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NOTES FROM THE MGIC

September has arrived! The month when students return to school is also Library Card Sign-up Month. Libraries offer a wide range of free services to the communities they serve including programs, classes, movies, books, reference materials and computer access. Libraries provide something for everyone and a library card is the most important school supply of all!

If you would like to know more about the programs and services offered at the Monmouth County Library, go to www.visitmonmouth.com and click on "Monmouth in Focus TV Show". The most recent segments of this program focus on the adult and children's services provided by the library.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Friends of the Monmouth County Library will be hosting a Gala Celebration on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM at the **Eastern Branch in Shrewsbury**. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the final payment for the beautiful sculpture that now stands guard in front of the **Eastern Branch** building. The sculptor, Bart Walter, will be on hand to discuss his work. The event will include live music, wine, and refreshments. Please join us for a fun-filled event. Ticket information and further details can be obtained at any library branch or by calling 732-308-2974.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go out to the friends and family of the following elected officials from Monmouth County who have recently passed away.

Mayor Raymond A. Kershaw of **Freehold Township** passed away on June 9. Mayor Kershaw had served on the **Freehold Township** Committee since 1991. He was appointed mayor in January 2009, and had previously held the position in 1994, 1997, and 2003. He was also deputy mayor in 1992, 2000, and 2006 and served in a variety of other appointed positions.

Frank E. Adams passed away on July 4. He was elected to the **Spring Lake Heights** Council in 1972. He was elected mayor in 1983 and continued to serve as mayor for the next 20 years. He also served on various boards and committees.

MONMOUTH COUNTY IN THE NEWS

The Monmouth County Health Department has released a schedule of seasonal flu shots available in towns that are members of the County Health Dept. The schedule and further details can be found at: www.visitmonmouth.com.

A number of municipalities have recently redesigned their web pages to provide residents with a wider range of information on municipal services. To view some of the newest designs visit:

www.oceantwp.org (**Ocean Township**)
www.redbanknj.org (**Borough of Red Bank**)
www.littlesilver.org (**Borough of Little Silver**)

PUBLIC ACCESS

Shea, Michael and Erik Beard. "Resident Privilege: When Municipalities Favor Their Own in Granting Access to Public Spaces." *Municipal Lawyer* 50 (March/April 2009): 6 (5). To reduce the likelihood of a lawsuit, municipalities must understand the legal issues involved when they grant their residents preferential access to public spaces.

FINANCE

Rom, Mark Carl. "The Credit Rating Agencies and the Subprime Mess: Greedy, Ignorant, and Stressed?" *Public Administration Review* 69 (July/August 2009). This scholarly article outlines the types of mortgage securities that the Credit Rating Agencies rate as well as their role in the evolution of the subprime crisis.

EDUCATION

Patton, Zach. "Wage Learners". *Governing* 22 (August 2009):24 (5). This article discusses the pros and cons of paying students as an incentive to earn good grades.

Manahan, Ilene. "Online Courses". *New Jersey Business* 55 (August 2009): 30 (7). This article discusses a range of e(electronic)-learning options offered by some of New Jersey's institutions of higher learning.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Barkin, Robert. "Planning to Retire? Maybe Not." *American City and County* 124 (July 2009): 26 (7). The economic downturn is prompting public sector employees to reevaluate their retirement plans.

ONLINE NETWORKING

Ferrigan, Jan. "Improve Your Social Standing". *Planning* 75 (June 2009): 31 (3). This article describes various online networking tools (twitter, blogs, etc.) and describes how some organizations are using these tools to promote their programs and services.

CELL PHONES

Sostejm Anya. "Sending Mixed Messages". *Governing* 22 (June 2009): 38 (2). "Hands-free" laws imply that it is safe to talk on a cell phone while driving. It's not.

NOISE CONTROL

"Bringing Down the Noise" *Governing* 22 (June 2009): 51 (1). This piece describes the "voluntary party registration" system initiated in one college town to manage the noise generated by late-night disturbances.

PLANNING

Greco, JoAnn. "Mall Makeovers". *Planning* 75 (July 2009):10 (5). Conversions are making big shopping centers into mixed-use town centers.

PUBLIC WORKS

Green, Bob. "Offense Intended". *Public Works* 140 (May 2009): 49 (1). This article discusses a new product that is odorless to humans but repulses wildlife to discourage them from building nests and destroying electrical and communications equipment.

MANAGEMENT

Gray, John L. "Leadership During Difficult Budget Times". *The Police Chief* LXXVI (June 2009): 74 (2). This article provides tips for leading a team during times of fiscal difficulties.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tuomey, Lianne M. "Step Up to Law Enforcement: A Successful Strategy for Recruiting Women into the Law Enforcement Profession." *The Police Chief* LXXVI (June 2009): 68 (4). This article describes a successful recruitment program used to attract women to law enforcement

HOUSING

Berkooz, Corry Buckwalter. "Support System". *Plan-ning* 75 (June 2009): 16 (4). It takes more than housing to help the homeless.

THINKING GREEN

Visit: www.communitygarden.org to learn more about the "growing" interest in community gardens.

Kirby, Ellen, and Elizabeth Peters, editors. *Community Gardening*. Brooklyn, NY. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008. 635 BRO. This all-region guide, filled with hands-on tips, offers a snapshot of today's vibrant North American community gardening movement.

NEW WORKS FROM LOCAL AUTHORS

*Schnitzspahn, Karen L. *The Roaring '20s at the Jersey Shore*. Atglen, PA. Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 2009. 974.9042 SCH. This book highlights life at the Jersey Shore during the age of prohibition.

*Pike, Helen-Chantal *New Jersey: Crossroads of Commerce*. Encino, CA. Cherbo Pub. Group, 2008. R974.9 PIK. This work highlights the history of commercial achievement in the Garden State.

HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS GRANTS

Grants to help municipalities and non-profit organizations with the preservation or restoration of historic structures are available through the Monmouth County Historical Preservation Grant Program. The deadline for applications is Nov. 1. A Grants Workshop will be held on Sept. 28 at the Hall of Records in Freehold. Further information is available by calling the commission at 732-431-7413.

*DENOTES NEW BOOKS

If you would like any of the articles or publications listed in this newsletter, please contact Mary Jane Kehoe at 1-866-941-8188 Ext. 7550 or send email to: mkehoe@monmouthcountylib.org.

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