



November 2010 -- Election Update, Other News

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Dear Neighbors,

Two weeks ago I sent you an e-mail with the latest update on Morris Township news. If you did not get it, you can see it here: <http://www.jeffgrayzel.com/nl/NLMid-Year10.pdf>

Today, I am writing to you about an important local election in Morris Township this Tuesday. Some other news of interest follows at the bottom of this e-mail.

General Election on November 2

Let me again remind you of how our local government works. We have one of the seven different forms of government allowed in the state of New Jersey. Morris Township is governed by a Township Committee of five members. We do not have an elected Mayor, such as in Morristown and Morris Plains. Rather our Mayor is an appointed position from one of the five Committee members. With no elected Mayor to counter-balance the Committee, the only check & balances that we have has to come from within the Township Committee itself.



Ron Goldberg is finishing up his first 3-year term on the Township Committee and is up for re-election. As the lone Democrat on a Committee with four Republican members, Ron has been providing the little bit of "balance" we find in our local government. He is our "checks & balances" against the block of 4 other Committeemen.

Mr. Goldberg was recently endorsed by the Morris Newsbee newspaper. Read the endorsement here: http://www.rongoldberg.net/news_2010.html

Goldberg has worked hard for the residents of Morris Township. Here are just a few of his many accomplishments:

- 2010 appropriations were reduced by \$1 million compared to 2009
- He worked with unions to get give-backs to help balance our budget
- He identified weak management reports and tools
- He showed the need for a local anti-pay-to-play law
- He kept our parking, sewer and pool utilities solvent to avoid a tax payer subsidy.

If you have ever met Ron you would know that he operates in a non-partisan fashion and just tries to do what is best for Morris Township. He works, hard, does his homework, and is

accessible to you. He is always looking out for the best interest of ALL residents of our community.

Goldberg's opponent is Peter Mancuso. I would like to provide you with 3 facts about Mancuso, and you can see if you come to the same conclusion as I do about his candidacy:

1. The Morris Township Carnival had to shut down in the Spring of 2007 while under investigation by the State of New Jersey. Mancuso was President of the carnival from 1990-2007. Mancuso mismanaged the finances of the corporation he headed by failing to meet federal and state-level filing requirements for at least SIX consecutive years, 2001-2006. During those years, the Mancuso-led carnival was not a legitimate corporation, and was not following the rules set down for tax exempt corporations.

You can read more specific details about his mismanagement and the subsequent closure of the carnival in my last newsletter:

<http://www.jeffgrayzel.com/nl/NLMid-Year10.pdf>

2. Mancuso recently sent out a campaign brochure talking about the so-called scholarship money he distributed while president of the (defunct) carnival. In the brochure, Mancuso uses a stock photo of kids from Canada -- yes, that country up north -- saying "Thank You Mr. Mancuso". You can see the photo here:

<http://www.istockphoto.com/stock-photo-9849607-diverse-young-adults.php>

The whole thing is disingenuous. We still don't know whether the scholarships from the carnival, which was named after our Township, run from Township government offices, cited on Township owned fields and supported by Township residents' money, actually benefited the families of Morris Township. The public knows little of the selection process and none of the selectees. Who got the money? Last week, Mancuso finally disclosed a settlement letter from the IRS and two letters from local colleges dated October 2010. Apparently when the whistle blew in 2006, he was motivated to back-file. However, he has never shown the public any audits or how he satisfied New Jersey state officials yet. He has not apologized to you for embarrassing Morris Township with scandal.

3. I have told you that I continue to attend our Township Committee meetings regularly, I can tell you that Mr. Mancuso has missed 2 of the past 4 meetings leading up to the election, including the most recent meeting on October 20 (the last one before the election!). To me, this shows a true lack of interest and commitment. And prior to his candidacy this year (and for many prior years) Mancuso sightings at Township Committee meetings were extremely rare. Contrast this with Ron Goldberg who attended over 100 public Township meetings before being elected so he would be prepared for office.

Ron Goldberg is by far the better choice for our Township Committee. I am putting my support behind Ron Goldberg and hope you do too.

But don't just take my word on this, take a few minutes to look at his website:

<http://www.rongoldberg.net>

(Note: Peter Mancuso does not have his own website.)

And make sure you see that Goldberg has been endorsed by the Morris Newsbee newspaper on his news page:



http://www.rongoldberg.net/news_2010.html

You can also read an online interview with Ron Goldberg at a brand-new community news website called "Patch". Patch went online during October, so keep an eye on this new local resource. Read the interview with Ron here:

<http://morris.patch.com/articles/democrat-goldberg-wants-more-time-to-push-morris-twp-committee-toward-brave-step>

Please vote on November 2. If you are unsure of where to go to vote, check the top of the sample ballot you received in the mail to locate your polling place. (Most of us received our sample ballots this past Friday). Alternatively, you can call our local election official, Morris Township Clerk Cathleen Amelio at 973-326-7430.

Make your voice heard in the community, and help decide the future of our community. Use your voice by using your vote. Please vote on November 2.

Leaf collection has begun

The DPW has begun collecting leaves, which is being done by "sector". The Township is divided into 3 sectors, and you can find your sector here:

<http://www.morristwp.com/pdfs/dpwsector2.pdf>

Check the Township website to find out which sector they are working on each week:

<http://www.morristwp.com>

Also, here is a notice from DPW about what you are allowed to put out for collection:

http://www.morristwp.com/dept_dpwcollectionservices.asp#fall

Please remember to keep your leaves on the curb and out of the street. This is important so that storm drains do not get clogged with leaves and cause flooding situations in the event of a large rainstorm.

Congratulations to the Morris Minutemen!

The Minutemen have won a prestigious national award from EMS magazine. Read the press release here.

http://www.naemt.org/awards/national_awards.aspx

And special congratulations to our own Mark Wintle for winning EMT of the year!

http://www.naemt.org/WhatsNewALLNEWS/10-09-29/NAEMT_presents_Mark_E_Wintle_with_2010_EMT_of_the_Year_Award.aspx

If you are interested in donating to the Minutemen or becoming a member, please visit their website: <http://www.morrisminutemen.org/>



Congratulations to our Fire Department

The Morris Township Fire Department was *Voted Best* in *Morris County* by the readers of the Daily Record. The volunteer branch of the Fire Department is recruiting new members. You must be at least 18 years of age to become a Fire Fighter. If your child is 16-17 years of age they are eligible to become a Junior Fire Fighter. Please visit the fire department website for more information:

<http://www.morristwp.com/fire.asp>



Job Posting: Township Administrator

The longtime Administrator of Morris Township, Mr. Fred Rossi, is retiring at the end of the year. The Township has a job posting for this position that can be viewed here:

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

Upcoming Committee Meeting...

There is only one Township Committee meeting scheduled for the month of November. It takes place Wednesday November 10th at 8:00pm at the Municipal Building. There is always a public commentary period at each meeting for residents to ask the Township Committee any questions they have about anything relating to Morris Township.

**NEXT
TOWNSHIP
MEETING:
Wednesday
Nov. 10th**

Please try to attend one of our Township 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.

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

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

Contact Jeff...

Although I will not be communicating with the public as frequently as in the past, please feel free to contact me by e-mail with questions or comments about anything happening in Morris Township. I will continue to respond to e-mails sent to Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com

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

Please go to vote on Tuesday!

Your neighbor,
Jeff

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