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## June 2018: Morris Township News Update

Neighbors,

There is a very important ordinance coming up for a vote at the Township Committee meeting this Wednesday night so I wanted to give you a heads-up about it in advance in case you wanted to attend the meeting and ask questions. (This is how I personally think Good Government should work by keeping its residents informed and seeking their input prior to voting on important legislation.)

Please take a moment to read and consider the following information to stay informed about our municipality. As always, I welcome your comments. When you are finished reading, please pass this on to your neighbors and friends. There are many under-informed residents who could use this information. I would appreciate your feedback and questions, so please write me at [Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com](mailto:Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com)

## Upcoming Township Committee Meeting on June 20, 2018

As of the writing of this email at 7pm Monday night, the agenda for Wednesday's meeting still has not been posted online – with less than 48 hours to go before the meeting. I have railed against this before and will do so again. This is not how open government should work in informing its residents!



All agendas for every municipal committee and board meeting can be found in the agenda center on the Township website:

<http://morristwp.org/AgendaCenter>

Please check this link above on Tuesday to see the complete agenda. However, **I do believe that two particular ordinances will have a “final reading” and be voted upon this Wednesday that are of great importance to the community.**

Back at the March 28 Regular Meeting two very important (and related) ordinances were introduced. Due to other important legislation (affordable housing settlement and the rezoning of parcels on Mt. Kemble Avenue and Punchbowl Road) these ordinances have not had their final reading until now.

- **Ordinance 09-18:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED ZONING BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE XII ENTITLED “SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT, WIRELESS CABINETS AND WIRELESS POLES IN THE MUNICIPAL RIGHT OF WAY.”
- **Ordinance 10-18:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED ZONING BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE XIII ENTITLED “COLLOCATION ONTO EXISTING TOWERS AND BASE STATIONS.”

***Comment from Jeff:*** *These two ordinances relate to the rollout of 5G cellular services by Verizon and other telecom companies. This “small cell technology” is the proposed methodology of rolling out the 5G services. Metal cabinets would be mounted on existing telephone poles (or new telephone poles) throughout the municipality instead of mounting them on large/tall poles as has been done in the past.*

The FULL TEXT of each of these ordinances can be found here:

[http://jeffgrayzel.weebly.com/uploads/9/3/6/7/9367330/ordin.\\_09-18\\_small\\_cell\\_equipment\\_wireless.pdf](http://jeffgrayzel.weebly.com/uploads/9/3/6/7/9367330/ordin._09-18_small_cell_equipment_wireless.pdf)

I urge the public to come to the June 20 meeting (starting at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building) to hear more about this technology and how it may impact

our neighborhoods. This may be the last opportunity to ask questions on this particular legislation.

More information on this technology and its impacts can be found in the next section.

## **Important Information on 5G Wireless Small Cell Technology**

The following article was sent to me as an example of how this technology is invading other municipalities. I am providing it for informational purposes and it does not necessarily reflect my personal opinions:



<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2018/03/02/21475/5g-wireless-pits-cities-against-telecoms-and-their-friends-fcc>

At a recent Township Planning Board meeting the Township Engineer gave a presentation on this new 5G technology and described the purposes of our proposed ordinances. A copy of the handout from the Township Engineer can be found here:

[http://jeffgrayzel.weebly.com/uploads/9/3/6/7/9367330/engineering\\_memo\\_3.19.18.pdf](http://jeffgrayzel.weebly.com/uploads/9/3/6/7/9367330/engineering_memo_3.19.18.pdf)

***Comment from Jeff:*** *I question why we do not slow down the process so the public can have more time to digest this and formulate questions. The 5G technology isn't even fully developed yet. The only people in a rush are the phone carriers who want to steam roll over towns in the current deregulated environment under the Executive Branch of our federal government. The public deserves more time and there is no good reason to rush into this.*

So again, I urge the public to come to the June 20 meeting (starting 7:00pm at the municipal building) to hear more about this technology and how it may impact our neighborhoods. This may be the last opportunity to ask questions on this particular legislation.

## **Lunchtime Presentation by Morris County Sherriff**

On Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:15 AM Morris County Sheriff Gannon will give a presentation at the Morris Township Municipal Building. Several topics

will be covered including a discussion of the local fight against the opiate epidemic, the “Hope Van”, and Smart911.



More information can be found

here: <http://www.morristwp.com/DocumentCenter/View/4947/Lunch-with-Sheriff-Gannon>

## **Yard-Waste Collections**

A yard-waste collection by the Department of Public Works has begun. Curbside pickup of grass clippings, leaves, plant waste, light brush and bundled sticks/limbs takes place on the scheduled Saturday dates listed below. The Township is broken up into two zones (see link below) and the remaining pick-up dates for each zone are as follows:

- ZONE 1 collections are scheduled for: July 14, Aug 11, & Sept 8
- ZONE 2 collections are scheduled for: July 21, Aug 18, & Sept 15

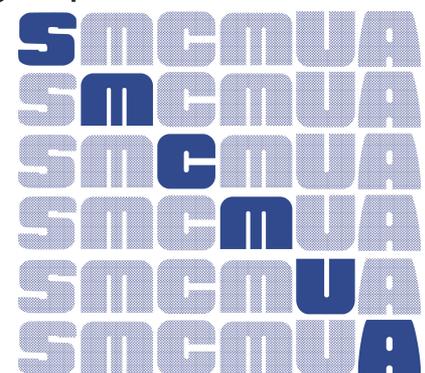
Find your zone here:

<http://www.morristwp.com/DocumentCenter/View/2416/Curbside-Containerized-Yardwaste-Collection-Zones->

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works Office at 973-326-7398

## **Other items of interest...**

- **SMCMUA Hydrant Maintenance:** The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) is continuing to perform routine hydrant maintenance and flushing of fire hydrants around town. The Authority uses this opportunity to examine and repair hydrants and in doing so may require the hydrants to be flushed for a period of time to test their functionality. Flushing also typically aids in cleaning the water mains and “flushes” out any built up minerals or deposits from the pipes



About half of the hydrants in Morris Township have been completed. The following is a list of the remaining hydrants and their locations. Note the letter from the SMCMUA on the last page of this link:

<http://smcmua.org/20180618%20Hydrant%20Flushing%20Update.pdf>

- **Free Concert TONIGHT - Billy Joel Tribute Band:** If you like Billy Joel, River of Dreams, a Billy Joel tribute band will be playing this evening at 7PM at the Ginty Field Gazebo located on Woodland Avenue across from Township Hall. The concert is the first of this summer series. All concerts are free. Bring your beach chair or a blanket to sit out in the field.



### **Upcoming Committee Meetings...**

The next regular meeting of the Township Committee will be this Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at our municipal building.

Looking forward, the July meeting of the Township Committee will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Contact Jeff...**

I will continue to communicate with the public by e-newsletter on a periodic basis. However, if you ever have a question or an issue you would like to discuss, feel free to contact me by e-mail. I will respond to e-mails sent to [Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com](mailto:Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com).

**Please feel free to forward this e-mail news on to others.** If you know someone who would like to subscribe to future issues, please have them contact me at [Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com](mailto:Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com)

I look forward to continuing my communications to and with the residents of Morris Township. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns.

Your neighbor,

**Jeff**



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