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May 2009 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

I am pleased to be sending you this latest update in a series of E-newsletters containing commentary on our Township Committee meetings and other helpful information about our municipality. If you did not see the prior newsletters, you can view them at www.JeffGrayzel.com .

This edition covers the month of May including the Township Committee meeting of 5/20/09 and 6/1/09, and also provides updates on some community issues. Make sure you catch all of the upcoming events in our community. See the listings under "Other items of interest" near the end of this newsletter. Also note that the next Township Committee meeting will take place on June 17th where there will be a formal presentation of the budget to the public (including a slide show presentation).

Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to any (and all) of your friends & neighbors. There are many people who still do not get the newsletter and who surely would be interested in what goes on in our Township. They can subscribe to the newsletter by sending an e-mail to Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com . You can let them know that I only send one e-mail per month and do not use their address for any other purposes.

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[May 20 Township Committee Meeting...](#)



You can view a copy of the agenda via a link to our Township website:

http://morristwp.com/agendas/twp_comm_05-20-09.pdf

Before getting into the details of the meeting, I would first like to say how pleased I was with the events at our May 20th meeting. The meeting was a great display of how improved the Township Committee meetings have become in the past two years. For several years I have been fighting for greater debate and discussion at township committee meetings, greater input from our citizens on the issues that affect them in their neighborhoods, and for more decision-making made out in the open. All of this was on display at our meeting and it made me proud of what we have accomplished. Please read the specific details below.



Police Department Award Presentations

Our meeting opened up with the annual award presentations to our outstanding police officers. The following officers were recognized at the Awards ceremony:



- Ptl. Heather Reilly – Lifesaving – Heimlich maneuver on resident who choked and was unconscious.
- Sgt. Edward Conrads – Lifesaving – Pulled unconscious man from burning vehicle with Florham Park PD officers.
- Lt. Thomas Manning – Exceptional Duty – criminal invest - \$1,000,000 mortgage scam.
- Sgt. Mark McGuinness – Exceptional Duty – criminal invest – burglary invest, arrest recovery of stolen guns.
- Sgt. Mark DiCarlo – Exceptional Duty - criminal invest – burglary, invest, arrest recovery of stolen guns.
- Det. Brian Holick – Exceptional Duty - criminal invest – burglary, invest, arrest recovery of stolen guns.
- Ptl. Gary Webb – Exceptional Duty – MADD award recipient for second year in a row.
- Ptl. Gary Webb – Letter of Recognition – Academic Award at St. Elizabeth College masters program.
- Ptl. Dave Powell - Officer of the Year – Dedication and hard work in traffic safety bureau.

Congratulations to all of these officers for a job well done!

Mr. Matthew Bergh, the Delbarton School athletic trainer, was also recognized for having saved the life of a student basketball player. The player passed out and stopped breathing. Mr. Bergh used the defibrillator and resuscitated the player.

Ordinances for Final Consideration...

The meeting continued with "Ordinances – Public Hearing, Final Consideration, and Adoption". This pertains to ordinances introduced at a prior Township Committee meeting. There were two one item up for Final Consideration:

The first ordinance, #7-09 accepts a dedication of a portion of Jockey Hollow Road and Sugarloaf Roads. This is being done in conjunction with the Delbarton project at the South side of their property to add ball fields off Sugarloaf Road. As part of their approval they were required to provide road improvements for the increased traffic. The new portions of the roadway are to be given to the Township, and this ordinance allows the Township to accept those new portions of roadway.

The second ordinance, #8-09 authorizes the funding to acquire a portion of the St. Mary's Abbey (Delbarton) property for preservation as open space. As detailed in a previous newsletter, Delbarton is selling 187 acres to a consortium of purchasers that include Morris Township, Morris County, the Great Swamp Watershed Association, and the Trust For Public Lands. Morris Township will gain 10 acres at the end of Wood Road that will be dedicated to open space.

Of note, since my house is an adjoining property to St. Mary's Abbey (Delbarton) I felt that I should

recuse myself (abstain) from voting on the above two items since it could be construed as a conflict of interest. Both ordinances passed by a 4-0 vote.

A copy of these ordinances may be obtained from our Township Clerk by calling 973-326-7430, or they can be viewed online at <http://morristwp.com/ordinances09.asp>

Ordinances for Introduction...

There were five ordinances for introduction at this meeting.

Ordinance #9-09 was a proposal to amend a zoning ordinance for the Wheatsheaf Townhouse development at the corner of Kahdena Road and Deborah Drive. This ordinance would lift the previously approved age restriction (of 55+ years of age) required for purchase of one of the units in this planned community. The vote was 4-1 with my vote being the only vote against. Please see my additional commentary below on this matter.

Ordinance #10-09 removed the previously approved "CCRC" (continuing care retirement community) zone from the St. Mary's Abbey Delbarton property. Since much of the land within this zone is being conserved this zone is no longer necessary.

Ordinance #11-09 established new fees for making copies of records at the municipal building.

Ordinance, #12-09 allows the municipality to exceed the standard appropriation limits established by the State of New Jersey. This is standard practice to pass such an ordinance to allow the municipality some extra flexibility in constructing the budget. I hope that the need for this will actually not be required given the desire of the Township Committee to restrain spending this year.

Lastly, **Ordinance #13-09** introduced our 2009 municipal budget. I had hoped we would have brought this to the public at an earlier date, since we are now almost halfway through the year already without a budget in place.

A copy of these ordinances may be obtained from our Township Clerk by calling 973-326-7430, or it can be viewed online at <http://morristwp.com/ordinances09.asp>

This concludes "Ordinances for Introduction". The above ordinances will be publicly debated at the June 17 meeting. At that time, a formal public hearing will be held and the public will be able to ask questions, make comments or give testimony. The Township Committee will consider the comments and testimony and then take a vote on adoption of the ordinance.

Report of Bid Receipt Committee...

The next item on the agenda was a review of one project that had gone out to bid. See the agenda for the list of projects. Our Township Administrator announced the bid results and noted the bidder selected for the project. A description of the project can be found on the agenda:

http://morristwp.com/agendas/twp_comm_05-20-09.pdf

Resolutions...

Several resolutions were then up for a vote. The title of each of these resolutions can be viewed on the agenda: http://morristwp.com/agendas/twp_comm_05-20-09.pdf

There was discussion of two of these resolutions. First, I asked for clarification from our municipal attorney about the meaning of the wording "self examination" in resolution 119-09 which relates to the committees review of the municipal audit. Given that I am not a financial analyst of any kind I wanted to understand exactly what was expected of my "examination." The attorney told me that it was meant to acknowledge that I had read the municipal audit provided by our auditor and that it looked to be in order. I pointed out that the audit did not contain any commentary as to the state of our finances, and that without these insights it was difficult for me to determine if our finances were in order. The attorney mad several remarks to put me at ease, although I reluctantly voted to approve the resolution because we needed to send an acknowledgement of such down to the state finance board in Trenton.

There was also discussion of resolution 107-09 which both Mr. Goldberg and I opposed. I made the following prepared remark:

"I really do not think this resolution -- even in its modified form -- is an appropriate item to be on our agenda. I had requested before the meeting that it be removed. Our meeting should be a forum to debate local issues. There is occasion where we do discuss and pass resolutions on individual state policy issues that effect and impact us on the local level. But this resolution goes beyond that in debating very broad state policy issues that are beyond the scope of what we should be doing at our meeting. I believe discussing this is a waste of both our time and the public's. There is plenty of blame to go around for the financial crisis both our state and country are facing. Governor Corzine is attempting to balance a state budget in the midst of a financial Tsunami. Although times are tough here in New Jersey they are even worse in places like California. I happened to turn on the television today to NJN and was able listen in on is not clear why you chose the arbitrary 7-year time frame for your resolution, but one could point fingers going back to Christie Whitman and even further. I do not want our meeting to become a debate of state level policies going back years and years. Again, I think we should keep our meetings focused on Morris Township."

Copies of all resolutions passed may be obtained from our Township Clerk or by visiting the twp website link: <http://morristwp.com/resolutions09/4-15-09RESOLUTIONS.pdf>

Public Commentary...

Every Township meeting has a "public commentary" portion during which any member of the public can make a statement concerning anything related to Township matters, or ask the Township Committee anything they wish.



The following comments were made at the May 20th meetings:

- The first resident asked how the cut in state aid would affect Morris Twp operations.
- Next several residents made comments about the Wheatsheaf development and the change in the zoning to accommodate them. The following comments were made by the group:
 - Asked what the notice period requirement is for zone changes.
 - Asked what site plan changes might be made in conjunction with the zone change
 - Asked why we are rushing into this before the Governor might soon be signing legislation relating to age restricted housing under construction.
 - A resident presented the Committee with a letter written by the mayor of New Brunswick to the Governor on the age restricted housing issue.
 - We need to find a way to work with the developer to make sure the project gets completed because we do not want to have an eyesore left on the land.
 - Another resident was concerned about increased traffic coming out of the development if the age restriction was lifted.
 - Another was concerned about parking at the train station if these new residents were commuters into NY City.
 - Another asked if there were statutory time periods within which construction permits are allowed to continue and wondered how long the Wheatsheaf construction might stay in limbo.
 - The neighborhood has a vested interest in seeing the project finished.
 - Another commented on the dissemination of information and asked if it could be put in layman's terms.



- Another said that there are many people who do not understand the process of what is happening/
 - Another had done research on the original approvals by the planning board for the Alexandria Road neighborhood. He reviewed the minutes from 1978 when Deborah Drive was first put in and that a fence was required along the side of the road. He pointed out that the fence was put in by the developer in the township right of way and was not put in by the homeowners on Netherton Terrace. He also noted that the planning board had recommended a change in the alignment of Deborah Drive if the subject property (owned by an order of nuns at the time) were ever to sell their land.
 - Another resident who lives at the corner of Deborah and Kahdena said that he is being impacted the most, and wondered why there should be any change at all to the age restrictions previously approved.
- The next group of residents spoke about the proposed sidewalks on Olmstead Road. These residents lived on this street or on the surrounding streets, and they had these comments:
 - The first resident noted that a petition opposing the sidewalks had been circulated and that everyone on Olmstead Road who was being affected by the placement of the sidewalk had signed the petition.
 - There are options that are safer and cheaper that would allow access to Frelinghuysen Park.
 - Another resident commented that the Old Glen Road improvement project did not include sidewalks, so she wondered why they had to be included in this project when there is so much more traffic on Old Glen. It would be more important to put them on Old Glen.
 - It was pointed out that the Morristown residents on Olmstead Road have a different set of desires than those who live on the Township side of the road.
 - Another resident stated that he supports the improvement project along Columbia Road and that this should include a sidewalk to safely access different sites in the area.
 - Another resident on Columbia Road opposed putting a sidewalk in front of his house because his yard is already very small and he has a lot of landscaping and trees that would have to be removed. He thinks we should keep things "green".
 - Another said he thought that most people used Frelinghuysen Park did so for baseball games, and those people drive to the park. So the sidewalk on Columbia would be a sidewalk to nowhere.
 - Another resident wondered aloud what parent would allow their child to walk on Columbia Road with its speeding cars even if there was a sidewalk.
 - Another resident said we have better ways to spend our money than on building this sidewalk.
 - Another resident pointed out that not all the residents on Olmstead Road received notice about the sidewalk going in. He was also concerned about the maintenance of the sidewalk and the liability for the property owner whose house it was adjacent to.
 - Another resident wanted to keep the neighborhood just the way it is.
 - Another resident wondered about drainage of water back onto her property if the sidewalk was put in.
 - A resident of Columbia Road asked why the residents of Mackenzie Road should have a say on whether a sidewalk went in on Columbia Road in front of his house.
 - The last resident said that he is scared of all the speeding cars on Columbia Road, and thought that adding a sidewalk onto a high-speed road was asking for problems.
 - The next resident had several comments on various topics:
 - Congratulations to the fine men and women of the police department
 - Asked when we would start broadcasting meeting on cable TV
 - Asked about a possible bike or walking path along Punch Bowl road and asked if the

township could work with some interested citizens in building a walking path to connect to the traction line.

- Inquired as to how our tree ordinance works
 - He acknowledged the responsiveness of the Twp IT manager George Duffy and thanked him for his help.
 - Asked when the Ginty walking path project construction would begin
 - Asked for an update about shared services discussions with Morristown
- With regard to the open budget meeting, another resident wanted to know if the department heads would be there

I urge more citizens to come to the Township meetings to ask questions and to air their comments. Doing so at a public forum gives you the opportunity to get an immediate response from the Township Committee, and often times helps the Committee improve regulations related to the issues at hand.

Jeff's Commentary...

The final portion of each meeting allows for each member of the Township Committee to make any general comments they please. I made the following comments at the May 20 meeting:

- Olmstead Road is a very quaint street and preservation of the character of the neighborhood is important to me as well. Although I am a proponent of sidewalks in general, I do not want to force them on residents if so many in a neighborhood do not want them. We have other places we could spend this money on sidewalks that people do want. In addition, I am a member of the Trails Committee, whose mission is to make connections between neighborhoods and community facilities. Sidewalks on Olmstead project hit our project priority list before there was a Trails plan. There is now some overlap between the two and we should revisit the issue of how best to make the connections to Frelinghuysen Park and other local facilities.
- I would like to recognize both GRACE TERWILLIGER & MADELEINE CASELLI, both of whom are long-time residents of Morris Township. These two women will celebrate fifty (50) years of service as members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hillside Hose Company.
- This past week Morris Township lost a long-serving volunteer. I would like to read a portion of the resolution we passed tonight in recognition of his contributions:

"The Morris Township Committee recognizes the profound influence of CHARLES PETER ENGLE on the citizens of the community, having served as volunteer fireman for the Township for forty (40) years, and held the position of First Assistant Chief during that time and was Volunteer Director of the Emergency Management Department of the Township for over ten (10) years recognizing further that his death is a distinct loss." My condolences go out to the Engle family.

- June 2 is Primary Voting Day. Polls are open all day long. If you are a declared member of a political party you may participate in that party's primary vote. If you are an undeclared/unaffiliated voter than you may participate in one of the party primaries by going to your polling station on June 2 and declaring your affiliation to that party.
- Nine Morris Township officers completed the Police Unity Tour bike ride from New Jersey to Washington DC. The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. A total of 1,200 law enforcement officers participated from starting points in New Jersey and Virginia. 1.3 million dollars was raised for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum bringing the total raised by the Police Unity Tour over 13 years to 7 million dollars.

Other Commentary from Township Committee members...

The following comments are combined from those made at both the February 4 and 18 meetings.

Ron Goldberg made the following comments:

- Thank you to all the members of the public for coming out tonight. We are here to represent you so it is important that you are involved in the process by participating in these meetings.
- Congratulations to all the officers receiving awards tonight. A job well done!
- I toured the Olmstead Road area and surveyed the situation, and I have concluded that we do not need sidewalks here.
- With regard to the Wheatsheaf development, we need to hear an explanation of the amended PRC ordinance at our next meeting, and I look forward to hearing from our planning board attorney.
- It saddens me to announce the passing of Vernon Bass, a friend to Morris Township and Morristown and warrior for his community.
- Best wishes to Jimmie Miller, DPW supervisor, retiring effective May 31. Thanks for decades of dedication. Your expertise will be missed. I wish you "a fair wind and a following sea."
- I visited The Minutemen to familiarize myself with their operation and have a budget discussion. I departed with an even greater respect for their service and professionalism than I had going in. During some brainstorming we did, we identified some new ways to help each other. The Minutemen although 100 strong, still need volunteers. They also need financial and material contributions to keep their operation running at its current high level. Please help them. In return, they offer our community a free service of very high value and are among the premier First Aid Squads in NJ.
- Our DPW has expanded plastics recycling to include all 7 classes of containers. Please see Twp web site for an announcement and instructions. This expanded service will reduce waste in our landfill, reduce the costs we pay to dump, and increase our revenue from sale of recyclables. Win, Win, Win.
- Networks will cease broadcast "over the air" on June 12. Please bring your outdated TV to our DPW electronics recycling depot on Jane Way. TV's can contain toxic materials which we should keep out of our landfills.

Ray Snyder made the following comments:

- I echo the sentiments of Mr. Grayzel and Mr. Goldberg in thanking the public for coming out. I appreciate hearing their point of view.

Dan Caffrey made the following comments:

- Congratulations to the police, and specifically Matt Bergh of Delbarton who saved the life of a student.
- To the residents of Olmstead Road, we hear you that you do not need sidewalks. I agree that you do not need them. We should put them elsewhere in the township.
- With regard to Wheatsheaf, I would like to address the two main concerns of traffic and school burden. I think that if you are a parent with children you are not going to spend \$1.2 million and not have a backyard to put a swingset in, as is the case with these townhouses. They are going to buy a house, not a townhouse, so I do not think the project will have many children at all. Even if this remains age restricted, there are many 55 year olds that are still working and they will be commuting during rush hour just as a younger person if these townhouses were not age restricted.
- The town pools are opening up next week. There have been many improvements including to the filter system. Please come out and enjoy the pools.

Mayor Scott Rosenbush made the following comments:

- I am happy to hear that the Olmstead residents do not want us to spend money (on sidewalks). That does not happen often.

- With regard to Wheatsheaf, I foresee a minimal impact from school children. Also realize that the new housing being built in Morristown will put a much, much greater burden on the school system than these 23 units.
- With regard to the red light camera test, this is something approved by the State of NJ. The sole purpose is to improve traffic safety. Vendors are coming in to set up a test, and we will evaluate the results and make a decision on whether to proceed or not.
- You can now pay your sewer and tax bills online. Payment is taken either via credit card or direct deduction from your checking account. The credit card option has an additional processing fee, which is what the credit card companies charge to us. There are no fees for the latter method. See the municipal website for more details.

Closed Session...

The Township Committee then recessed into "closed session" which occurs when there are legal or personnel matters that cannot be discussed in public. Minutes of the closed session are released to the public when the matters discussed are resolved.

The Township Attorney John Mills announced at the Township Committee meeting (prior to recessing into closed session) that the closed session would deal with personnel, land acquisition, real property, and legal matters.

Proposed 2009 Budget for Morris Township

At the May 20 meeting we introduced an ordinance which was the introduction of the 2009 budget. The budget will be up for Public Hearing, Final Consideration, and Adoption at our June 17 Township Committee meeting. At the June 17 meeting there will also be a public presentation of the budget for the public to ask questions.



A 2009 budget summary can be found at this link:

http://morristwp.com/pdfs/budget_summary_for_adv_052909.pdf

More detail on the budget can be found at this link:

http://morristwp.com/pdfs/Township_of_Morris_Budget.pdf

The Township Committee held Special Meeting on June 1 for two purposes. The agenda for the June 1 meeting can be found at on the Township website:

<http://morristwp.com/agendas/6-1-09AGENDA.pdf>

The first purpose was to introduce several bond ordinances, which were not ready for introduction at the May 20 meeting. These ordinances can be found on the agenda above and are self-explanatory.

The second purpose of our Special Meeting was to hold a "Budget Work Session" where we will convene as a group in a public forum (as required by law when more than a quorum is meeting for any municipal purpose where decisions might be made). This public work session occurred last year for the first time as a way to bring the budget process a little more out in the public view.

At this meeting we publicly discussed various aspects of the budget prior to our June 17 meeting where we will be taking a final vote on the budget. Although this meeting was open to the public for people to listen in on, no public questions or commentary was allowed. The public will have an opportunity to do this on June 17 prior to a final vote on the budget.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION CONTAINS GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT HAPPENINGS AROUND MORRIS TOWNSHIP.

Building Applications Around Town...

This section provides the community with some information about building projects around town. There are always new projects and continuing projects that come before the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. I will only highlight the larger projects and not get into details on the minor ones, such as a homeowner adding a front porch to their home).

If residents encourage or are opposed to certain types of developments, they need to voice their opinions in-person at the hearings.

The **Board of Adjustment** held its regular meeting on May 18. Please see the following agenda for the descriptions of the applications heard at this meeting, all of which were small projects:

http://www.morristwp.com/agendas/boa_05-18-09.pdf

The next **Board of Adjustment** held meeting will be held on June 22, and the agenda will be published online a few days before the meeting.

The **Planning Board** held two regular meetings on May 20 & June 1, and these agendas can be found online:

http://www.morristwp.com/agendas/plbd_05-04-09.pdf

and

http://www.morristwp.com/agendas/plbd_06-01-09.pdf

The only one item on the May 4 agenda was the continuing hearing for the Morris County Golf Club to build a new pool and pool house (see my last newsletter for more details). This application was approved.

The June 1 meeting was supposed to have included the continuing hearing for the subdivision on Shadyside Street, but this was postponed until the June 15 meeting.

The next item on the June 1 agenda was the application to place a logo sign on the side of an office building at 412 Mount Kemble Avenue. This application was approved.

The last item on the agenda was a proposal to construct a small office building on Kahn Road (which is the continuation of Old Glen Road that leads to the back entrance to the Honeywell facility). This area is a business zone, and the proposal was for a two-story office building that was raised off the ground to allow for a parking lot on ground level (underneath it). There was some discussion of lights emanating from the building, but all in all there was nothing controversial about this application. It was approved.

The next planning board meeting is scheduled for June 15. The agenda is available on the township website at: http://morristwp.com/agendas/plbd_06_15_09.pdf

All of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings start at 7:30pm at our municipal building and are open to the public. As with all public meetings, I urge our residents to attend so that they can have a say in how our township is managed and how it is developed.

Update on Wheatshaf Townhouse Development

As I stated above (in the ordinance section), the Township Committee will be reviewing a request from the developers of the townhouse development at the corner of Kahdena Road and Deborah Drive to remove the age restriction imposed on the sale of these units. It had been previously approved a couple of years ago by the planning board as a planned community for aged 55+ individuals, but the developer has found that there is no longer a market for this target group.

The Township Committee will consider this request, which will be in the form of a zone change for this property, at their meeting at the June 17 Township Committee meeting. At this meeting the Planning Board attorney will first present his reasoning for the Planning Boards recommendation for accommodating this change within our zoning regulations.

This matter was previously before the Planning Board last month, upon which I also sit. They had voted 8-1 to "recommend" to the Township Committee, who has ultimate control over the implementation of all zoning regulations, the changes in the zoning regulations as outlined above. I was the only dissenting vote, believing that the zone we were creating had become so broad that it was no longer a meaningful zone for planning purposes. I still feel that way. Further, I think this would be a concession the Township could be making to the developer and that the municipality

should get something in return for that concession. I commented at the meeting that I thought a less dense development with 2-3 less units would be a good compromise. This would allow for more open area and green space to be placed along the road frontage on Deborah Drive.

This matter will next be discussed and voted on by the Township Committee at our June 17 meeting. The public will be allowed to make comments on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment prior to the Committee's final vote.

New rules for expanded plastics recycling in Morris Township

Effective May 1, 2009, you may recycle classes 1 through 7 plastics. Formerly, Morris Township accepted only class 1 and 2 plastics bottles. With the expansion of collection to cover seven plastic classes and more types of containers, we will be selling more plastic for reuse and paying to dump fewer tons of plastic. You may deposit your qualified recyclable plastic at your curbside or at the recycling depot in the same way and on the same schedule you do currently. Please follow the rules stated below. If you wish to dispose of oversized class1-7 objects, please transport them to the depot on Jane Way.

More information on the Township website:

http://www.morristwp.com/pdfs/ABC's_of_Recycling1-7Rev.pdf

Remember that increased recycling REDUCES our taxes. Not only do we have to send less garbage to the garbage dump (which we pay for by the ton) but we also get money back from the recycling center based on the volume of recyclable material we provide to them. It is a win-win that lowers our taxes while preserving the environment.

Thanks to Environmental Committee Chairman Ted Largman and Township Committeeman Ron Goldberg for leading this effort.

Township Swimming Pools to open on June 6th

Streeter and Ginty pools will be open the weekends of June 6-7 and June 13-14. On Saturdays, pools are open 11 AM to 6 PM and on Sundays, noon to 6 PM.

Both pools will open for the afternoons 3 PM to 8 PM from June 16 to 20 then daily on June 21 and will close after Labor Day, Sept. 1. Streeter Pool is located off Sussex Avenue, and Ginty Pool is located off South Street. For sign-up information see the township website:

http://www.morristwp.com/dept_recpools.asp



Print the application, then complete and sign it. Make your check payable to **Township of Morris Swim Pool**. Mail it to the Township of Morris Parks & Recreation Department; 50 Woodland Avenue; P.O. BOX 7603; Convent Station, NJ 07961-7603. Your canceled check will be your receipt. You may also bring your application to the Parks and Recreation department located in the municipal building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM and pay by either check or credit card..

Applicable fees are listed here: <http://www.morristwp.com/pdfs/PoolNew2009.pdf>

Swimming lessons and a Swim team are offered at both pools. See the township website for more information.

Other items of interest...

- **Summer Playground Program Sign-ups have begun.** Starting Saturday June 13 you can sign your child up for one of the many summer playground programs run by the Morris Township Recreation Department. The participation fee is very affordable. Check out the Spring/Summer brochure online at:
<http://www.morristwp.com/pdfs/spring09.pdf>
Call the Morris Township Recreation Department at 973.326.7371 for more information.
- **H1N1 Influenza Continues To Spread In Morris County**

Please read this press release from the Morris County Health Department:

<http://morrisco.finalhost.net/asp/morris/2009/06/h1n1-influenza-continues-to-spread-in.asp>

- **Leaf, Grass and Brush pick-up continues through the Summer**

Morris Township DPW picks-up these items from your curb every other Wednesday. Please check the municipal calendar to determine your pick-up days. For more information see this link:

http://morristwp.com/pdfs/Curbside_Collection_Leaves,_Grass_&_Brush.pdf

Please do not throw leaf and brush debris into the regular garbage. Not only is it against regulations to put this debris into the solid waste stream, but it is also more costly to the municipality to dispose of it this way (as regular garbage). Leaf and Brush debris is brought to a county facility where it is "recycled" into mulch.

- **New Inamere Road Bridge is now open:** This bridge carries approximately 1,250 vehicles a day over the Whippany River. Construction of the new federally-funded \$2.2 million structure, which began in July 2008, replaces a temporary bridge that was built more than 30 years ago to replace an even older span. The new bridge is wider and slightly rotated to smooth out the curves in the roadway. As part of the project, a new pedestrian bridge has been installed on the east side of the other Inamere Road Bridge to assist pedestrians in safely traversing between Patriot's Path and Morris Township's Streeter Pool and Cornine Field.
- **Historic Churches of Morristown Tour:** The Morris County Tourism Bureau is hosting this tour on June 20 and again on August 8. The description reads "Morristown is a town of towers and spires, home to several churches and many schools. Join us as we visit Morristown's six historic churches including the First Baptist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, The Church of the Assumption, The First Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Redeemer, and the United Methodist Church. Some of the churches will be open so that the tour can view the interiors. Come explore their significance to Morristown's history, and learn about key historical figures that are buried in two of the church cemeteries." The tour is led by Peg Shultz, who is History Program Coordinator at the Morris County Heritage Commission. Tour starts at 6 Court Street & group size is limited to 25. Other tours are also available. Contact the MCTB for more information at 973-631-5151 or on their website at www.morristourism.org
- **Streeter & Ginty Pools now Open:** There is still plenty of time to join. Membership info can be found on the Township website: http://www.morristwp.com/dept_recpools.asp
- The Morris Township Recreation Department has published their Spring/Summer brochure. See all of the wonderful activities listed. If you did not get a copy in the mail then you can check it out online at: <http://www.morristwp.com/pdfs/spring09.pdf>
Call the Morris Township Recreation Department at 973.326.7371 for more information on any of the programs offered.
- If you are interested in joining the volunteer ambulance squad you can contact: join@morrisminutemen.org . For more information on the Minute Men can be found on their website: <http://www.morrisminutemen.org/>



Upcoming Committee Meeting...

There is only one Township Committee meeting scheduled for the month of May which will take place on Wednesday June 17th. Please try to attend one of our meetings to see how your local government operates. Your presence improves the quality of the proceedings, and your questions require the Township Committee to be responsive to our citizens.

**The Next Meeting:
Wednesday,
June 17th**

The agenda is now on the Township website at:

http://www.morristwp.com/agendas/Twp_Comm_06-17-09.pdf

Other Township meetings and events can be found online on our municipal calendar:

<http://plus.calendars.net/morrisTownship>

Please feel free to forward this e-mail on to others. If you know someone who would like to subscribe, please have them contact me at **Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com** .

As always, if you have any questions about any of the above or if you have a comment you would like to share with me, then please send me an e-mail to **Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com** .

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. I hope it has helped you be more informed about what is going on around our town.

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