



Community Events

Dec. 1 @ 7 pm

Christmas Parade

Dec. 6 & 20 @ 5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

Dec. 5 @ 6 pm

"Christmas in the Park"
at Fred Miller Park

Dec. 9 @ 5 pm

Christmas Downtown
Main St.

Dec. 23 thru 26

Christmas Holiday
City Offices **CLOSED**

Jan. 2, 2017

New Year's Holiday CLOSED

Important Dates to Remember

PROPERTY TAXES DUE:

Dec. 31, 2016. Taxes become delinquent on Jan. 1, 2017. For more info, call City of Morristown Cashier's Office @ 423-585-4607.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE:

Friday Dec. 23 Route will be picked up on Thursday Dec. 22.

Monday Dec. 26 Route will be picked up on Tuesday Dec. 27

City Christmas Events



2016 Christmas Parade—"Pick a Decade" is the Theme. Each entrant will be asked to pick a decade and decorate accordingly. Be creative, play music from the decade you choose. The parade is December 1st at 7:00 pm in Downtown Morristown. Entry forms are available on line. If you would like more information on the Parade visit www.facebook.com/morristownchristmasparade.com

First Annual "Christmas in the Park", presented by Morristown Parks & Recreation Department, will begin at Fred Miller Park on Monday, December 5th at 6 p.m. Community groups are invited to decorate a Christmas Tree or Christmas Scene in the Park and be judged. The judging will begin at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st & 2nd place. The trees and scenes will be displayed at the park throughout the month of December. Contact Jennifer Gentry for more information @ 423-586-0260.



Ken Turner Retires

Morristown congratulates Ken Turner on his retirement this fall after 43 ½ years with the City of Morristown. Ken is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and moved to Morristown in 1964. Ken graduated from Morristown Hamblen High School East in 1969- the inaugural class since West HS opened that year. He then went on to Carson- Newman University earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

Ken came to work for the City in July of 1973 as a Housing Inspector and Planning Assistant. He then worked in the Community Development Department as the Relocation Officer and Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator. He was the director of the Community Development Block Grants program before taking over as the city's electrical inspector, a position he has held since 1984. In his years as a city employee, some things Ken says he enjoyed most were meeting new people, seeing new buildings go up and new businesses get started.

He appreciates all those who have mentored and supported him in his long career. He is grateful to have worked for the citizens of Morristown, Ken says "it has been interesting, entertaining, humbling and rewarding".

Ken's plans for retirement include spending time with his wife Joyce, and their sons Andy and Brian along with their wives and children. Ken hopes to travel extensively and plans to begin with New England in the autumn. An avid musician, Ken now has more time to devote to his music and his other hobby of working on old cars.



New Stormwater Equipment



The City of Morristown Public Works Department is placing a new Vactor 2100 Plus combination truck into service. The new truck is in the process of cleaning the city's vast stormwater network ensuring effective water flow. The stormwater network consists of numerous catch basins, culverts, junction boxes and miles of pipe. High Pressure Water Jetting and Vacuum cleaning is a cost effective method of removing dirt, sediment and other debris that can build up over time in the stormwater system. The Vactor 2100 Plus carries 1200 gallons of water with the ability to deliver this water at 2,500 psi/80 gallons a minute. The Vactor 2100 Plus is also equipped with a Hydro excavator. This allows Public Works crews to dig around utility lines using high pressure water. Hydro excavation allows crews to expose utility lines before the heavy equipment begins digging allowing for a safer work site, reducing the chance of damaging buried utilities.

For more information about this type of vehicle you can visit the manufacturers web site at:

<http://www.vactor.com/Products/CombinationSewerCleaners/2100PlusFan/tabid/91/Default.aspx>

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter at:

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

Message from The Mayor

STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, AND . . . ? Sidewalks! Let's don't forget those. Often they are the least painful items to cut when development savings is needed. This December, the Planning Commission and Council will see the updated and enhanced 2016 Morristown Sidewalk Program come across their desks for consideration and approval. The 100+ page document represents a more comprehensive system taking advantage of better identification and mapping procedures.

Sidewalks will be inventoried, prioritized, and given attention on a "by neighborhood" basis (as opposed to a piecemeal hopscotch about the city policy). The more methodical method is designed to insure fewer return trips.

Sidewalks may have only crossed your mind when walking a street without one. Or maybe the walk you're on is in disrepair or simply runs out before the street does.

The goal is to increase walkability and connectivity throughout the city by repairs and improvements. The shift to sidewalk improvements goes hand-in-hand with recent ordinance changes to trash pickup responsibilities, removal of dilapidated, abandoned houses, and clearing space for public parks.

Consider it the next chapter in the policy book of improving public appearance – one of the most frequently voiced challenges delivered over the past three years by Morristown residents to City Hall.



Mayor Gary Chesney