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NOTES FROM THE MGIC

Best wishes to all of our elected and appointed officials for good health and much success in the upcoming year.

As 2009 draws to a close, we bid farewell to Freeholder Director Barbara McMorro. We thank her for her service on the Board of Chosen Freeholders and also for her years of dedication to the residents of Monmouth County. While we say goodbye to one friend, we also welcome John Curley as the newest member to the Board.

In the coming year, I hope that you will all feel welcome to take advantage of the research services of the **Municipal Government Information Center (MGIC)**. The **MGIC** is here to serve you – the elected and appointed officials of Monmouth County. If you have any research needs, please call. I shall be happy to assist you in assembling information.

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to think about how we can improve the way we live and how we work. In an effort to streamline our operations and reduce costs, we would like to add as many email addresses as possible to our electronic distribution list. If you have an email address and are able to receive this newsletter electronically, please forward your information to me at the following address: mkehoe@monmouthcountylib.org.

NEW FROM THE LIBRARY

Historical documents from Salem Press are now available from the **Monmouth County Library** homepage. Volumes included in this collection are:

Milestone Documents - A primary source series historical documents.

The Decades - A critically acclaimed American history series on the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 90's.

Historical Encyclopedia of American Business –A historical view of all aspects of American business.

To access any of these works, visit the library homepage at www.monmouthcountylib.org and click Electronic Resources – Quick Links, Salem History.

CONDOLENCES

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

Mr. Harry W. Soden Sr. died on Sept. 29. Mr. Soden was an **Englishtown Borough** Councilman for 20 years. He also served as Council President and Police Commissioner.

Mr. Walter S. Dunn passed away on Oct. 1. Mr. Dunn was a former committeeman in **Marlboro Township**.

Mr. Joseph Zach died Oct. 25. Mr. Zach was a **Spring Lake Heights Borough** Councilman of multiple terms, Chairman of Finance, Public Safety and Legislation, Police Commissioner, and a current member of the Board of Adjustment.

MONMOUTH COUNTY IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Suzanne S. Castleman, Mayor of Little Silver**, who received the Spinnaker Award for Public Service. The Spinnaker Awards are presented each year by the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce to individuals and businesses who give of themselves to make life better for everyone in Eastern Monmouth County.

Four Merit Awards and one Honorable Mention Award were presented by the Monmouth County Planning Board to projects “that serve as examples of exemplary planning.”

The recipients of the Merit Awards are:
The Washington Street Historic District – **Red Bank**
The Port of Belford Economic Feasibility Study and Conceptual Development Plan – **Middletown**
The Bayshore Trail/Phase II - **Atlantic Highlands**
Manalapan Township Trails Plan – **Manalapan**

The Honorable Mention Award was given to the Asbury Tower – **Asbury Park**.

Congratulations to all the winners for their efforts in making our County more interesting and beautiful.

Red Bank's early education program was featured in the Sept. 27 issue of *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*. The article, titled “The Make Believe Solution,” highlights the Tools of the Mind program offered by the district's public school system.

WEB WATCHING

Asbury Park recently launched a new web site. The new site is full of interesting photos as well as information on current events. For those interested in history, the site provides video documenting the beaching of the Morro Castle in Asbury Park which took place seventy-five years ago. Check it out at: www.cityofasburypark.com.

RECYCLING IN CYBERSPACE

Guttentag, Roger. “Have: My Stuff - Want: For It To Be Your Stuff”. *XXXVIII Resource Recycling* (October 2009): 42 (2). This article discusses online reuse exchanges as tools for finding new owners for old stuff. It also provides a list of websites to get you started.

LEADERSHIP

Stroh, David Peter. "Managing Your Time as a Municipal Leader". *Nation's Cities Weekly* 32 (October 19, 2009): 5(1). This article highlights strategies to help municipal leaders stay organized.

Morrell, Margot, Stephanie Capparell, and Alexandra Shackleton. *Shackleton's Way: Leadership Lessons From the Great Antarctic Explorer*. New York, NY, Viking, 2001. 658.4092 MOR. Thanks to the detailed research and helpful insights of Morrell and Capparell, this story provides lessons on how to lead with authority, integrity, humor, and compassion.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Torrence, Carie A. "Click! A Snapshot of Automated Traffic Enforcement Issues". 50 *Municipal Lawyer* (July/August 2009) 14: (4). Municipalities should be aware of the advantages and risks when considering whether to implement automated traffic enforcement systems.

YOUTH ISSUES

Greenblatt, Alan. "What is the Age of Responsibility?". 23 *Governing* (October 2009): 24 (8). This cover story examines new views on when adolescents become responsible.

Carter, Patricia. "New Report Highlights Obesity Prevention Strategies for Local Governments". 76 *U.S. Mayor* (September 14, 2009):4 (1). This article discusses a report from the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council that highlights strategies local governments can use to tackle childhood obesity.

FINANCE

Goodman, Josh. "Where Have All the Dollars Gone?". 23 *Governing* (October 2009): 44 (4). Some components of the federal economic stimulus package are easy to track; others are impossible.

ZONING

Reichle, Scott L. "Local Zoning and Water Rights". *Zoning Practice* (August 2009): 2(5). This article examines using zoning ordinances to regulate disputes between neighbors over riparian rights.

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SKATEBOARDING

Kozlowski, James C., J.D., Ph.D. "Skateboarding Immunity Laws Limit Liability". This article discusses state laws regarding skateboarding that reflect a public policy favoring governmental immunity over liability.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Chronister, Thomas, Carri Casteel, Corinne Peek-Asa, Dan Hartley, and Harlan Amandus. "Robbery and Violence Prevention in Small Retail Businesses". LXXVI (October 2009): 36 (4). This article discusses some strategies to mitigate robberies and violence in the small business environment.

PLANNING

The Technical Assistance Outreach Brochure on Municipal Planning entitled "Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map Procedures", October 2009, has arrived at the library. If you would like a copy, please contact me. My contact information appears at the top of this newsletter.

NEW BOOKS

*Benedict, Jeff. *The Little Pink House: A True Story of Defiance and Courage*. New York, NY. Grand Central Pub., 2009. 343.74602 BEN. The author has taken a complicated court case focused on eminent domain and turned it into a page-turner with a conscience.

*Owen, David. *Green Metropolis: Why Living Smaller, Living Closer, and Driving Less are the Keys to Sustainability*. New York, NY., Riverhead Books, 2009. 304.2091 OWE. The author provides a compelling analysis of the world's environmental predicament that upends orthodox opinion and points the way to practical solutions.

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