



Newsletter | October 2020

Mayor's Message



October is a great time to get outside and enjoy some of Morristown's parks and playgrounds. With Covid-19 cases once again trending upward, it's also an important time to wear a mask and keep a social distance. Please enjoy our public spaces but don't let your guard down against this virus.

The 2020 General Election is just weeks away and it is more important than ever to have a voting plan in place. The deadline for voter registration is **Tuesday, October 13th**. Remember that **ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT A MAIL-IN BALLOT** by October 5th. Ballots can be returned by mail, dropbox, or by handing it directly to a poll worker. There will only be one provisional, in-person polling location open in Morristown on November 3rd and it will be in Town Hall at 200 South Street. Mail-in ballots returned via the USPS must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by November 10. Additional election information and links are below.

I'm happy to say the Foote's Pond Hydro-raking Project is almost underway and we expect that it will substantially improve the ecology of Foote's Pond. Below you will find a project summary you can read the full project details at townofmorristown.org/footes.

- Mayor Timothy Dougherty

[Need a test? Click here to find the nearest COVID-19 Testing Center](#)

Colonial Coach Update

The Colonial Coach will be back in service effective Oct. 5th. The detailed revised schedule can be found on our website at www.townofmorristown.org/coach. We ask that all riders wear a mask and practice social distancing. Please do not ride this bus if you are sick, have been exposed to COVID-19 or are under quarantine/self-isolation.

If Seniors require a visit to the Supermarket through our van service, please call 973-292-6690 to schedule a pick up/drop off.

Community Events

OCTOBER 12 | Town Hall Closed for Columbus Day

EVERY SUNDAY | Farmers' Market

Virtual Meetings

*** Join meetings by ZOOM. Click links below for access information & agenda material ***

[OCTOBER 1, 2020, 7:30pm | SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 6, 2020, 7:30 pm | ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 7, 2020, 7:30pm | BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 8, 2020, 7:00 pm | TOWN COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 13, 2020, 7:30pm | COUNCIL MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 20, 2020, 7:00pm | SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 21, 2020, 7:30pm | BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 22, 2020, 7:00pm | PLANNING BOARD MEETING](#)

[OCTOBER 27, 2020, 7:30pm | TOWN COUNCIL MEETING](#)

Foote's Pond Hydro-raking Project



The Foote's Pond Hydro-raking Project is anticipated to start on or about Monday, October 5, 2020. Completion is anticipated within 45 days.

Hydro-raking is an NJDEP-approved alternative to dredging, used to restore water surface area and water depth in a pond or lake. A mechanical hydro-rake, similar to a backhoe and mounted on a small barge or pontoon, is deployed into the pond. It rakes out and removes only vegetative matter, both live and decomposed, down to the original lake bottom. The hydro-raked material is deposited into a container on the shoreline to allow excess water to drain off back into the pond, then loaded into sealed containers and trucked away. The project will yield a substantial improvement to the ecology of Foote's Pond.

For more information regarding access, work hours, and other details please use the button below. All inquiries, comments, or concerns regarding the project should be sent directly to the Engineering Division at A-DeVizio@townofmorristown.org and R-Panei@townofmorristown.org.

[**More Information on Foote's Pond Project**](#)

Important Election Information



As we approach the upcoming November election, please refer to the Morris County Elections website for upcoming information on voter registration, party identification, polling locations, and absentee ballot voting at elections.morriscountynj.gov. Governor Phil Murphy has announced that the General Election in New Jersey this November 3 will be conducted primarily by paper ballot. Please note the following:

- All registered voters will be mailed a Mail-In Ballot. If you are an active registered voter, you will automatically be mailed a Mail-In Ballot.
- Mail-In Ballots will be mailed out by October 5.
- Voted Mail-In Ballots returned via the USPS must be postmarked on or before November 3 and received by November 10.
- Voted Mail-In Ballots can be deposited into one of the 10 **Drop Boxes** throughout Morris County.
- Voted Mail-In Ballots can be dropped off at a polling location on Election Day.
- Each municipality will have at least one in-person **polling site**. In Morristown, it is Municipal Building (3rd Flr Senior Room) 200 South Street. It will be on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- In-person voting at the polls will be via a paper Provisional Ballot.
- Individuals with disabilities will have access to ADA-conforming voting at the polls.
- **Voter Registration** Deadline for the General Election is Tuesday, October 13.

October Shredding Event



On October 3rd, Morristown residents can take advantage of a safe and secure method of destroying confidential documents. The event will take place from 9 am to 12 pm at the Town Hall parking lot. Please bring your documents in either paper bags or cardboard boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only. Please recycle all other paper. No binders or magazines.

Plan to arrive early as this event will end prior to Noon if the shredding truck reaches capacity. Cost is \$5.00 per bag or box Proceeds to be used for the Kiwanis; Morristown High School Scholarship Fund Co-sponsored by Morristown Clean Communities Program, And Kiwanis Club of Morristown.

Road Work and Construction Updates

Foote's Pond

T.R. Weniger, Inc. has been awarded a contract to hydro-rake Foote's Pond. Construction is anticipated to start on or about Monday, October 5, 2020. Completion is anticipated within 45 days. Full details on the project are available at townofmorristown.org/footes.

Futsal Court at George Gramby Memorial Park

Construction expected to start October 5, 2020, weather permitting. Improvements consist of the removal of the old tennis court located off Lincoln Street side of George Gramby Memorial Park, construction of a new color-coated fenced futsal court and improvements also include select parking lot improvements. Parking restrictions in George Gramby Memorial Park parking lot off Lincoln Street. The majority of construction, weather permitting, to be completed this year.

Please stay posted to the townofmorristown.org/activeconstruction and Facebook for announcements and updates. Projects and dates are subject to change.



Farmers Market

The Morristown Farmers Market is open from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm each Sunday through November 22. NJ farms and specialty vendors will be present to showcase their very best local-grown or raised products. The market is held at the Morristown Parking Authority Lot at Spring and Morris Streets. High-risk individuals, as defined by the CDC, will be permitted to enter 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Masks and other COVID-19 safety measures are required.

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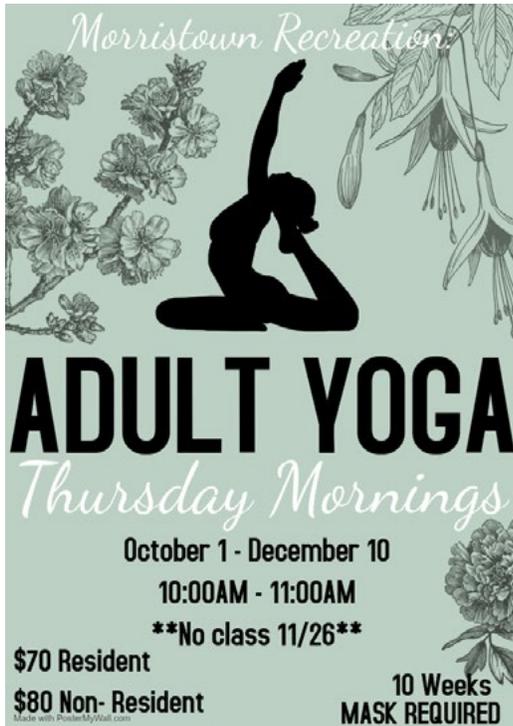


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Recreation Updates



Soccer & Tennis

Fall Soccer & Tennis will run October 1 to November 6 in Lindgerwood Field and is available for boys and girls ages 5-11. Registration is already underway. \$139 per participant. Use the 'Learn More' button below to register.

Adult Yoga

Adult Yoga will run Thursday Mornings from October 1-December 10th. There is also a separate class on Tuesday evenings from September 29 through December 8. Each series is \$70 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Masks will be required.

Contact Us!

If you have any questions or comments in regards to our Recreation Department, please call us at 973-292-6717 or email rec@townofmorristown.org. We'll be more than happy to help you.

Quick and Easy Online Registration

You can register for Morristown Recreation activities right from the comfort of your home! Please visit www.townofmorristown.org. From there, click on the Community Pass Online Registration link. Setting up your account is easy. New users will click on "Create Your Account Now", select a user name and password and enter their family's information. Returning users will enter their user name and password to log in.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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