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Mayor's Message By Mayor H. Scott Rosenbush

As the Fall of 2004 approaches, we come to several occasions on the calendar for reflection and thanks. We take time to give our sincere thanks for the donations from Dick and Jackie Deskovick that enabled the Township to dedicate a gazebo as part of a multi-phase project memorializing those lost in the 9/11 attacks (see article this page). We also owe our gratitude to the Morris Plains Rotary Club for its generous donation to help beautify our Township (see article on page 2).

There are many opportunities available for people who want to give back to the community - private and public, service-oriented and financial. We rely on the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who help make Morris Township

such a wonderful place to live. Be sure to read the message from our Health Department on opportunities to volunteer in a new critical emergency preparedness and response program (see article on page 3).

Mark your calendar for various upcoming events in Morris Township including the exhibitions, educational programs, performing arts, and special events at the Morris Museum (see article page 3), as well as those noted on the back page of this newsletter, especially the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. I hope to see you all there.

I know that we'll be giving many thanks to many more people in our community this Fall.

Morris Township's 9/11 Memorial Begins With Gazebo Dedication By Robert E. Nace, Deputy Mayor

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the numbing reality of terrorism struck this country. Every one of us will forever remember where we were that fateful morning as four airplanes carrying innocent people became victims of religious fanaticism. In Morris Township, six families lost fathers, mothers, husbands and wives.

On June 13, 2004, Morris Township dedicated a gazebo as an initial phase in a multi-phase project to memorialize those lost in the 9/11 attacks.



Pictured left to right: Dick Deskovick, Jackie Deskovick, Kim Deskovick, Bob Nace, Kathleen Hyland, Rick Watson, and Scott Rosenbush. Picture courtesy of Cindy Zimmerman.

300 to 400 residents joined the Township Committee in a turn-of-the-century day of music and song. Led by the Morristown High School Marching Band and the harmony of two barbershop quartets, residents also enjoyed ten-

cent hot dogs and five-cent birch beer.

The 28 foot gazebo is constructed of aluminum products, designed to make it virtually maintenance-free. The effort to design and construct the gazebo is the result of the gracious donation of one of Morris Township's finest families, Dick and Jackie Deskovick.

From the onset of the project Dick and Jackie were instrumental in the design, engineering, and construction efforts with Dick overseeing construction on a daily basis.



Pictured left to right: Ronald Ayers, Jackie Deskovick, Kim Deskovick, and Dick Deskovick. Picture courtesy of Cindy Zimmerman.

The Township is blessed to have such dedicated supporters of their community.

On September 11, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., the public is invited to join in the dedication of our 9/11 Memorial at the gazebo to honor the six Morris Township residents whose lives were lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center. This is the second phase of the Township's 9/11 Memorial project.

The gazebo and other phases of the 9/11 Memorial project are planned to provide the Township a place where the community can come together to celebrate life and a place of reflection. In the future, as a third phase, a memorial walkway honoring our Emergency Service Workers will be constructed along the brook leading from the gazebo.