



Fall 2018

# Township Update

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## Municipal Building Hours

The Municipal Building is open from 8 AM —4 PM Mon.—Fri. (Sept.—May). On first Monday of the month (Oct-May) the Municipal Building will remain open until 6 PM. One day a month (Oct-May) the Municipal Building will close at 1 PM. **Please visit the calendar on the Township Website to view Holidays and other closings.**

## Recycling Center Hours

The **Recycling Center**, located at the DPW, 54 Rock Road, is open Sat. from 8 AM—12 PM, and the first Wed. of each month from 8 AM—12 PM. Visit the Township Website for a list of items accepted at the Recycling Center as well as suggestions of facilities that can take large or hazardous items.

## On line Payment Options

The **Municipal Court** accepts credit card payments for traffic and criminal payments. Visit the Summons Payment page on Court section of the Township Website. The **Recreation Dept.** now accepts credit card payments for programs and camps. Visit the Recreation page of the Township website, view the flyer you are interested in, and follow payment option instructions. The **Tax Dept.** accepts credit card and on line check payments, to do so please select 'Make A Payment' at the top right of the Township website home page. Processing fees apply for credit card payments.

## Stigma Free

Washington Township is Proud to be Stigma Free. Click on the Stigma Free icon, located at the bottom of the home page to view resources for residents.

## Change of Occupancy

Selling a house or changing rental tenants? Schedule a smoke/carbon monoxide/fire extinguisher compliance inspection with the Fire Prevention Office. Please plan ahead, certificates are valid for six months. Call 908-876-8637 to schedule an appointment.

## Recreation Programs

Visit the *Recreation* pages of the Township Website for information and registration details regarding the dozens of sports, exercise, and fun programs offered for children and adults held each year.

## Ways to Stay Informed

The Township uses the following communication tools to convey news, information, and public safety alerts. Residents are encouraged to get information from Township sources listed below.

**Mobile App:** Download the Wash. Twp App at the Google Store or Apple Store for your devices.

**Website:** Visit [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org)

**Facebook:** Like *Washington Township Government, Morris County* and *Washington Township Police Department*

**Twitter:** Follow @Washington Twp. and @WTPDMC

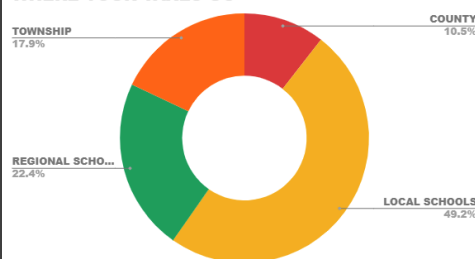
**Nixle:** Sign up to receive text notifications. Instructions are on the front page of [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org)

**Reverse 911**—The Township utilizes **Alert Morris** to contact resident land lines with emergency notifications. This program works in conjunction with the Smart911 program, where residents can customize details about their families and their homes that will help first responders if they are ever called to your residence. Visit [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com) to set up an account.

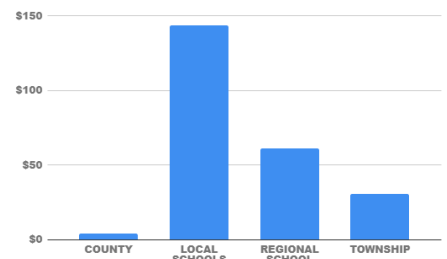
### 2018 TAX INFO: DISTRIBUTION, TAXES INCREASES AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS

For the average assessed home of \$436,000, total 2018 taxes will be \$11,135, an increase of \$240 for a home assessed the same in 2017. The first chart below (left) shows what your property taxes fund by percent (the county tax below includes open space taxes and the township amount includes both open space and library taxes). The second chart (right) shows where the average increase of \$240 is going. About 85% of the increase is due to increases in school taxes. The state legislation authorizing municipal, county and school charitable funds required that state departments first create implementing regulations which they have not yet adopted.

WHERE YOUR TAXES GO



BREAKDOWN OF TAX INCREASE



**Phone Listing**

Need to talk to someone in the Municipal Building or set up an appointment?  
**Dial 908-876-3315**

Administrator.....	x1222
Building Department .....	x1238
Clerk’s Office .....	x1225
Finance Department .....	x1233
Fire Prevention .....	x1237
Health Department .....	x1245
Municipal Court .....	x1229
Planning .....	x1241
Senior Transportation.....	x1223
Tax Assessor .....	x1249
Tax Collector .....	x1248
Zoning .....	x1236

**Additional Municipal Offices**

Road Department .....	876-3382
Recreation Department .....	876-5941
Recycling Department .....	876-3382
Non Emergency Police .....	876-3232
Municipal Utilities.....	876-3145

**Directory & Emergency Guide**

Visit the Documents & Forms page of the Township website to download and print the Directory and Guide. Both contain detailed Township information.

**Alarm Registration**

Washington Township Municipal Code Chapter 39-3 requires that any property having an alarm system which transmits notification to a third party of intrusion, burglary, fire, smoke, medical emergencies or other perils must be properly registered with the municipal police department. The registration period is for a calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Forms and additional information can be found on the Police Forms page of the Township Website.

**Senior Transportation**

The Township provides transportation to qualifying senior citizens, for local medical appointments and grocery shopping. For more information call 876-8623.

**Documents & Forms**

Visit the Document & Forms page of the Township Website for instructions and applications for many items including: **Social Affairs Permit, Public Events, Games of Chance**—permits needed for raffles, tricky tray’s, 50/50, merchandise raffle and casino nights.

**Building & Zoning Permits**

Doing home renovations, additions, or fixes? Installing a pool, fence, retaining wall, shed or moving large amounts of soil? Contact the Building & Zoning Offices to see if you need permits *before* you start any work! Read what’s required in the **Township Code Book** (a link is located at the bottom of the Township Website homepage) and view the Documents & Forms page of the website for applications and additional information.

**Animals**

**Licensing.** Dogs & cats must be licensed annually before January 31 each year. Late fees are assessed after the deadline . **Dog Park.** The Dog Park is located on Rt. 517 . Visit [wtmorris.org](http://wtmorris.org) or the Municipal Bldg for License and/or Dog Park Applications. **Rabies Clinic.** A free rabies clinic will take place on January 12, 2019 at the DPW building. Visit the Township website closer to the date for more details. **Animal Control.** Call 908-876-3232 and select Option 0 to talk to a dispatcher. The Township Website has additional information and resources relating to wildlife and animal nuisance situations.

**Municipal Service Requests**

Want to report a zoning violation, pot hole, shade tree request or other Township inquiry? Utilize the Service Portal at the top of the Township Website or on the Mobile App. Fill out the online form with as much detail as possible. Your issue will go to the appropriate department for review and you will be notified of the outcome.

**Prescription Medicine Disposal**

Please dispose of old & unused prescription medicine responsibly. There is a prescription drug disposal receptacle in the lobby of the Police Dept.

**Code Book**

The Township Code Book can be found online. A link is on the bottom of the website homepage. It contains the Township Laws.

**Upcoming Events**

Visit the Twp. Website Calendar for all Twp. Events and Meetings.

Event	Date	Location
Market at Long Valley	Thursdays 3pm—7pm Through October	East Mill Road
Fireworks, Food Trucks & Green Festival	Sept 8 Rain Date Sept 22	LVMS
Paper Shred	Oct. 13	DPW
Flu Shot Clinic	Oct. 10	Municipal Building
WMC Memorial Turkey Trot	Nov. 22	West Morris Central
Free Rabies Clinic	Jan. 12, 2019	DPW

*Please verify event information prior to events, if things change they will be communicated on the Township Website.*