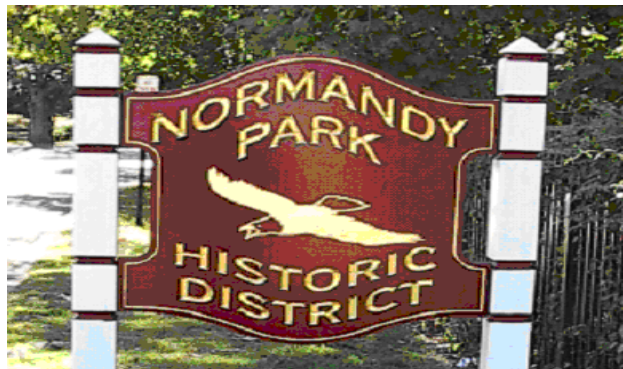


Normandy Park Historic District Gets New Signs

By Paige L'Hommedieu



New signs are now in place designating the Normandy Park Historic District. The signs, installed in April by the Department of Public Works, are located on Normandy Parkway at both ends of the district which is bounded by Columbia Turnpike and Madison Avenue.

This historic district, one of three in Morris Township, is a neighborhood of sizeable houses on large properties built during the period from 1885 to 1925. The district was listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places in 1996. Other Morris Township historical areas include Prudenttown and Washington Valley.

For more information regarding historic preservation in Morris Township, please contact your Morris Township Historic Preservation Commission at 973-538-4956.

Township Corporations Adopt Firefighters for Safety

By Fire Chief Craig Goss

The Morris Township Fire Department would like to express its gratitude and heart-felt thanks to the Township's corporate neighbors for their donations and participation in the 'Adopt a Firefighter' program.

The fire department currently has nearly 75 career and volunteer firefighters. These firefighters risk their lives for you and your neighbors on a regular basis when fighting fires. In order to help minimize the risks that they take, we asked the corporations of Morris Township if they would assist the fire department in its goal to equip all of the Township's firefighters with a Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) unit in the year 2005.

When a firefighter goes down in a building on fire, due to injury or structural collapse, other firefighters often do not know that he or she is in trouble due to the smoke and fire conditions. However, modern technology has come to the rescue by developing a way to make firefighting safer through the use of a small electrical PASS unit that monitors the movement of a firefighter. If the firefighter's movement stops, the PASS alarm will sound, alerting other firefighters to a firefighter in distress so they may come to this downed firefighter's aid. Each PASS alarm costs \$200.

We would like to thank the following Morris Township corporations for adopting one or more firefighters and participating in the 'Adopt A Firefighter' program: Bayer Corporation, Colgate Palmolive Corporation, Honeywell Corporation, Toyota of Morristown, and Warnock Automotive Group.

The firefighter's life you help save may be the one that could someday save yours. The total cost to equip all Morris Township firefighters will exceed \$15,000. If you would like to know more about this program or would like to adopt a firefighter, please call (973) 326-7461.

Morris Township Proactively Manages Deer Population

By Tom Kenny, Special Projects Coordinator

After numerous public discussions to address the proliferation of deer in our area, Morris Township's Environmental Commission prepared and presented an extensive report to the Township Committee. Following the report recommendations, the Township Committee created a Wildlife Management Committee and performed an aerial deer population survey. A survey from the last Municipal Messenger revealed an overwhelming concern from residents about the overpopulation of deer in their neighborhoods.

After careful consideration of the safety aspects, the Township has embarked on a deer culling program throughout the township to reduce the deer population. The culling program began with bow and arrow on September 10, 2005 and will continue through February 16, 2006 as permitted by the State of New Jersey. In late November, firearms will be used but only on large tracts of land.

The goal for this season is to cull 200 deer. State wildlife experts place a manageable number of deer in a setting such as Morris Township at 15-20 per square mile. Our aerial survey in the spring revealed a concentration of

about 49 deer per square mile. We expect that this program over a number of years will bring the deer population into a better balance.

Volunteer licensed hunters are participating in the culling program. They have been screened and issued permits by the police department and are working under the supervision of Patrolman Steven Summerer. Substantial precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of our community including the use of elevated tree stands. **No one will be permitted to walk through a neighborhood with any loaded weapon whatsoever. By law, hunting must be at least 450 feet (or, 1½ football fields) from any building.**

Typical culling hours will be in the mornings for approximately 2 to 3 hours beginning at dawn and/or in the early evening to dusk. Signs will be placed near the culling station locations. The stations will be relocated when the local herd is reduced. Homeowners in close proximity to culling stations will also receive notices to avoid undue alarm. If you have any questions about this program, please call Patrolman Steven Summerer at Police Headquarters at (973) 326-7450 or (973) 539-0777.