

Do You Know Where This Historical Monument Is Located?

By Sarah Harris, Commission Member,

Morris Township Historic Preservation Commission

Thank you to all who responded to our historical monument question posed in the last issue of the Municipal Messenger. We were pleased to have a number of responses from members of our community and many of you had the correct answer which is:

This monument is located in Morris Township on a grassy triangle at the end of Van Beuren Road where it intersects with Spring Valley Road. It was erected by the Morristown Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) between 1910-1912 to commemorate the January 1777 march of General George Washington and his army to camps in and around Morristown after victories in Trenton and Princeton.

The D.A.R. erected five other similar monuments to commemorate this historic march. Today only a few still remain.

Look for other "Do You Know Where?" historic sites in our Township in upcoming Municipal Messenger issues and feel free to contact us at sarahfh57@aol.com.



"BY THIS ROUTE, WASHINGTON WITH HIS ARMY RETIRED TO MORRISTOWN AFTER HIS VICTORY AT PRINCETON, JANUARY 1777 ---- ERECTED BY THE D.A.R."

Easy Ways To Be "Green"

By Barbara Gardner, Morris Township Environmental Commission

AT THE SUPERMARKET

- *Support Local Farms.* Find suppliers of organic & sustainably produced meat, poultry, eggs, and produce whenever you can.
- *Bring Your Own Grocery Bag.* Take a cloth bag to and from the store, not paper or plastic.

AROUND THE HOUSE

- *Save money in the bathroom.* Buy water efficient faucets and showerheads.
- *Recycle and recharge.* Digital cameras, camcorders, cell phones & all used batteries can be recycled. Recharge whenever you can and find a store that will recycle them for you.
- *Adjust refrigerator and freezer temperatures.* Keep the fridge at 37 degrees and the freezer at 0 degrees Fahrenheit.
- *Lighten up with energy savings.* Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). They cost a bit more but last up to 10 times longer than regular bulbs.

For more information, contact Morris County Municipal Utility Authority. See their website www.MCMUA.com or call (973) 829-8006.

New Trails Plan Under Development As Part of Open Space

By Tom Kenny, Morris Township Special Projects Coordinator

On March 22, 2007, the first official meeting to kick off the Township's new trails plan was held during the regular meeting of the Open Space Committee. Barbara Davis and Andrew Szwak from the Morris Land Conservancy, the consultants who will assist Morris Township in drafting its plan, were in attendance to briefly outline a plan of action.

As Barbara and Andrew noted in their presentation, the plan is essentially a mapping project that will likely be adopted as an element to the Township's master plan. The trails plan will highlight points of interest, linkages with other municipal and county-owned parks, and construction standards by trail use including security measures. The trails plan will also include acquisition of property, if necessary, to complete the trails system, as well as stewardship and maintenance issues.

The timeline for this plan is rather aggressive as a draft plan is anticipated for review by the appropriate committees in summer 2007 with the delivery of the final plan in September, 2007.

For more information, please contact Tom Kenny, Special Projects Coordinator, at kenny@morristwp.com or (973) 326-7427.

Your Township Committee

Robert E. Nace, Mayor
Richard A. Watson, Deputy Mayor
Jeff Grayzel

Kathleen G. Hyland
H. Scott Rosenbush

Check our website at: www.morristwp.com or refer to your Municipal Calendar for more information on key dates for Morris Township meetings & other activities.

Summer Concert Season Planned At Ginty Field

Bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy this season's Summer Concert Series.

Tuesday dates and artists include:

- Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 pm
Hanover Wind Symphony (Classical & Contemporary)
- Tuesday, July 31 at 7:00 pm
The Kootz Band (R&B, Swing)
- Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00 pm
Heather Mulvey (Americana, Celtic, & Contemporary Folk)
- Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 pm
The Frost Kings (Rock & Roll)

A Sunday concert is scheduled:

- Sunday, August 12 at 4:00 pm
Morris Music Men (Traditional & Contemporary)

Please check www.morristwp.com for more details. Also please note that the schedule may be subject to change.

Recreation Advisory Committee

By Bill Foelsch, Director of Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Advisory Committee consists of 25 members, each appointed by the Township Committee for a three-year term. This committee is responsible for the planning and implementation of long-range plans for parks and recreation programs, including needs assessment and construction. The Advisory Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building on Woodland Avenue. Please bring your input to one of our meetings.