

# Morris Township Times

News from around our town

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Tune in to **Cablevision Channel 21 Monday's from 9 to 11pm**  
for the airing of Morris Township Committee meetings!  
**Repeated weekly on Mondays**

## Reality TV: Broadcast of Morris Township Committee Meetings

By Noel Robinson

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Cathy Wilson, Democratic candidate for Morris Township Committee, Cablevision has begun broadcasting the monthly meetings of the governing body of Morris Township.

The first broadcast of the May 20 meeting took place on **Cablevision Channel 21 from 9 to 11 p.m. on Monday, June 1** and will be repeated weekly in the same **Monday** time-slot until the next meeting begins **airing on June 29**.

For a number of years Township Democrats had questioned the Republicans on the Committee as to why our meetings are not broadcast as they are in many towns across the state. The answer they gave was that it was too expensive and there was no public interest.

As to expenses, a new TV camera was donated for the videos and Cathy arranged for a high school student to do the taping and produce the unedited transcripts for a nominal fee. However, after the May 20 broadcast, an anonymous caller contacted the high school and questioned student involvement. The high school is no longer involved with this project.



During last year's campaign, Cathy, with the help of fellow Democrats, circulated a petition calling for televised meetings and gathered over 500 signatures of residents. The Township then began posting audio of the meetings on the Township website, but admitted that very few access it.

Cathy overcame numerous hurdles in the process of getting meetings televised, especially since the all-Republican Township Committee proved to be totally uncooperative. Cablevision, on the other hand, has been eager to air the meetings and has provided a prime-time evening slot.

[The Morris Newsbee published an article on May 28.](#)

[MorristownGreen.com](#) also published an article on May 18th.

**Tune in and let us know what you think at [noelrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:noelrobinson@gmail.com)**

## Local Historian Speaks

by Susan Miller

Noted local historian Peter Tamburro of the Morris County Historical Society spoke on "Celebrating Morris Township's Early History" at the Morristown and Morris Township Joint Library on Monday, May 18.



The free community event, attended by approximately 40 people, was sponsored by the Morris Township Democratic Committee in recognition of the Township's 275th Anniversary.

Attendees also visited the library's current exhibition celebrating the Township's rich history. The lecture centered on the early settlement of Morris Township up to its incorporation as a separate entity in 1865, and detailed how the area grew from a group of strong, self-sufficient farmers into a bustling commercial center. These everyday heroes rose to challenges, and their sturdiness, ideologies, and values enabled them to found the vibrant community the Township enjoys today.

The lecture was the first in a proposed series of community events to be sponsored in 2015-16 by the Morris Township Democratic Committee.



## Dems Award Scholarship

by Sarah Dundas

Every year the Morris Township and Morris Plains Democratic Committees presents a scholarship to a Morristown High School senior who has demonstrated community and/or political involvement throughout their four years. This year's candidates were exceptional, and each had displayed an enormous passion for helping others by joining service organizations in leadership positions.

This year's recipient of the \$750 scholarship, Lucy Brice, showed poise, charisma and an earnest desire to serve others throughout her interview. She is a Group Leader at her church and also works with the Sunday school young people. The Peer Group in the high school is a selected group of young people who mentor ninth graders; in this role, Lucy loved the chance to help the younger students.

Lucy is an active member and award recipient of Delta GEMS- an organization whose mission includes "creating compassionate, caring, community-minded young women and actively involving them in service learning and community opportunities."

She is a young lady who is an outstanding honoree and we applaud her accomplishments, and look forward to hearing about her future endeavors as she heads to The College of New Jersey this fall.



Candidate Jeff Grayzel



Ambassador Murphy &  
Noel Robinson



Candidate Cathy Wilson

## Morris Township Dems Gather

The Morris Township Democrats held a fundraiser, graciously hosted by Bob and Mary Bush at their home, for candidates Jeff Grayzel and Cathy Wilson. They are running for the two open seats on the Morris Township Committee in November.

Chair woman Noel Robinson introduced the guest speaker, former Ambassador to Germany, Philip Murphy, who was appointed by president Obama in 2009. There was a lively exchange with the Ambassador and the crowd as well as many answers to all of their questions.

Also greeting supporters was Tom Moran, the Assembly candidate for the 25thLD and Brendan Keating, one of our three Morris County Freeholder candidates.

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