-hours this winter season on our behalf. And due to the fact that Mother Nature has her own schedule, over 4,000 hours of that response were required as overtime.

The DPW team used nineteen (19) vehicles to sand and salt and another nine (9) pieces of equipment to plow our roads. This magnitude of the effort comes into perspective when we take into account it required the use of approximately 2,000 tons of salt and 500 tons of snow grit!

DPW's work was aided by the addition of some new equipment – a 2004 International dump truck with a 5 cubic yard stainless steel body (replaced a 1987 dump truck) and a 2004 Volvo roll-off truck (replaced a 1985 roll-off truck) which has a 20 foot material spreader to facilitate the application of salt and sand along specific routes. The roll-off truck also serves another purpose – carting recyclables (paper products, mixed cans, glass & plastic containers, and large metal items) to market on a daily basis.

Please join us in publicly acknowledging this hard-working group of dedicated Morris Township workers! Many thanks from all of us!!