

## More Bio-terrorism Volunteers Are Needed In The Township

By Kevin P. Breen, MPH, Morris Township Health Department

If we experience a bio-terrorism event in our area, there will be regional and local sites set up for the distribution of antibiotics. Point of Distribution (POD) local sites will be operated if the bio-terrorism attack requires distribution of antibiotics in pill form rather than by vaccination.

These sites will need many volunteers - both medical & non-medical personnel - to help staff it. Some of the responsibilities of non-medical volunteers include clinic flow personnel, referral personnel, antibiotic supply management, IT support, forms distribution and collection, and so forth.

You could be essential to the success of this critical emergency preparedness and response program, and we want to let you know how you can participate. If you have not already volunteered and are interested in volunteering to assist us in the operation of sites, please respond directly to me at 973-326-7390 or [kbreen@morristwp.com](mailto:kbreen@morristwp.com).

## Concert Season Planned For Gazebo At Ginty Field

By Morris Township Recreation Advisory Committee

The new Gazebo at Ginty Field has been dedicated and is now ready for exciting concerts to be held on beautiful summer evenings. The Morris Township Recreation Department intends to hold concerts on at least three Sunday evenings during the 2005 summer season.

Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and listen to an enjoyable evening of music. Entertainment will be suitable for all age groups.

Local businesses and other corporate sponsors who are interested in helping to underwrite the Morris Township summer concert series are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department at 973-326-7371.

Please check the Recreation website at [www.morristwp.com](http://www.morristwp.com) or look for our Spring / Summer Recreation Brochure for further details.

## New Pet Waste Ordinance Protects the Environment

By Morris Township Health Department

On March 2, 2005, Morris Township adopted a new ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in order to protect public health, safety and welfare. The ordinance will be enforced by the Township's Police Department, Animal Control Officer and Local Board of Health, and there are penalties for failure to comply.

This mandatory ordinance requires all pet owners and keepers to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any public or private property not owned or possessed by them. This includes, but is not limited to, your neighbor's yard, all public streets, and our parks. Practically speaking, this means you should carry a waste disposal bag or receptacle with you at all times when you and your pet are outdoors.

On any property owned or possessed by pet owners and keepers, all are now required to properly dispose of their pet's solid waste at a frequency of at least weekly or more frequently if necessary to prevent a public health nuisance. There is an exception for people requiring the use of a disability assistance animal and they are exempt from these new provisions while such animal is being used for that purpose.

Proper disposal means immediately picking up and placing your pet's solid waste in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarding it in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector. You may also dispose the solid waste into a toilet which will convey it as domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal. *Disposal into a storm drain or stormwater system is strictly prohibited.*

Any person violating any provision of this new ordinance may be liable for a fine of between \$50.00 and \$500.00 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution.

Please contact Morris Township's Health Department at 973-326-7390 if you have questions or need more information.

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## Morris Township Offers Debit Card for Parking at the Convent Train Station

By Randy Williams, Township Building Maintenance Supervisor

Dollar-A-Day Commuters, why go through the hassle of making sure you have enough quarters in your pocket before leaving home in the morning? Why should you be weighted down with coins jingling around in your pockets?

You can purchase a Morris Township Debit Card for parking at the Convent Train Station through the Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

You can purchase a ten dollar (\$10) or twenty dollar (\$20) debit card and be given instruction on how to use it at the pay station. Debit card instructions are also posted next to each pay station. After the debit card has been fully used, just throw it away and purchase another, or you may purchase several cards at a time.

Just drop by the office of the Township Clerk and purchase your debit card by cash or check (no credit cards accepted).