

## **Summer 2009 Twp. Newsletter Skillman Village Update**

### **Remediation & Site Work**

- Reconstruction of the Sylvan Lake dam has progressed. Work will resume when the fish spawning season is over.
- Steam pipe removal work was completed late last year.
- Remedial Action Reports for the other remediation work have been submitted to NJDEP.
- The Township has applied for federal grants for historic bridge restoration work and electrical infrastructure upgrades at Skillman Village.
- The Township anticipates an official response shortly regarding its application for a state grant to fund necessary upgrades to the NPDC sewage treatment plant. The Township is optimistic about its eligibility for the grant.

### **Redevelopment Planning**

- Somerset County expressed an interest last fall in acquiring Skillman Village property for development of a County park. As of mid May, the property value appraisal authorized by the County in January has not been received.
- Non-profits and development interests continue to approach the township with various concept plans and ideas regarding use of the property. Active discussions with interested parties are on hold until the County expresses its intentions and shares its appraisal with the Township. Montgomery officials remain hopeful that an agreement can be struck with the County for a park, but the County has not yet discussed park type, facilities or size.

**The next paper newsletter will be mailed in September. Meanwhile, keep track of progress with Skillman Village and other news around town by signing up for Montgomery Twp. E-bulletins. Go to [www.montgomery.nj.us](http://www.montgomery.nj.us) or contact Tamara Garaffa, Community Information Officer at (908) 359-8211 ext. 207.**