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Be “Pool Cool” Close To Home This Summer

 By Bill Foelsch, Director of Parks and Recreation

Morris Township's favorite “Cooling Off” spots in the summer heat – **Streeter Pool** and **Ginty Pool** – will be open daily until Labor Day, September 3. Both pools feature Olympic size pool tanks with attached diving/pool slide areas and separate wading pools for young children. Membership covers recreational swimming at both locations, craft activities, games, and special events.

Red Cross Swim Instruction lessons are held at each pool for children ages 4 to 12. Swimming instruction is available to all Township children, regardless of pool membership. The combined pools support the **Morris Township Summer Swim Team** competing in the North Jersey Summer Swim League. Both a competitive swim team and a clinic swim team are offered for ages 6 to 17 (children must pass a qualifying swim). Swim team practices and meets alternate between each pool.

Evening Splash Parties and **Teen Parties** were held at the pools in July. Additional **Teen Parties** will be held August 8 at Streeter Pool and August 15 at Ginty Pool.

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to welcome a new food concessionaire for the pools in 2007. Bruno Pascal, owner of **Café Z** in New Brunswick, is operating our concession stands this summer. You can enjoy traditional pool food favorites as well as enhanced menu with items such as wraps and salads – truly something for every taste bud.

Although the pools will officially close for the season on Labor Day, Monday September 3 – one final special event – a community-wide “**Morris Township Resident Pool Picnic**” for

all Morris Township residents will be held at Ginty Pool on Saturday, September 8 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The picnic is sponsored by the Morris Township Recreation Advisory Committee and the Swim Pool Advisory Committee. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Activities will include swimming, food, music, arts and crafts, and games.

Looking to the future, the Township Committee has awarded a construction contract for a long-awaited improvement to the Township pools. The bathhouses at both Ginty Pool and Streeter Pool will be completely renovated after the 2007 swimming season. New fixtures, hot water systems, showers, counters, and lighting will be installed in the bathrooms. A new ventilated drop ceiling will be installed in the bathrooms, and the ceilings and lighting in the open-air arcade areas will be replaced. A new bathroom suitable for family use and fitted for service to individuals with disabilities will be constructed at each pool. All of these improvements will greet our members for the 2008 swim pool season.

Save gas, save the hassle, and join us for a great summer of hometown fun at Morris Township's Ginty and Streeter Pools!