

**MORTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2018**

**OFFICIALS**

Assessor – Vivian Hagaman  
Clerk – Nancy Stephens  
Hwy Commissioner – Greg Menold  
Supervisor – Eric Ackerman

Trustees: Thomas Grigsby  
Adam Mellen  
Paul O’Neal  
Lynn Zimmerman

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**\*\*March 1-14, 2018\*\*  
Township Cemeteries  
CLEANUP**

**PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 20, 2018**

**VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS**

Vote by mail applications are available at the township office. Applications need at least a week before the election to be processed.

**Online application for vote by mail ballot is also available online at Tazewell County Clerk/election section.**

**EARLY VOTING WILL BE AT**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS**

<b>Friday, March 2</b>	<b>7-10 am &amp; 4-7 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	<b>9 am-3 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	<b>9 am-3 pm</b>

**CANDIDATE LIST FOR MARCH 20, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**TAZEWELL COUNTY CLERK - (FOUR (4) YEAR TERM)**

**Vote for One (1)**

Brittany Miller (D)    John C. Ackerman (R)  
Brett Grimm (R)    Shelly Hranka (R)

**TAZEWELL COUNTY SHERIFF - (FOUR (4) YEAR TERM)**

**Vote for One (1)**

Michael Eeten (R)    Jeffrey Lower (R)

**TAZEWELL COUNTY TREASURER - (FOUR (4) YEAR TERM)**

**Vote for One (1)**

Mary Burress (R)

**CORONER - (UNEXPIRED TWO (2) YEAR TERM)**

**Vote for One (1)**

Scott Price (R)    Charles Hanley (R)    Steve Bresnahan (R)

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #2 - (FOUR (4) YEAR TERM)**

**Vote for Three (3)**

Brandon Hovey (R)    G. Nick Graff (R)  
Joe Hranka (R)    Greg Menold (R)

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MORTON TOWNSHIP  
300 W. JEFFERSON  
MORTON, IL 61550  
PH. 309-266-6445

Pre-Sort Standard  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Peoria, IL  
Permit No.332

**CURRENT RESIDENT**  
MORTON, IL 61550

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**Township Cemeteries Spring Clean-Up**  
**March 1-14, 2018**

Clean-up will take place at all three cemeteries the first two weeks of March. Please remove anything you might want to save as all items are discarded.

BUCKEYE CEMETERY – located at S. Washington Road, one mile south of Route 150

HIRSTEIN CEMETERY – located at Hirstein Road, ½ mile north of Lakeland Road

ROBERTS CEMETERY – located at corner of W. Jefferson St. and Westshore Drive

**MORTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

What are the duties of Highway Commissioners?

Morton Township Highway Commissioner Greg Menold is often asked how the weather, especially strong winds, affects his duties. He drives on the township roads every two weeks inspecting and documenting the condition and status of the road signs. The safety of the traveling public depends upon the stop signs and warning signs being in place. The wind is one element that can take a sign down or blow down trees that obstruct road ways, anytime day or night, thus creating a potential hazard.

If you observe hazards or downed signs please notify  
Greg @ 309-303-5567

**TOWNSHIP OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Township Officials of Illinois will award seven (7) \$1,500 scholarships this year. The deadline for application and all required documentation is March 1, 2018. The application **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by the U.S. Post Office no later than March 1, 2018. Late applications will not be considered. A copy of eligibility criteria and application may be picked up at Morton Township office, Morton High School counseling office or downloaded at **toi.org** website. One criteria is that the student must be a graduating Illinois high school senior. Another criterion is that the student must plan to enroll at an Illinois school as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a bachelor’s degree.

**TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR’S DEPARTMENT**

**Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption**

- \*Must own and live in home for as of January 1 of the assessment year
- \*Owner must be 65 or older and living in the home
- \***Total household income can NOT exceed \$65,000 annually (income has to be verified)**
- \*Must **reapply** annually at the Township Office or Supervisor of Assessment’s Office since income can change from year to year.
- \*After initial application, Tazewell County Assessment Office will send out forms annually usually between February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. These forms must be completed and returned to Tazewell County Assessment Office by July 1. Call 266-6445 or 477-2275 to request a form for first time applicants.

**Disabled Veterans’ Standard Homestead Exemption (DVSHE)**

- \* Primary residence occupied by a disabled veteran on January 1 of the assessment year
- \* Disabled veteran award letter states 30% less than 50% \$2,500 reduction in property’s EAV

- \* Disabled veteran award letter states 50% less than 70% \$5,000 reduction in property's EAV
- \* Disabled veteran award letter states 70% to 100% veteran pays **NO** property tax
- \* Must **reapply** annually at the Township Office or Supervisor of Assessment's Office since disability can change from year to year. Proof of disability must be for the same year as the assessment year.
- \*After initial application, Tazewell County Assessment Office will send out forms annually usually between February 17th to March 1<sup>st</sup>. These forms must be completed and returned to Tazewell County Assessment Office by July 1. Call 266-6445 or 477-2275 to request a form for first time applicants.