



Village Notes

A Newsletter of the Moorestown Improvement Association

Winter 2010

A Century Ago ...

A century ago in 1910, Moorestown Improvement Association (MIA) continued to work to ensure open space and parks for all Moorestown residents. With the purchase and landscaping of the triangle property at Second Street and Camden Avenue MIA created a public park that later became War Memorial Park and still exists today.

Coming in 2010 ...



Watch for artists windows being displayed on Main Street in Spring of 2010. A gala and auction is being planned for May 8, 2010.

Get more information or find out how to be an artist at: www.thecommunityhouse.com/winonmain.htm

Mission Statement

The Moorestown Improvement Association is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the community. Members strive to advance the common good through personal commitment, active participation, and financial support. Activities focus on historic preservation, heritage appreciation, the perpetuation of the tree planting tradition, and environmental concerns.

Annual Meeting

March 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Moorestown Community House - Club Room

Bill Newborg, Executive Director, Moorestown Community House, will speak about the Community House's history in Moorestown, the recent renovations and it's future.

We hope you will join us for a brief business meeting, award presentations, program speaker and refreshments. Space is limited. please make reservations .

Please contact: Ed Armstead at warmstead2@comcast.net or 235-1359 by March 12, 2009.

Scholarships Available

Moorestown High School Seniors are invited to apply for the 2010 MIA Scholarships. Candidates should exemplify the ideals of the MIA through leadership and active participation in school and community activities that make Moorestown a better place to live.

For more information or forms: www.moorestown.com/community/mia/ Applications due May 3, 2010

Two Scholarships were awarded in 2009

The MIA Scholarship: presented to **Ryan Dwosh**

The Ellen Shiplee Memorial Scholarship: presented to **Julia Entwistle**

Membership Note - Your Membership Makes a Difference

We've all heard of the economic downturn in America and, yes it is felt even in Moorestown. However, in order to maintain that quality of life we enjoy, some things still need to be accomplished and paid for.

For example, how would Moorestown look without our beloved Community House (or Stokes Hill, Strawbridge Lake, etc.)? These common areas are available for all of us to enjoy, but they have a cost.

Currently, the **Moorestown Improvement Association** (MIA) is spearheading a fundraising project called *Windows on Main Street*. It's similar to the Nipper project of a few years ago and is designed to raise much needed funds for the Community

House. I don't think any of us want the building boarded up.

So, how does membership in the **MIA** relate to the Windows on Main project? Because, the **MIA** is the

oldest civic organization in town, we are able to help the other organizations stay afloat. Your membership dues keep us in business, doing what we do. It's just that simple.

Without the **MIA**, much of what we enjoy today would have been demolished or not set aside years ago. Your membership helps keep Moorestown the quaint community it is and has been.

We've changed the signs



Church Street water tower being painted.

that greet you as you drive into town. We've gotten the Church Street water tower relettered, we've held walking tours of our Historic District, and the list goes on and on.

Please renew your dues for 2010 and help us save the Community House as well as continue making a difference in Moorestown!

See you around town!

David W. Schill,
Membership Chair

Appreciation Award Looking to Recognize Residents



Photo Above: 2009 MIA Appreciation Award recipients for 'Our Sacred Honor: Moorestonians in Time of War'. Members of the team included Ann Condon, Alec DeCrosta, Tony DeCrosta, Dana Germano, DJ Haney, Barbara McCall, Grace Reed, Lenny Wagner.

Annually, the Trustees of the **Moorestown Improvement Association** recognize residents who have improved Moorestown by fostering a sense of community unity, and making a friendlier place to live, work and enjoy life.

Nominations are being sought for 2010 candidates for this *Moorestown Appreciation Award*. The nomination deadline is March 1st, application guidelines and information are online:

www.moorestown.com/community/mia/

The 2009 Award was presented to the production team for 'Our Sacred Honor: Moorestonians in Time of War', a DVD about Moorestown's participation in wars over history.

For more information about this year's event - See other side

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Historic Walking Tours Show Off Town

In the October, 2009, MIA offered a Historic Walking Tour program to highlight the varied and unique character of town. A 90 minute tour led by Kimberly Bunn, a local architect, featured properties on West Main Street, and Camden Avenue between Union Avenue and Pleasant Valley.

The tour was a favorite of all who attended. One attendee commented they, "... learned things about houses they have driven past for years." This was one of the intents the tour, to pass on stories that otherwise could be lost over the generations.

The MIA is looking to continue the program yearly, in both spring and fall, selecting a new area of town to highlight. A spring 2010 tour is being planned, watch for information.



Photo Above: Attendees during the Fall 2009 group learn about bungalow "town houses" on West Main Street.

Visit the Moorestown Improvement Association Website at www.moorestown.com/community/mia/

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