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Dear Neighbors,

I have received many emails from people who appreciate these newsletters I send out. Thank you to everyone who wrote to me to say thanks. I am pleased to be sending you another one of my periodic E-newsletters containing commentary on our Township Committee meetings as well as other helpful information about our municipality.

If you missed any of my past newsletters, you can click [HERE](#) to review prior issues.

Please take a moment to sit back, 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.

**[Valentine's Day Flower Fundraiser](#)**

Given the timely nature of this fundraiser I decided to put it at the top of the list.

The Morris Township Emergency Management Association will continue their annual fundraising activity of selling roses for Valentines Day. The sale will take place at the Hillside Firehouse on Friday the 13th from 8am to 8pm; and Saturday - Valentine's Day from 7am to 6pm. The Hillside firehouse is located at 132 Western Avenue in Morris Township.

The price cannot be beat: one dozen red roses are \$25 and TWO dozen (other than red) are just \$30. They will also have candy, vases, cards and stuffed animals.

For orders or questions, call Pat at 973-714-7481 (cell) or e-mail [patriciasimms207@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciasimms207@hotmail.com) . You can order in advance or just stop in and pick from their selection.

All proceeds benefit the OEM organization – meaning that all proceeds benefit Morris Township residents! The OEM department is staffed entirely by volunteers who give their time to the community.

Please support the community by buying your roses at the Hillside firehouse.



## **Township Committee Meeting of January 21st, 2015**

The Township Committee held its first regular meeting of 2015 on January 21. The agenda can be found here:

<http://www.morristwp.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01212015-605>

There were seven ordinances introduced at this first meeting of the year, and there will be a

final hearing and a vote on each at the next meeting on February 18, 2015. Highlights of the ordinances introduced were:



- **Ordinance 01-15:**  
Establishes a fee schedule for various types of membership at the municipal swimming pools for the upcoming pool season.
- **Ordinance 03-15:** Increases the sewer connection fee for all new residential connections to our sewer system. The fee is increasing from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per residential connection.
- **Ordinance 01-15:** Establishes a new position (and an additional headcount) for the position of Assistant Treasurer/CFO, Chief Accountant, and Finance Assistant.
- **Ordinance 07-15:** Provides a 2% annual salary raise to all municipal non-union employees.

Next up were the passage of resolutions. Many of the resolutions at this meeting were for the appointment of various professional (outside) service contracts for the 2015 year.

The next Township Committee meeting will be held this coming Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm in our municipal building.

## **Property Revaluations Have Started**

As I reported last month, this year Morris Township will be conducting a revaluation of all properties located in the municipality. New property values will become effective for the 2016 tax year. If you missed it, you can read about it in my last newsletter here:


<http://www.jeffgrayzel.com/nl/NLJan15.pdf>

Inspections have begun, so you can expect a knock on your door at anytime over the next several months. A company called Appraisals Systems Inc. has been awarded the contract to conduct the revaluation for Morris Township, and the agent should show you their identification card from this company.

Residents will not receive a prior notification of their visit to your property. If you are not there when they come, they will measure the exterior and leave a card specifying when they will return for an interior inspection.


## Water Company Scam

Our municipal water company, SMCMUA (Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority)

has warned residents of phone scams taking place in nearby communities. The caller states they are from the water company and seeks personal information. 

If you receive any calls from SMCMUA and you are unsure of whether the call is legitimate or not, then it is recommended that you hang up the phone and call back SMCMUA directly. Their customer service number is 973-326-6880 or you can email them at [customerservice@smcmua.org](mailto:customerservice@smcmua.org)


## Other Items of Interest...

- **T-ball sign-ups have begun:** This is a co-ed entry-level baseball program for children ages 5-7. From experience I can tell you it is great fun for both boys and girls. If you have any questions call the Rec office at 973-326-7371. 

Register On-line at <https://register.communitypass.net/morristownship> or at the Recreation Department office at 50 Woodland Ave.

- **Mother – Son Fun Night:** The Township Recreation department is hosting its annual Mother and Son Fun Night for boys ages 5 – 10 years old and their moms. This is a great opportunity for moms and sons to bond and have a fun filled evening of active games and entertainment. This event takes place on Friday, February 27th at Mt. Kemble Fire House from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Snow date will be on March 7th if necessary. Participate with mom in the Mad Science show "Up, Up and Away" – completing a hands-on science project. Reservations must be received by February 21st. Cost for this event is \$10.00 per child.

Register On-line at <https://register.communitypass.net/morristownship> or at the Recreation Department office at 50 Woodland Ave. If you have any questions call the Rec office at 973-326-7371.

- **Watch Your Back! How to Prevent Snow Shoveling Injuries** – Although we have not received much snow so far, you can be sure it is coming one of these days. Winter can be a wonderful time, but too much activity without proper preparation can spell trouble for your back! Read more here: <http://www.spine-health.com/wellness/ergonomics/snow-shoveling-techniques-prevent-low-back-injuries> 

## Upcoming Committee Meetings...

The next regular meeting of the Township Committee will be on **Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm at our Municipal Building.**

Looking forward, the March meeting of the Township Committee will be on March 18th.

## 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 continue to respond to e-mails sent to [Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com](mailto: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](mailto:Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com)

I look forward to another year of communicating to and with the residents of Morris Township. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns.

I hope everyone is keeping warm during these frigid days.

Your neighbor,  
Jeff

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