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Town of Morristown Updates From Mayor Timothy P. Dougherty



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The Vail Mansion

The Jockey Hollow Bar and Kitchen is poised to open at the Historic Vail Mansion in 2014. The restaurant will offer a casual and fine dining menu, and space for private events. The Historic façade will remain intact, creating a fantastic dining venue for residents and visitors alike.



Individual Highlights:

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New Shade Tree Commission



The Shade Tree Commission that I initiated is up and running, working to foster and protect the “public canopy” of leafy greenness around the town. Although the commission only started in January 2013, it has already hired an arborist to assist it in preparing a tree inventory of the entire town. That inventory will be used to determine which trees are no longer viable, which need maintenance, and which public spaces need new trees planted.

Trees are the lungs of a town, adding not only natural beauty but also providing shade and helping to clean the air. This commission is a central piece in the continued greening of Morristown.

Whole Foods Store



A Whole Foods Market store is coming to Morristown! It will be located at 110 Washington Street where the A&P currently sits. Company representatives have stated that they expect to begin renovations on the structure by early 2014, with a project opening in 2015.

Free and Low Cost Flu Shots

Are you aware that if you get your yearly flu shot you are 60% less likely to get the flu? Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk, including older adults, pregnant women and young children. Morristown's Health Department is offering flu shots on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in November. The shots are free with Medicare Part B and \$15.00 to all others. Please call Judi at 973-796-1975 for more information.



Garbage Costs Down



In 2011, the town privatized the sanitation and recycling collection services, which saved the town over \$700,000. Operational costs, including salary and benefits, were saved, and the need to purchase a new sanitation truck was entirely eliminated.

The Town contracted with Blue Diamond Disposal to provide these services for a five (5) year period. Now, two years into the service contract term, the service delivery change has proven to be a financial and operational success.

PUBLIC SAFETY BASICS

Building on the previous update on Safety, the Police Bureau continues to recommend that residents are their own best resource for avoiding becoming victims of car and home burglaries. Regularly locking cars, and home doors and windows, will deter thieves looking for the easiest targets. Knowing all your neighbors will allow you to recognize an out-of-place stranger behaving in a suspicious fashion; if that happens, call the police. When going on vacation for even a short period make sure your newspapers and mail will be either held or picked up by a neighbor. Morristown Police Chief Peter Demnitz urges residents to report suspicious activity immediately: "if you see something, say something." You can reach the Morristown's Police Bureau at 973-538-2200.



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