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Mayor's Message

By Mayor Robert E. Nace

Slow down, it's your neighborhood safety we are talking about!

Morris Township has stepped up its enforcement of speed limits in residential neighborhoods and on connector streets with heavy volume. Analysis of traffic tickets shows one common fact – half of the speeding violations in our neighborhoods are done by the local people who live there.

Dads, moms, and teenage drivers often become complacent on their home turf and contribute to the speeding problems in our residential areas. Perhaps the most dangerous place for kids to play is the neighborhood street when a parent is late picking up their children from an activity like soccer or dance class.

Our traffic surveys compile information on traffic volume and speed. The results show that most drivers operate within 6 to 14 miles per hour (MPH) above the posted speed limit. This increases the amount of distance required to stop your vehicle by up to 10 feet for every additional MPH you are traveling.

We need your help! If we all drive at the posted speed limit, your neighborhood will be a safer place, as will the other residential areas of the Township. Also don't forget to buckle up for safety, and please hang up the cell phone while driving!

Remember, it starts with you. Slow down, stay focused, and save a life!

Have A Happy & Safe Summer

Morris Township Swimming Pool Improvements Underway

By Recreation Committee Members Kathleen G. Hyland & Richard A. Watson

In the fall of 2005, the Township circulated a survey to all of the patrons of our two swimming pools – Ginty Pool located off South Street and Streeter Pool located off Sussex Avenue. The goal was to elicit feedback about what pool users liked and didn't like about the pools themselves and the pool program in general.

The response was voluminous and very helpful. We have learned from you, our customers, that there are a few areas where improvement is needed in order to give pool users the type of summer recreation experience that can be thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are determined to make the improvements necessary to continue to attract thousands of Township families to the pools each summer.

In addition to incorporating many of the ideas suggested by the survey responders, we've established an Advisory Committee of pool users, a group of 19 residents who will continue to guide us by making recommendations for necessary improvements.

Specifically, the actions we have taken so far include:

- The bathrooms, mentioned by many survey respondents, will be given an interim make-over before the pools open this season and a more complete renovation at the end of the season. Daily cleaning of the bathrooms will be more aggressively supervised by the pool managers and us, the Recreation Committee. Additional personnel will be hired to clean up around the pools, especially on weekends. This should help reduce the infestation of bees. In addition, the Township Health Dept. has been asked to develop more plans to reduce bees and other insects.
- The membership rates have been kept the same, and the rate structure has been simplified to eliminate what some have seen as unfair treatment of single parents.
- Pool patrons will now be allowed to use guest passes purchased in

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Some members of the Advisory Committee of pool users meet at the Streeter Pool. Pictured from left to right: Back row – Barbara Silverstein, Kathy Endres, Jenn Honig, Jean Viotto, Sharon Panko, Jim DelGiudice, Township Administrative Ass't Karen Carman, Mayor Robert Nace, & Maura Braun; Front row – Deputy Mayor Richard Watson, Karen Dembi, & Garbirelle Meyer. Picture courtesy of Tim Quinn.