

**MORTON TOWNSHIP  
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**CURRENT RESIDENT**

**MORTON, IL 61550**

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**Road District News**

In direct response to so many unnecessary vehicular-related flood deaths, the National Weather Service developed a national campaign called,

When flooded..... **“TURN AROUND – DON’T DROWN”**

Follow these Safety Rules:

- \* Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- \* If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. These include dips, low spots, canyons and normally dry washes.
- \* Avoid roads already flooded.
- \* Road may be washed out under flood water. Turn Around - Don't Drown when you encounter a flooded road.
- \* If heavy rain is forecast or occurring, move your camp site and vehicle away from streams and washes.
- \* Be especially cautious when driving at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Many drivers over estimate their ability to navigate flooded roads, putting too much stock in the “heavy” vehicles. In reality, most motorists lose control of their vehicles, including SUVs, in just six inches of water, while 18-24 inches of moving water will force a vehicle off the road. The menace is buoyant force. When the buoyant force is greater than the vehicle’s weight, the vehicle will move with the moving water. Besides the buoyant force, erosion is another significant concern. Moving water is very powerful and can undermine the integrity of a road. A motorist will be unaware he is driving into a scoured out section of the road.

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**Township Cemeteries Spring Cleanup  
March 1-14, 2016**

Cleanup 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. **The fall cleanup will be the first two weeks of October 2016.**

BUCKEYE CEMETERY – located on Washington Road, one mile south of IL Route 150

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

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

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**Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption**

- \*Must own and live in home for 1 full year, January 1 to December 31
  - \*Owner must be 65 or older and living in the home
  - \*Total household income can NOT exceed \$55,000 annually
  - \*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 1st
- 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.

**MORTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2016**

**OFFICIALS**

Assessor – Vivian Hagaman                      Trustees: Eric Ackerman  
Clerk – Nancy Stephens                              Jim DeGeeter  
Hwy Commissioner – Greg Menold                Donette Waller  
Supervisor – Gene Smith                            Lynn Zimmerman

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**\*\*March 1-14, 2016\*\*  
Township Cemeteries  
CLEANUP**

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION  
MARCH 15, 2016**

**ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS**

Vote by mail absentee applications are available at the township office. Applications need at least a week before the election to be processed. This mail-in program is a convenient form of voting for college students, homebound, handicapped or anyone else who wants to. Vote by mail application is also available online at Tazewell County Clerk/election section.

**EARLY VOTING**

Early voting at the County Clerk's office will start on February 4, 2016 through March 14, 2016.

**Early voting will be held at Morton Township  
March 4, 2016 ~ 7-10 am and 4-7 pm  
March 5 and March 6, 2016 ~ 9 am -3 pm**

**March 15 – ELECTION DAY  
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**POLLING PLACES FOR MORTON TOWNSHIP**

Polling place is determined by precinct number listed on your Voter Registration Card. For further information call the Morton Township office (309) 266-6445 or Tazewell County Clerk's office (309) 477-2267.

**LOCATION REMINDER FOR PRECINCTS #2 AND #11**

**NEW LOCATION IS NOW MORTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**LIST OF CANDIDATES**

**Tazewell County Auditor – (Vote for One)**

Shelly I. Hranka – Republican                      Tom Shrier – Democrat  
William Shaner – Republican

**Tazewell County State's Attorney – (Vote for One)**

Stewart J. Umholtz – Republican

**Tazewell County Coroner – (Vote for One)**

James Jeff Baldi - Republican

**Tazewell County Circuit Clerk – (Vote for One)**

Lincoln C. Hobson – Republican

**Tazewell County Board Chairman – (Vote for One)**

J. David Zimmerman - Republican

**Tazewell County Board District #2 – 4 year term – (Vote for Four)**

Carroll Imig – Republican                      Greg Sinn – Republican  
James(Jim) Donahue – Republican            Timothy D. Neuhauser – Republican

**Tazewell County Board District #2 – 2 year term – (Vote for One)**

Gregory Menold – Republican

**Proposition submitted to the voters of Morton Community Unit School District #709**

Shall the Board of Education of Morton community Unit School District #709, Tazewell County, Illinois, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the Lettie Brown Elementary School, Grundy Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Morton Junior High School and Morton High School and improve the sites thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$10,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?