



Village Notes

A Newsletter of the Moorestown Improvement Association

Winter 2008

A Century Ago ...

As one of the oldest organizations, Moorestown Improvement Association (MIA) was working on over a hundred years ago at improving our town.

A century ago MIA started a program to install street signs, a program that continued until 1922.

2007 Scholarships Awarded

Annually MIA awards a scholarship to graduating Moorestown High School senior(s) who show academic achievement, as well as contributions to the high school and the community of Moorestown. In 2007 this scholarship was awarded to Adam M. Parker.

In addition this year, the first *Ellen Shiplee Scholarship* was awarded to Robert Tuttle. This was made possible by a bequest by her family to MIA in memory of 1935 Moorestown High graduate Ms. Ellen F. Shiplee to support scholarships for deserving Moorestown High School students.

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 14, 2008
7:00 pm in the Club Room
Moorestown Community House

Wayne Urffer, member of the Moorestown Historic Preservation Commission, will discuss famous architects of Moorestown.

Should a candidate be deemed worthy, the trustees of the association will present the Moorestown Improvement Association Recognition & Appreciation Award. The Award is presented to an organization or individual who has fostered a sense of unity, making Moorestown a better place in which to live, work and enjoy life.

We hope you will join us on March 14 for a brief business meeting, presentations and refreshments. There is no charge. However, since space is limited, please make reservations by contacting Ed Armstead at warmstead2@comcast.net or 235-1359 by March 7, 2008.

Membership Note - Time to Renew Your Membership

The **Moorestown Improvement Association** is one of the oldest civic organizations in Moorestown. Many residents have so believed in the mission of this fine organization that they became active members. You can ask any of them and they will tell you that belonging to this organization has been most helpful in the betterment of the entire town. Of course they were correct in that feeling as the *Moorestown Improvement Association* has accomplished many worthwhile ventures.

Recent projects include installation of the "Welcome To Historic Moorestown" signs at the roads into town (thus far we've installed

15). Overseeing the relettering of the Church Street water tower to read "Historic Moorestown Founded 1682". We are continuing our oral histories interviews of senior Moorestown residents. We're working on the establishment of an exercise trail along Strawbridge Lake. We're working to update our famous Walking Tour of Moorestown booklet to include additional routes and associated historic home histories. We are actively working to educate the public on the need to embrace Historic Preservation in Moorestown. We're working to update our Moorestown slide show with a new narrator and improved photographs of

the town, and we contribute the most money for the township's purchase of new street trees of any organization in town.

These are some of the benefits realized through the activities of the *Moorestown Improvement Association*. The main side effect of those activities is that it takes money to accomplish our vision. Those dollars are generated from your membership in this fine organization. Please consider renewing your membership today, or if you have never been a member, join us for a worthwhile experience in bettering Moorestown.

See you around town!

Dave Schill,
Membership Chair

Moorestown
Community House

March 14, 2008
7:00 pm

Annual Meeting

See inside for more
information on the

Moorestown Improvement Association
P.O. Box 404
Moorestown, NJ 08057



Laura Cooper, Moorestown resident and mother of three, accepted the first MIA Appreciation Award last spring for working to recreate the "warmth, unity and friendliness in Moorestown that she had known as a child".

A volunteer who knows how to get it done, she spearheaded block parties, and Halloween & Fourth of July parades that attracted thousands of residents.

Again this year, the Trustees of the Moorestown Improvement Association are seeking nominations for the award. Created to honor those who have improved Moorestown by fostering a sense of community unity, and making a friendlier place to live, work and enjoy life. When an individual or organization is deemed worthy of the recognition, they will be honored at our Annual Meeting.



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

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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P.O. Box 404
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Amount Enclosed:

- Individual \$ 10
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