

[<Back](#) Print

October 2011: Morris Township News Update

IMPORTANT -- PLEASE NOTE:

Your privacy is important. If you do not wish to receive emails from Jeff Grayzel, please click the unsubscribe link on the bottom of this page and your email address will be removed within 48 hours. Thank you.

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. Thanks to everyone who has expressed appreciation of my efforts to report on what is happening around town from a government perspective. If you missed any of my past newsletters you can click [HERE](#) to review prior issues.

Please sit back, read and consider. I welcome your comments.

Township Committee Meeting on Oct. 19

The Township Committee meeting scheduled for October 5th was cancelled. The Township Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday October 19th.

The meeting opened with an award ceremony. Volunteer Firefighters from the Fairchild Fire Company received recognition for their life-saving actions on the night Hurricane Irene swept through Morris Township. Late that night, two Company apparatus were driving across the Lake Road Bridge when David Mayer, one of the drivers, spotted a man poised to jump from the bridge. The firefighters notified local police and pulled over to take action.

First Lieutenant James Correale approached the man and spoke to him to distract him and keep him from jumping. Firefighter Patrick Daley then grabbed the man from behind and, with the help of the other firefighters present, pulled the man to safety and restrained him until police arrived.

First Lieutenant Correale and Firefighter Daley both received the Life Saving Award. The other firefighters present were also recognized for their roles.

In addition to the people recognized for these specific actions, each Volunteer Fire Company in Morris Township was recognized for efforts on the night of the hurricane. The paid career firefighters were recognized as well, with the recognition accepted by Jeff Gast, the local FMBA president.

The meeting then continued with one ordinance for adoption followed by 3 ordinances for introduction (with final adoption at the next meeting) as follows:

- **27-11** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR



EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PBA 133) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS (adopted)

- **32-11** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88, SECTION 2.2 AND SCHEDULE I "NO PARKING ANY TIME." (introduced)
- **33-11** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 29-11 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE SUPERIOR OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION (PBA 133A) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS. (introduced)
- **34-11** AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PORTION OF LANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES – WHITE BIRCH ROAD. (introduced)

During the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting four residents asked questions of the Township Committee.

The next Township Committee meeting will be on Wednesday November 9th at 8:00pm at our municipal building.

JCP&L public hearing

On September 27th the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), which regulates utilities including our very own JCP&L, held a hearing in Morris County. BPU solicited public comment – from both local government officials as well as the general public -- regarding the state of preparedness and responsiveness of JCP&L and other electric distribution companies prior to, during, and after Hurricane Irene.



A summary of the meeting can be found on the MorristownGreen.com website about halfway down this page: <http://morristowngreen.com/2011/09/page/2/> Look for the story titled "Residents, officials tee off on JCP&L at hearing"

Last week BPU ordered JCP&L to hire an outside consultant to review its Morristown facilities. The review will include the underground explosions that have occurred in Morristown. More info can be found here:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/jcpl_is_ordered_to_review_its.html

I encourage you to communicate any complaints or concerns you may have. This can be done by e-mail to: board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us

If you send an email, reference "Hurricane Irene" in the heading. Additional information may be obtained from the BPU website: <http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/announcements/hurr.pdf>

My personal opinion is that Morris Township should petition the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to allow us to switch to another provider for our electricity!

Planning Board continues on master plan amendment track for Honeywell plan

At their meeting on Monday October 3rd the Planning Board held a discussion session with the Township's TCC (technical coordinating committee). Although this session was open to the public, it was for listening only. No questions from the public were allowed at this meeting, although an exchange between Honeywell representatives and the Planning Board was allowed.

Read a summary of the meeting in the Morris Newsbee:
http://newjerseyhills.com/morris_news_bee/news/morris-twp-planners-continue-on-master-plan-amendment-track-for/article_f29b5966-f44e-11e0-bfb3-001cc4c03286.html



The proposed redevelopment of the 147-acre Honeywell company office complex on Columbia Road is making its way through the approval process at the Planning Board.

A summary of the latest plan can be found in this PATCH article, which also provides some background: <http://morris.patch.com/articles/honeywell-scales-back-redevelopment-plan>

Honeywell, which employs 1,200 people at the Columbia Turnpike site, requested the Planning Board to rezone its property from Office/Lab to "mixed use". Honeywell presented a concept plan which included dense condominium and Continuing Care Retirement Community development (having a 24/7 operation).

Honeywell has put up a website that show the concept plans as well as all other documents they have presented at public meetings. This website is quite comprehensive and I encourage you to look through it if you have an interest. http://www51.honeywell.com/campus_redevelopment/

I would like to suggest that EVERYONE has an interest in this development, even if you live on the other side of town. You should seek an understanding of what such development will do to cost of government and taxes, your real estate value, and the quality of life in your Township.

I think the proposed plan is too dense, too intense, and not in keeping with the fabric of our Township. Click [HERE](#) to read my letter to the local community, which also explains a bit about the process that is taking place at the Planning Board.

2nd Annual "Pumpkin Illumination" Activity at Vail Mansion and the Community Theater

Get into the spirit of Halloween as we join with the Arts Council of the Morris Area (<http://www.morrisarts.org>) for Pumpkin Illumination 2011. Enjoy this free event on October 30th from 5 pm - 5:45 pm, followed by the illumination of over 100 pumpkins around the Vail Mansion reflecting pond. Other scary treats await. It's great for families and adults. Carved pumpkins not required -- but by all means bring one if you have one!



- 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM - Bring your already-carved pumpkin to the reflecting pond in front of the Vail Mansion
- 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM - Scary Storytelling at the Mayo Performing Arts Center OR cemetery tour.
- 6:00 PM - Return to the reflecting pond to light your Pumpkin and enjoy the Illumination of over 100 pumpkins!

As an alternative to story-telling, a Cemetery Tour from 5pm-6pm will also be offered – reservations can be made through the [Morris County Tourism Bureau](#). The Cemetery Tour concludes at the Vail Mansion at 6pm.

A very special guest at this year's event will be Grow It Green Morristown's – giant pumpkin! If you haven't heard about this Pumpkin, watch this [short video](#)!

To see images from last year's event - [watch this!](#)

This activity is completely FREE. I attended last year with my family and we had a great time.

Grayzel & Kandybowicz running in Morris Township Committee election

Mike Kandybowicz (pronounced "Kanda-bo-vich") and I are running as a team for Township Committee in the general election of November 8th. We are running to stop single party rule and restore balance to the Township Committee. Balance improves the quality of local government and is in EVERYONE'S self interest. It makes local government more accountable, representative, and responsive.

If you did not see our announcement you can read it here: http://jeffgrayzel.com/pdf/news_091811.pdf



Here is a copy of our first mailer to residents: <http://www.morristwpcandidates.com/pdf/Grayzel-Kandybowicz-2011-mailer%201.pdf>

Please take a look at our website for more information about the campaign and my running mate, Mike Kandybowicz. <http://www.morristwpcandidates.com/>

Election Day is Tuesday November 8th so please mark your calendar. If you have any questions about the election please write to me at Jeff@JeffGrayzel.com

I hope you will support our campaign for good government by voting for Grayzel & Kandybowicz on Election Day. Thank you for your support.

Other items of interest...

- Seasonal flu shots: On October 26 from 2-4pm the Morris Township Health Department is holding a seasonal Flu Clinic. The clinic is open to infants (over 6 months), children, teens, adults, and seniors. Read more about it here: <http://www.morristwp.com/11flu.pdf>
- The 3rd Annual Colonial Challenge 5K race and fun-walk takes place at 10am on Sunday, October 23rd. The Morris Educational Foundation invites you to come out and show your support for the Morris Educational Foundation at this year's race. Register at: www.practicehard.com, click on "Event Calendar" and register yourself for the race.
- If you have seen less deer around recently or smelled a bad odor coming from the woods near your house, there is a reason for it. A disease is killing deer across the state of New Jersey. Read more about it here: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/disease_reduces_deer_populatio.html
- What covers more than 1,000 miles and supplies 5 million residents with drinking water?



Here are 5 Things You Need to Know About the Highlands: <http://hopatcong.patch.com/articles/5-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-highlands>

Find More Info more about the New Jersey Highlands, which is protected by the New Jersey Highlands Council: <http://www.highlands.state.nj.us/>

- Several Morris County Parks will close for Deer Hunting on select dates from October-February. Please see this news story for the exact dates in each of the county parks: <http://morris.patch.com/articles/parks-to-close-for-deer-kill>

Upcoming Committee Meeting...

The next Township Committee meeting will be on Wednesday November 9th at 8:00pm at our municipal building.

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 "in-person" questions require the Township Committee to be responsive to our citizens.

**The Next Meeting:
Wed.
Nov. 9th**

Contact Jeff...

I will continue to communicate with the public 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

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

Your neighbor,
Jeff

© 2011 - Jeff Grayzel

[Jeff's Web Site](#) | [Contact Jeff](#)

©2011 Jeff Grayzel

[Forward email](#)

 SafeUnsubscribe™



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to rosary2@mac.com by jeff@jeffgrayzel.com | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Jeff Grayzel | PO Box 10 | Convent Station | NJ | 07961