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QUARTERLY UPDATE

Jan. 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022	
Deeds Recorded:	3,907
Mortgages Recorded:	14,090
Notary Public Commissions Recorded:	454
Trade Name Certificates Recorded:	70
Total Documents Recorded:	23,333
Passport Applications Processed:	1,008
State Realty Transfer Fee Revenue:	\$19,554,123.07
County Realty Transfer Fee Revenue:	\$2,729,230.23
Total Realty Transfer Tax Revenue:	\$22,283,353.30
Total Receipts Collected:	\$82,252,735.49
Total Given to County:	\$4,070,477.20

The past few months have proven that, as a County, State and Nation we are finally getting back to a normal routine in our lives. Although life going forward may not be exactly as it was before, we are grateful to be able to go back to our offices, having dinner with friends and returning to our houses of worship. During the COVID lockdown, the Morris County Clerk’s Office continued to provide services to the residents of Morris County without interruption.

Prospectively, based on this year’s quarterly report, (see total receipts collected) the Morris County Clerk’s Office, could realistically expect to surpass the total revenue produced by the Registry Department in the previous year in 2021.

Morris County Clerk, Ann F. Grossi, Esq. continues to educate and inform the public on the cutting edge of the new and innovative technology that have been added to better service the residents of Morris County. In that regard, Clerk Grossi, has resumed making public appearances to clubs and organizations as part of the Morris County’s “Outreach” Program. (To schedule a speaking engagement for your group and/or organization – email: ccoutreach@co.morris.nj.us.) Personal appearances by the County Clerk allows for interaction and dialogue on diverse subjects. Our latest edition of the Morris County Manual is distributed to the attendees. The booklet contains information regarding State, County and Town information and contacts. Copies of the Manual are available at the County Office or on our website www.morriscountyclerk.org.

In 2018, the Morris County Clerk’s office launched the “Gold Star Parent ID Card Program”. This program recognizes a Morris County parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian of a member of the military. (Please note the additions to qualifying persons: “Gold Star Family Member to include whole or half blood or by adoption, a spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union or child who has died while on active duty for the United States”). This entitles them to take advantage of discounts offered by businesses and “Operation Give Back” participants established in 2015 through the Morris County Clerk’s Office. Operation Give Back is a booklet, which the Clerk’s Office produces, that contains local businesses who offer discounted fees and services to the military and family members. At present, the Operation Give Back booklet is being revised. Check the county website for the release date. If you are a business and would like to participate in this worthwhile endeavor, you can go on-line and fill out the form (www.morriscountyclerk.org) or call the office (973-285-6120) for a form to be sent to you.

The Passport Office has resumed “in person” applications and have extended hours on Thursday until 7:30 pm. Appointments can be made by calling the office or make the appointment on the County website: www.morriscountyclerk.org and also on our Mobile App that can be downloaded for Apple devices on the App Store and for Androids at the Google Play Store.

The Election Department is always busy but more so during the election cycle. They have been in full swing in preparation for the Primary Election in June and upcoming General Election in November. As of this writing, the Election Department has mailed out 50,755 vote-by-mail ballots. The Election Department continues to provide unparalleled service to the residents of Morris County.

About the Clerk's Office

HIGHLIGHTS

Cub Scout Pack 40 – Hanover Township

On February 18, 2022, the Morris County Clerk's Office was pleased to host Cub Scout Pack 40 from Hanover Township. The scouts were working toward their badge "Duty to Country" and they were required to visit and learn what occurs at a government office. While at the Office, they visited the Passport Department where they received "imitation" passports and had their pictures taken. Next was the Vault, which houses all the documents filed with the County Clerk. They learned how to use the mapping on the computers to find their homes. Lastly, they were given "Certificates of Achievement" by the County Clerk while they enjoyed cupcakes!!

League of Women Voters – Morristown Chapter

On March 20, 2022, County Clerk, Ann F. Grossi, Esq. was invited by the League of Women Voters, Morristown Chapter, to be a featured speaker specifically addressing the issue of discrimination. The event was held at the Morristown Town Hall to celebrate "Ground-Breaking Women of New Jersey" as part of Women's History Month. Clerk Grossi was invited to speak because she was the first female to hold the position of Chief of Enforcement over all the statewide enforcement activities at the Division on Civil Rights. In her speech, she recounted her work in discrimination issues while working for the State of New Jersey in Newark.

Women's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills

Clerk Grossi had the pleasure of being invited to speak before the Parsippany Women's Club on election related topics and help them celebrate their support of and involvement in CASA. CASA is an organization that advocates for children in foster care who have been abused. In recognition of April's National Child Abuse Prevention Month, all the members wore "blue" shirts

Kiwanis Club International

March 31, 2022, Morris County Clerk, Ann F. Grossi, Esq. was sworn in as a member of Kiwanis by Past-President Frank Cahill. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child at a time. Kiwanis is both a local and international organization that creates opportunities for children to be curious, safe, and healthy regardless of the community in which they live. Clerk Grossi is honored to be a member of this organization.

The Morris County Clerk is a "Constitutional Officer" holding a 5-year position that is established by the New Jersey Constitution. The position was initially created to serve the public by acting as the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions though duties have grown to include the recording and maintenance of every conveyance of real property such as deeds, mortgages, liens, maps and other related legal documents.

The Morris County Clerk's Office is also a passport application acceptance facility. Our office issues ID cards to Morris County senior residents and veterans. Our office records military discharges of veterans (DD-214), administer the oath of office to all Notary Publics, and record the trade name certificates of all non-incorporated businesses. The County Clerk even officiates marriage ceremonies regularly!

In addition, the Morris County Clerk's Office administers several important election functions. These include the preparation and mailing of all mail-in and sample ballots, the acceptance of nominating petitions, the design and preparation of voting machine ballot layouts and the tallying of election results.

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