



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

April 2016

Community Events

April 7th@4pm

Taste of Morristown
at Walters State

April 16th@10am

SkyMart Arts & Crafts Fair
on Main Street

April 19th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

April 22nd@7pm

Rock & Roll Dueling Pianos
at Rose Center

April 27th

Administrative Professionals Day
Thank those in your office!

Dedication of Soccer Complex

In March a special dedication was held at Wayne Hansard Park for the Jolley-Zitt soccer complex. This complex offers fields for a variety of soccer teams and clubs, including Lakeway Soccer and East and West high schools. Thank you to Randall Jolley and Roland Zitt for their support of recreation and athletics in Morristown.



Teaching Life-Saving Techniques

A recent state law required CPR to be taught in the school system. So, in 2002, the Morristown Fire Department(MFD) was approached to teach this life-saving technique in Hamblen County high schools. Each year, the MFD instructs freshman students in CPR, use of automated external defibrillator(AED), and choking for adults, children and infants.

The "Heartsaver CPR in Schools" program, led by the MFD, is scheduled for a week of Health and Safety class. Students begin the week with an instructional video and the rest of the week is spent with hands-on training using practice manikins and equipment. Students have the opportunity to learn the official American Heart Association guidelines and practices. They practice these techniques under the supervision of an instructor and then are challenged to hands-on practical tests for adults, children, and infants. If students fail in their attempt, they receive additional training until all students can pass and are given a CPR card.



Updates to the Morristown Airport



Recently, the Morristown Regional Airport has seen a lot of change and improvements. A walk around the site shows new paving, new hangars, a beautiful terminal and lots of activity.

The 110 acre airport, which started as simply a grass strip and shed, built its first terminal in the 60s and just five years ago built the current terminal building. This new terminal offers a great first impression to the Morristown area for

the many corporate employees that fly in and out of the airport for business. In fact, 4 corporations house their aircraft in Morristown's hangars.

To help the airport run efficiently, an airport commission of 5 members was organized 4 years ago. This commission oversees the maintenance and operation of the airport. Each year the commission creates a Capital Improvement Projects Plan which comes up with a 5-year projection on large improvement projects. Funding for these projects is then pursued from state and federal funding through TDOT. The past 2 years have seen over 1 million dollars invested into the Morristown Airport. Some of these projects included adding a fuel farm facility, expanding the apron area, adding security fencing and lighting and updating the hangars. These updates allow the airport to be used for a variety of aviation purposes including classes for the Tennessee College of Applied Technologies aeronautics classes and flight lessons.

Recent decreases in aeronautics funding may put a damper on future projects, but the Airport Commission is hopeful they will soon be able to update drainage and runway paving. Keep watch for future public events held at the Morristown Regional Airport.

Det. Lieutenant Arnold Graduates FBI

Detective Lieutenant Vicki Arnold of the Morristown Police Department (MPD) recently graduated from the 263rd Session of the FBI National Academy Program. The National Academy Program is held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Arnold is the sixth National Academy graduate from the current command staff of the Morristown Police Department.

The FBI National Academy Program is 10 weeks of advanced investigative management and fitness training for selected officers. In order to be selected, officers must have proven records as professionals in their agencies.

"I am honored to have represented the MPD at the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Law Enforcement Academy. I truly appreciate my family and fellow officers for the support they showed during this time," Arnold stated.

Lieutenant Arnold has served with the MPD since August 1988. While on patrol, Arnold worked in the school system, as a School Resource Officer, teaching D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. Currently, she serves as second in command for the Criminal Investigations unit, helping to conduct Internal Affairs and background investigations. She is responsible for assisting in the administrative tasks of the division, including case assignments, case tracking, supervision of detectives, and planning and scheduling. In addition to her regular duties, Lieutenant Arnold is the department's Juvenile Officer and conducts training for MPD employees on Amber Alert and Child Abuse. She is also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, Homicide Team and Child Abuse Sexual Exploitation Unit.

Arnold holds both a Master's and Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University. In addition to the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy, Arnold is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Tennessee Law Enforcement Executive Development training program.

Chief Overholt stated he "congratulates Lieutenant Arnold for her dedication to law enforcement and her willingness to make the effort and put forth the work required to successfully complete the National Academy. This demonstrates the quality of officers we have at the Morristown Police Department."

Spring Cleaning

As residents begin their annual "spring cleaning", the Morristown Public Works Department and Codes Enforcement would like to remind citizens of the recent updates to City Ordinances regarding leaving bulk waste items at the curb. New restrictions include leaving items at the curb no sooner than the day before pick up and no waste piles larger than a pick-up truck's load. For more information on these ordinances, visit www.mymorristown.com/departments/public_works/brush_and_bulk_schedule.php.

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http://www.mymorristown.com/residents/city_newsletter.php



Message from the Mayor

We are less than 2 months away from the formal presentation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 17 City Budget. I haven't taken any sneak peeks, but I'm pretty sure this one will draw public interest. The annual spending plan is a roadmap of how our city plans to move forward with improvements and new ideas.

Our City Administrator Tony Cox and the department heads have performed nicely getting Morristown to a growth-ready financial position. There are immediate needs with our Fire and Public Works facilities. There will also be progress plotted in land acquisitions and support for programs of vision and quality of life.

Feedback from those participating in the annual National Citizens' Survey fuels part of the planning. Council and Chamber of Commerce planning retreats and sessions at clubs and Council forums generate significant public input for "how can we get better?"

On March 31, Mr. Cox and staff leaders were in Murfreesboro for meetings covering the Benchmark Program - which analyzes how Morristown stacks up with other cities in addressing public concerns. The idea is to identify areas for improvements as well as share some success stories of our own.

It is my belief our City leadership is following an appropriate path of planning as shown during these final days prior to our first look at the FY17 budget.



Mayor Gary Chesney