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TO: Denville Township Council
FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa
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Mayor's Report – February/March 2009

Support of Picatinny Initiatives – On 3/3/09 there was a public officials forum at Picatinny Arsenal where attending Mayors and public officials were challenged to support the war effort and act as family support group for families of deployed soldiers who live in our town. Our first step in this process is to identify all military families and then assess needs.

On 3/9/09 there was a Picatinny Working Group meeting attended by myself and Nick Stecky, at Rockaway Twp. The 15-page handout is on file with the clerk, which includes an announcement of Armed Forces Day on May 9th. Many items pertaining to Picatinny and their operation were discussed.

Presentation of CDBG Application – Mary Ann Cuneo, Nick Rosania and I went to Morristown on 3/3/09 to present the 2009 Community Development Block Grant application. The application is for handicapped accessible walking trail around the lake at Muriel Hepner Park. Mary Ann provided a one-page handout. We all felt the presentation was thorough and well received.

COAH on the web – We have a COAH page on our website at;

<http://www.thedenvillehub.com/COAHUpdate.asp>

It has informative current documents on Highlands and COAH memos and letters.

Earth Day – The Green Sustainability Committee is planning Earth Day for May 23rd. Chairman Stecky will provide details.

2009 Bike Initiative – We have begun the process of preparing certain roads to be designated as bike friendly. On 3/10/09 with Joe Lowell, we analyzed 19 roads in Denville for recommendations to improve bike access. As usual Mr. Lowell was very helpful.

Recreational Fields – The parking area at Veteran's Memorial Park has been started by DPW and Devon Pollitto will do an Eagle project by enhancing and beautifying the entrance.

Beautification Committee Spring Kickoff – This Saturday at 9 AM the Beautification Committee is invited to it's first meeting. There are 32 members, led by Sandy Wills and Franz Fuertges. We will be reviewing the ordering process and the planting schedule.

Open Space – Saturday, April 18th at 10 AM will be the 2009 Open Space Committee tour. The final listing of parcels to be toured will be determined on 3/24/09 at the regular meeting of the Open Space Committee.

Morris Knolls Choirs Day – The council will be asked join the mayor in declaring April 17 as Morris Knolls Choirs Day. A special short concert was held 3/16/09 to kickoff their promotional effort. A mayor's proclamation was read to support their effort.

Preserve Greystone – An effort supported by Denville residents, local mayors and Morris Co. Trust for Historic Preservation has applied to the state to form a 501c3 non-profit to help preserve the historic aspects of the Greystone grounds. Denville has sponsored the group who accompanied Jay Webber and Alex DeCroce to Trenton in December in a lobbying effort as they form the non-profit. The group is open to anyone interested in historic preservation and recreational shared services at Greystone.

Senior Socials – Spring Senior Socials are scheduled for 3/29, 4/26, 5/17 and 6/28th. They will be at the Church of the Savoir at 2 PM.

Jason Liu Eagle Scout Award – Randolph resident Jason Liu received his Boy Scout Eagle award 3/14/09 for his project of conducting a best-practice river enhancement in the Rockaway River in Denville.

Read Across America – Several members of Denville Administration and Denville School Board participated in reading Seuss books on 3/4/09.

Little League Parade – April 25 at 10 AM the Little League Parade will be held.