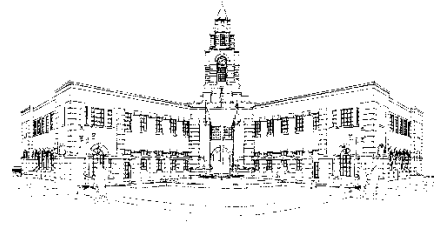


City of Morristown, TN



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The City of Morristown was presented with a Voice of the People Award for its “Transformation in Recreation and Wellness”. The Voice of the People Awards are given to jurisdictions that best listen and act to improve their communities. Twenty awards for different categories were given to municipalities across the nation. Awards were given based on citizens’ responses to the National Citizen Survey, which is sent out each year to a sampling of residents. Survey responses from residents prompt City action. The results in last year’s survey showed residents saw improvement in our community, particularly in the area of recreation and wellness. Morristown has improved in its recreation opportunities and in the effort put into improving our parks. This is the fourth Voice of the People Award that Morristown has received in the 9 years it has been a participant in the National Citizen Survey. Receiving these awards shows that the City of Morristown has listened to its people’s needs and responded accordingly.

Much attention has been paid in recent years to expanding and improving our parks and recreation system. A highlight of the past year was the opening of Morristown’s newest city park, Fulton-Hill Park. The project took the dilapidated property of former Morristown College and transformed it into a 52-acre park with walking trails and greenspaces. An historical replica of the college’s colonnades was reconstructed to pay homage to the history of this educational institution.

Across the board, the City has been making major improvements to its City parks. From ADA improvements, to the construction of a new dog park, to new shelters and playground equipment, nearly all City parks have received some sort of facelift over the last couple of years.

Recreation and Wellness programming has seen improvements, particularly with our adult sports leagues. There has been a major increase in our adult participation and new, unique opportunities have been added, such as pickleball. The Healthy Hamblen group has led the weekly Monday Mile and outdoor fitness sessions. Citizens have had more opportunities to stay healthy and active.

A major project on the horizon is the construction of Morristown’s first community center. This new space will provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities for residents of all ages. The facility will offer a swimming pool, indoor walking path, basketball courts, fitness rooms, and more. Construction is expected to begin in early 2021. A community center has long been a desire from City residents, which has been expressed in previous responses to our citizen survey.

The City recently mailed out this year’s National Citizens Surveys to 3,500 randomly selected households. If your household received one, please complete the survey and return it by the end of the month. Your responses to this survey are what help the City set its priorities in the coming years. You can see the results of last year’s survey by visiting the City website at http://www.mymorristown.com/residents/national_citizens_survey/index.php.