



town of
MORRISTOWN

Newsletter | November 2016

Mayor's Message

Election Day is almost here and I hope everyone will take the opportunity to vote. Polling locations are open from 6am to 8pm and sample ballots are available on the county clerk's website. November is not just a time to elect leaders to serve in public office, but we also remember and honor those who have served in our armed forces. Please join us on November 11 as we gather on the Morristown Green for a Veterans Day Service.



As winter approaches, I would like to remind residents that they may contact the Town of Morristown, through Public Works, to request an evaluation of any tree (public or private) and experts from the Town and the utility company will evaluate the tree and provide feedback to residents. Requests can be made by phone at 973-292-6670 or by [email](#). As always, issues with public trees will be addressed by our DPW staff, and JCP&L will address any hazardous trees located within 10 feet of a power line.

- Mayor Timothy Dougherty



Election Day in Morristown

Election Day is almost upon us! On November 8, Morristown residents will head to the polls to elect Morristown Board of Education members, Morris County Freeholders as well as a new President. Polling locations throughout town will be open 6 am to 8 pm. You can check your appropriate polling locations at Morris County's [website](#), or contact the Morris County Board of Elections at (973) 285-8350. Morristown sample ballots are also available on the Morris County Clerk's website at morriscountyclerk.org. Here are a few important dates to remember.

- **November 1:** Last day to apply for a Vote by Mail (formerly civilian absentee ballot) application by mail (for the General Election)
- **November 2:** Mailing of sample ballots for General Election.
- **November 7:** A Mail-in Ballot voter, who fails to apply by mail 7 days prior to the election, may apply in person to the County Clerk for a Mail-in Ballot on any day up to 3 pm the day before the election.
- **November 8:** General Election Day. Polls open 6 am to 8 pm

Market St. Mission's 26th Annual Coat Giveaway

Morristown's Market Street Mission will be hosting their 26th Annual Coat Giveaway on the Morristown Green Saturday, November 5 from 10am to 1pm. New and gently-used coats, and other warm winter clothing, will be distributed to the neediest men, women and children in our community, along with information on other services the Mission offers. Volunteers are needed to sort donated coats at our Thrift Store and help on the day of the Coat Giveaway. For more information on volunteering, please call (973) 538-6337 or visit marketstreet.org.

Community Events in November

November 3 Speedwell Design Public Workshop

November 5 26th Annual Coat Giveaway

November 8 General Election

November 11 Veteran's Day Service at Morristown Green

November 20 Last Day of Regular Farmers Market

November 24 Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Market St Mission

November 27 Christmas Festival on the Green begins



Winter Farmers Market begins on December 4

Morris county's Winter Farmers Market is preparing for it's 2016 – 2017 Season, which officially begins on Sunday, December 4. The market runs 10 am - 2 pm every Sunday through April 9, except for Christmas and New Years Day The market is held Indoors at Alexander Hamilton School, located at 24 Mills Street in Morristown Plenty of Free Parking!

[Learn more](#)



Christmas Festival

The Christmas Festival at the Morristown Green, an over 100 year-old tradition, returns on November 27. The event offers visits with Santa, free goody bags, free miniature train rides, ice sculpting demos, gingerbread house-making and much more. The market runs every weekend from 12 - 7 pm through December 18. This year will also include a select few Friday evenings.

[Click below for details.](#)

[More info](#)

Post Office Considers Relocation

The United States Postal Service is exploring plans to relocate their retail office located at 1 Morris Street to a yet to-be-determined location. A notice from the USPS stated that the current building is significantly larger than required to accommodate the operation. You can read the full notice at townofmorristown.org.

The Postal Service hasn't begun the process of identifying potential locations but will do so should the decision be made to move forward with this project. It will be located in close proximity of the existing location. The Postal Service will consider all written comments received at the below address within 30 days following the public meeting held on October 26. All input from the community and officials should be sent to:

David Rouse. Real Estate Specialist
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, RM 6670
Washington, DC 20260-1862



Recreation Department

Pee Wee Basketball Clinic

The Pee Wee clinic is designed for boys and girls in grades 1-2 to learn the fundamentals of basketball. Clinics will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting, defense and teamwork. Lower baskets and smaller basketballs are used. Clinics are instructed by Doug Koban and will take place at Woodland Elementary School Gym. Begins in January.

Boys Basketball Clinic and League for 3rd-5th Grade & 6th-8th Grade

The clinic is designed for players to learn the fundamentals of basketball through instructional drills. Clinics will focus on dribbling, passing and shooting. Teams will be formed based on a skills assessment at the clinics. Please note there will not be a clinic for 6th – 8th grade boys, only league games. Teams will be selected ahead of the league's start. A regular league with practices on Friday nights and games Saturday mornings will begin at the conclusion of the two-week clinic. The clinics begin in November and the fee is \$25 resident, \$35 non-resident.

Girls Basketball Clinic and League for 3rd-5th Grade

The clinic is designed for players to learn the fundamentals of basketball through instructional drills. Clinics will focus on dribbling, passing and shooting. Teams will be formed based on a skills assessment at the clinics. A regular league with practices on Friday nights and games Saturday mornings will begin at the conclusion of the two week clinic. The fee is \$25 resident, \$35 non-resident and it begins in November.

Senior Services



Morristown 60 Plus Club

Next meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2016.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! (Minimum age to join is 55 years old).

Bridge Club

Monday and Thursday - 12:30-4 pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Morristown Senior Center is located at 200 South Street in Morristown on the third floor. Hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information on services and activities scheduled for the fall please call (973) 292-6690 or visit townofmorristown.org.

Chess Club

Open to beginners and those who want to freshen up their skills. Seeking volunteer instructor – Thursdays, 11am -1pm - Call 973-292-6690 for details.

Free blood pressure checks are available every third Friday of the month from 9:15-10 am at the the Senior Center. Contact Judi at 973-796-1975 for further information.

Free Flex & Stretch classes are every Tuesday & Friday from 10-11 am at the Morristown Senior Center. Join us for this fun and healthy activity.