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July 2018: Morris Township News Update

Hello Neighbors,

The monthly meeting of the Township Committee will take place this Wednesday July 18 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building.

As a reminder, all Township Committee meetings are recorded by the “Friends of Televised Access in Morris Township” (funded by private contributions) and can be viewed on their YouTube channel. Take a look here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQFH1RFrH-59gPGpiMoaHgQ/videos>

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

Township Committee Meeting Held on June 20, 2018

The last monthly meeting of the Township Committee occurred on June 20. The agenda can be viewed

here: http://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06202018-

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The meeting started off with a police ceremony with the three honorees as follows:

- Promotional Ceremony –Sergeant Kyle Laauwe
- Swearing In Ceremony – Patrolman Robert Ribnick
- Lifesaving Award – Patrolman Louis Mangiaracina



Congratulations to Sergeant Laauwe on his promotion and Patrolman Mangiaracina on his well-deserved award. Welcome to our new Patrolman Rubnick.

The meeting then continued with the introduction of one ordinance related to a new contract for the Policemen’s Benevolent Association union. Full details of the ordinance will be provided at the July 18 meeting when a final reading/vote will take place.

Next up was a final reading and vote on SEVEN ordinances, three of which related to budget appropriations and two to new bonding for purchase of new equipment. The exact titles of these ordinances can be viewed on the agenda (see link above).



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- **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

The meeting then continued with the approval of THIRTY SIX resolutions. The titles of each of these resolutions can be found on the agenda (see link above).

Public Commentary/Inquiry was next on the agenda. If you would like to see what fellow residents inquired about and questioned then you can view this on the YouTube channel noted above, and look for the section on "public commentary". Again, the link to the YouTube channel provided by "Friends of Televised Access in Morris Township"

is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQFH1RFRH-59gPGpiMoaHgQ/videos>

The meeting concluded with individual commentary by each member of the Township Committee. These comments can also be viewed on the YouTube channel.

Upcoming Township Committee Meeting to be held on July 18, 2018

The agenda for this Wednesday's meeting can be found on the Township website:

http://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07182018-908

As a reminder, all agendas for every municipal committee and board meeting can be found in the agenda center on the Township website: <http://morristwp.org/AgendaCenter>



There are two particular items that will be on the agenda that might be of interest to residents:

1. Final reading of the one ordinance introduced at the June meeting relating to a new contract for the Policemen's Benevolent Association union.
2. Presentation by Mr. Robert Walton, JCP&L Municipal Liaison discussing updates on JCP&L improvements resulting from the most recent storm.

Tour of Burnham Park by Township Committee

On Tuesday July 17 (today) there will be a "Special Meeting" of the Township Committee when they take a tour of a portion of the Burnham Park neighborhood. Anytime there is a quorum (at least 3 of the 5 members) present at an official gathering a public notification must be given. This special meeting is for information gathering purposes only to help plan what should be done with the "green strip" area between East Lake and West Lake Boulevards. The meeting will start at 5:00pm at the intersection of East Lake Boulevard and Burnham Parkway.

See the official meeting notice

here: http://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07172018-907

Construction Around Town...

A couple of people have asked me about two particular construction projects they see around town, so I thought I would provide this information to everyone.

1. Cornine Field on Sussex Avenue (next to tennis courts and adjacent to Streeter Pool) is being re-constructed with new drainage and an artificial turf surface. This field was built on an old garbage dump so there is some

venting that is also going in below the “cap” that covers the old dump.

2. A new entranceway is being built to access Central Park (county park facility at the old Greystone site). The new entrance is right across from Jane Way, which is the road used to access our DPW and the Frelinghuysen Middle School.



Yard-Waste Collections

Monthly yard-waste collection by the Department of Public Works will continue through September. 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...

Free Summer Concert Series: The Township’s recreation department has scheduled the following FREE public concerts.

These concerts are generously sponsored in cooperation with the local office of The Provident

Bank. Check the "Township News" on the municipal website for updated show information. Concerts take place at the Ginty Gazebo. Reserve these dates on your calendar:



- Tues, July 10th at 7 PM - Hanover Wind Symphony
- Tues, July 17th at 7 PM - Heart of Gold
- Tues, July 24th at 7 PM - RB Express
- Tues, July 31st at 7 PM - Tony DeMeo and Take 9
- Tues, Aug 7th at 7 PM - Due South Band
- Tues, Aug 14th at 7 PM - The Belle Tones

The complete list of free concerts and movies can be found on the Township's "Parks and Recreation Department"

webpage: [http://www.morristwp.com/calendar.aspx?CID=39,33,24,38,](http://www.morristwp.com/calendar.aspx?CID=39,33,24,38)

Free Summer Movies: The Township's recreation department has scheduled the following FREE public movies taking place at the Ginty Field gazebo:

- Wed, July 18th - Paddington 2 (Rated PG)
- Wed, July 25th - Coco (Rated PG)
- Sat, Aug 18th - Despicable Me 3 (Rated PG)
- Sat, Oct 27th - Monster House (Rated PG) – annual Halloween Movie Night & Bonfire



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Upcoming Committee Meetings...

The next regular meeting of the Township Committee will be this Wednesday July 18th at 7:00pm at our municipal building.

Looking forward, the August meeting of the Township Committee will be on August 15th.

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.

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

Your neighbor,

Jeff

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