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Town of Morristown Updates From Mayor Timothy P. Dougherty

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Master Plan Update

The Town's Planning Division has been working long hours to refine the latest draft of Morristown Moving Forward – our new Master Plan. Since the first draft was released in November 2013, we have received valuable and extensive public input through three public hearings and numerous meetings with neighborhood groups.

Morristown Moving Forward confirms the town's strongly held commitments to: (1) strengthen residential neighborhoods, (2) preserve historic resources and (3) enhance our historic charm and character. The Master Plan also encourages the development of state-of-art strategies for ensuring pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and encouraging thriving, mixed-use development around Morristown's train station and heavily traveled roads.

The Master Plan will serve as a strong foundation for an active agenda over the next several years. A key first step will include reviewing and amending our existing zoning code to encourage development that is attractive, appropriate and focused on those areas where we want to see growth and revitalization. Upon adoption of the plan we will establish an Implementation Committee to set goals and priorities, along with commensurate action plans. The committee will consist of town staff members, elected officials and representatives of our citizen boards, such as the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The latest draft of the Master Plan, revisions and public hearing dates are available on the Town's website: www.townofmorristown.org.

Individual Highlights:

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Harsh Winter

The 2013-2014 winter season in Morristown saw a total of 67-inches of snowfall based on observations taken at Morristown airport. There were twelve snowfall events of two-inches or more in depth. The Department of Public Works plowed and salted all town roads and removed snow from ninety streets. This massive removal effort helped to ensure that all streets were accessible to emergency vehicles and sanitation trucks and allowed residents to return to normal parking and traffic patterns.



DPW crews cleared snow and ice from all Town owned sidewalks, as well as crosswalks in the business district. Storm drains were cleared of ice and snow by DPW to prevent localized street flooding. Pothole patching was done throughout the winter by the DPW to keep up with the road damage caused by repeated freeze-thaw cycles.



Looking Forward to Spring in Morristown

The Department of Public Works will increase the street sweeping program to ensure that the streets of Morristown are cleaned of the left over grime, salt and grit from the winter season. A part time Street Sweeper Operator was hired to sweep the streets in the Central Business District. This four hour operation is performed between 3:00am and 7:00am, five days per week. Hiring the extra Sweeper has freed up a full time street sweeper to clean the residential streets an extra day per week. *Note: Temporary no parking will be posted in areas where parked vehicles impede proper cleaning of the streets.*

Several projects are expected to begin in the coming months:

- April introduces Phase I of the Town's 2014 Tree Planting Program where 54 trees will be planted in public right of ways and Town property.
- DPW Crews will be conducting permanent repairs to road surface damage caused by the severe winter weather.
- Morristown's roads will also be greatly enhanced through the annual milling and resurfacing capital program, which is expected to take place in late Spring and Summer pending funding.

New Neighbors

During my first term, we spent significant time in hearings reviewing new planning documents, site plan applications and other important aspects of the public processes that help shape our Town. We are now beginning to see the fruits of that labor. Work has begun on new construction projects around Town that when complete will provide new housing opportunities, needed neighborhood services and first class entertainment venues. The projects include:

- **Latitude Apartments** – Now being built on the former DPW site and are a significant part of the Speedwell Redevelopment Plan. The buildings will have 268 apartments, of which 10% are set aside for affordable housing. The project also contains an extension of Prospect Street, which will connect Cattano Avenue to Early Street when complete.
- **Whole Foods** – Early construction is underway on the former A&P Supermarket site located on Washington Street.
- **CVS Pharmacy** – To be located on the corner of Spring Street and Speedwell Avenue.
- **Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen** – Plans are being finalized for its location in the historic Vail Mansion building on South Street.
- **Carlo's Bakery** – The bakery, which is an offspring of the famous Cake Boss TV show, has settled in on Market Street.

In the months and years ahead Morristown is looking forward to more exciting projects and partnerships, which will continue to enhance our neighborhoods and the quality of life of its residents.



Spring Cleaning? Where to Throw Out Potentially Dangerous Items

The Town of Morristown provides residents with curbside pickup of solid waste; mixed paper recycling; commingled glass, plastic and can recycling; appliances; electronics; scrap metal; and car batteries. Those materials may also be dropped off at the Town's Lake Road Recycling Center Tuesday through Friday.

The Town does **not** collect or accept drop off of hazardous waste such as antifreeze, motor oil, muriatic acid, brake fluid, oil based paints, pesticides, or household chemicals. Residents should call the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at 973-829-8006 for instructions on disposal of hazardous items.

Residents can get detailed information on recycling and the disposal of various items by referring to the Town of Morristown Department Sanitation and Recycling Schedule which is delivered to all residents each year. Residents may also find a calendar and additional information on the Town of Morristown's website. Residents may call the Department of Public Works at 973-292-6670 for help with disposal of any household item.

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