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TO: Denville Township Council

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa

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Mayor's Report – June and July – 2008

July

Ford Road Recreation Fields – A letter was written to Don Bogardus on July 8 asking him if it were possible to move forward with the Ford Road Green Acres public hearings before the Veterans Park project was completed. He responded by letter saying he would. He indicated he was very engaged in summer projects presently, but would begin the Green Acres public hearing process at his earliest convenience. He recommended "DPW finish the clean up that was started on that property several years ago. Back then the property was cut back and all the high brush and scrub trees were piled up but never removed". Marie Goble and Joe Lowell discussed this and it was decided this clean up would commence this fall when grass and bushes stop growing.

Temporary Fields Agreements – The search for temporary fields is concluded for the year. The Township completed agreements with WP Realty, St. Clare's, Wendy's and the Rock Ridge Association. These were formal agreements that can be renewed annually and according to Don Bogardus, they are all either being used or will be used in the Fall.

Bike Rodeo – Sponsored by the Public Health and Safety Committee and Denville Police the bike rodeo attracted well over 100 kids on bikes. It was held on July 9th. Event leader Michelle McGlynn, weathered rain and a postponement to put on an excellent bike safety program for kids. There were seven safety stations and many giveaways. The Denville MAC committee provided some funding for the event. Other sponsors were KJ Feury, Injury Prevention Coordinator from Morristown Memorial and Cycle Craft of Parsippany.

Beautification Committee Update - On July 26th a third Beautification Committee field trip was conducted. We reviewed our progress so far, viewed some rose bushes to be donated and visited areas downtown of concern. Sandy Wills agreed to be chairman and coordinator and Franz Fuertges agreed to be director. Work parties were organized to deal with as-yet unassigned areas. The clock tower area was completed and volunteers are currently redoing the bus stop area. The Beautification Committee volunteers have completed all other areas.

Pedestrian Overpass – On July 8th from 4 to 7 PM there was a public hearing on the State DOT pedestrian Overpass at Franklin and Rt. 46. Ground was broken within a few weeks and the project is currently well under way.

July 4th Concert and Fireworks – A David Aaron Orchestra concert was followed by a breathtaking fireworks display. John Ciardi, new Building and Grounds Supervisor, used innovation to use the existing pavilion instead of building a one-time stage, thereby saving about the same amount of money as the orchestra cost for their performance. It was a great event. Good work John and Darlene!

Open Space Applications – Two applications were submitted on July 25th to the Morris County Open Space Committee. The Township is seeking \$1,000,000.00 for the Patterson Diocese property on the corner of Hill and Cooper Roads. This will augment the Knuth Farm Park. We are also seeking \$500,000 for additional parcels to add passive recreation areas to the Muriel Hepner Extension Project. Additionally we are supporting a POWWW open space application with \$47,000 from our dedicated Open Space Trust Fund.

Denville Chamber of Commerce – In conjunction with the Economic Development Committee the Chamber is working with Main St. USA to revitalize the downtown area and Kristin Pamprin is analyzing data collected last year on parking to see if additional improvements can be made.

June (Verbally given at July 15th Council Meeting)

Senior Activities – The Recreation Committee completed the spring season of four senior socials in June. Additionally the Mayor's sixth spring genealogy session was held. Both events were well attended.

County GIS System – After a memo was circulated about the County's GIS system, several employees and council people requested the county schedule a tutorial. This will be planned as time permits.

GS Troop 734 Gold Award Ceremony – Rachel Carlson, Abigail Hogan and Erika Zois received their gold award. Council members Stecky, LaMonte and Toth were in attendance.

Employee Picnic – Held June 20. All employees had a wonderful time.

PAL Olympics – Organized by Patrolman Nienstadt. Attended by over 200 children.

August (Full report to appear in September)

Senior Picnic – August 1.

SRI LANKA DAY – Aug 9.

Future Items

Mayor's Health Fair – October 7; screenings, MAC Committee Substance Abuse Awareness and Bike Usage and Good Health

Green Committee – to be introduced at a September Council meeting.

Knuth Farm Festival – September 27 and 28th.

Hub Times – Due out end of August. We will employ the same distribution method that has been used by the Recreation Committee, namely putting the newsletter online and making it available at various locations around town. This is a savings of around \$7,000.00.