

Jeff Grayzel commentary – February 19, 2014

Morris Township Committee meeting

It seems like every month we sit up here and compliment the DPW. It keeps snowing and the Township DPW continues to do a great job with snow removal last night. Thanks to all of our employees who put in those extra hours to clear the streets.

I have received a couple of complaints about the conditions of certain streets. Our DPW does such a great job that residents are now expecting perfectly clear road conditions after a storm. Unfortunately, as you may have heard in the news, NJ is experiencing a severe shortage of road salts. Many municipalities are out of salt, and we only have very little left. This is being conserved for the streets in the Township that need it most, which are predominantly the steep streets. This is not the fault of the DPW, so I ask residents to please not complain about the DPW efforts when they do not have enough road salt to do the job the way they would like to.

The weather is finally supposed to warm up over the next two days and we are supposed to receive some rain. Please be ready for some flooding conditions because the rain has limited places it can flow too since there is a layer of ice covering most area. I ask residents to please clear the storm drains on their streets so that the rain has a place to drain.

Residents should also clear snow from fire hydrants so our firefighters will have access to them in case of emergency.

Congratulations to the Morris Township Emergency Management Association on the success of their annual fundraising activity of selling roses for Valentines Day. All proceeds benefit the OEM organization – meaning that all proceeds benefit Morris Township residents! Thanks to all our OEM people who volunteered their time to staff the event.

Congratulations to Morris Township's own Mark Manning on becoming principal at Morristown HS. I wish him all the best in his new role.

Congratulations also to Robert and Sonja Rickert of Morris Township. They are the owners of a flat-coated retriever that was recently named best of breed at the 2014 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. The dog is named Windy Hill Dance To The Music.

A couple of weeks ago the Morristown Jewish Center held a gala dinner to honor Morris Township resident Rabbi David Nesson. Back in December our Township Committee passed a resolution of recognition, and this resolution was reprinted in the program that evening. Over 300 people attended the festivities and I was pleased that Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen came to celebrate with us that night as well. So congratulations again to Rabbi Nesson.

The Recreation department recently held the annual DADDY - DAUGHTER SWEETHEART DANCE. The event was a sell out, and I heard that everyone had a great time. Thanks to the Mt. Kemble Fire Company for use of their facility and for having the parking lot plowed.

The Recreation department will also be hosting MOTHER - SON FUN NIGHT on Friday, February 28 at the Mt. Kemble firehouse. The evening will feature a science project! Mad Science will conduct a science show "Up, Up, and Away". Contact the Rec department for more info.

Lastly, at the reorganization meeting last month I stated that at the top of my wish list was the broadcasting of our monthly Twp Committee meeting on cable TV. After our last meeting a video of a portion of our meeting was posted to the Patch and to the Morristown Green websites, and I saw that there were many views of the video. So I would now like to formally ask the Township Committee to agree to allow Mr. Quinn to begin obtaining some background information on what it would take for us to do this. I close by requesting that each of you agree to move forward with gathering this information.

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