



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

February 2016

## Community Events

February 12th@8pm

Wallace Coleman and Band  
at Rose Center

February 16th@5pm

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

February 20th@10am

Igloo Days  
at Talley-Ward

## Fundraiser for MPD Family

Det. Cpl. Ron Sargent has served his community as an officer with the Morristown Police Department. Now the time has come that the community can serve him and his family. Sargent's wife Traci, an RN at Heritage Center, has been diagnosed with a Stage 4 Glioblastoma brain tumor. Along with a diagnosis like this come many medical and family expenses.

To help the Sargents, the Fraternal Order of Police are hosting a BBQ meal and silent auction on Friday, February 26th from 11am-7pm. Tickets are \$6 each and will be available at the door. Event will be held at First Methodist Church in Morristown.

The F.O.P. plan on making this an annual event to benefit families diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

## Citizen's Police Academy Now Enrolling

The Morristown Police Department is preparing for its twentieth Citizen's Police Academy. This popular class gives Morristown citizens a chance to see the behind-the-scenes work of the MPD officers. Participants will have a chance to ride along with a police officer, visit the MPD shooting range, meet the Police canines and learn about narcotics, gangs and internet crimes in our area. Upon completion of this course, each citizen will have a better understanding of the daily operations of the Morristown Police Department. It is our goal to continue to build a partnership with the community.

Classes will run from May 3rd to June 4th and will be held at the Police Department on each Tuesday night from 6pm to 9:30pm. Applications are now available to the public. Those who are interested may pick up an application at City Center or by visiting the City website. Due to limited space, applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis, pending the results of a background investigation of each applicant. Participants must be 21 years of age.

Any questions concerning the Citizen's Police Academy class may be directed to Lieutenant Todd King of the MPD Training Division at (423) 585-4646.



## Appalachian Music Across the Seas

Morristown Fire Department Lieutenant Tim Carpenter has served the community as a firefighter, inspector, hazmat tech and public educator for 23 years. His job keeps him working around the clock and on-call. In the free time he has, Carpenter pursues his passion for bluegrass music as a member of the local group "Lost Creek Band". He joined the group in 2003, offering his vocals and skills at playing the upright bass.

Carpenter has been playing music since he was young, performing Southern gospel with family and friends. As part of Lost Creek Band, he has recorded several award-winning albums that are featured on local radio programs. In addition to entertaining at local establishments, festivals and fairs, they have performed multiple times on PBS's music series "Song of the Mountain". Their latest appearance on the show will air this fall.



Later this month, Carpenter will take a short break from his Lieutenant duties and will be performing with his band on a week-long Caribbean cruise with other bluegrass performers including Tim White and Emi Sunshine. The cruise, dubbed the "Mountain Music Cruise", departs from Tampa, Florida and has already sold out tickets. Bon Voyage!

You can find out more about the band at [www.lostcreekbluegrass.com](http://www.lostcreekbluegrass.com).

## When a Snowstorm Hits

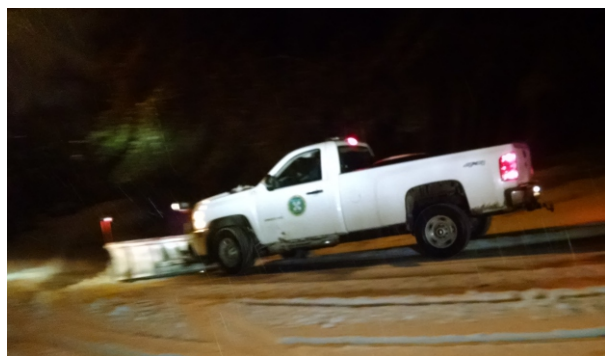
Last month Morristown was hit by two heavy snowfalls. Schools and businesses were shut down and residents enjoyed a few days of playing in a winter wonderland. While many were enjoying a snow day, a dedicated group of people were hard at work. Before the snow even hit the ground, Morristown Public Works began behind-the-scenes preparations for snow removal. Salt trucks were filled, trucks were fitted with plows, and staff members prepared to work around the clock to clear the roads.



Morristown Public Works is equipped with 9 vehicles that can clear roads, including 2 large plow trucks that can carry 8 tons of salt. Each year, the city stocks about 600 tons of salt that will get used throughout the year. These past storms used about 450 tons of that supply. Public Works has replenished their supply and are confident they have enough salt to get them through the winter.

Around 25 crew members prepared themselves to work around the clock to clear and maintain roads during this last snowfall. Workers who normally work day time hours spread their schedules out so that there was staff working at all hours of the day. The City needed constant clearing of roads as the snow fell through the night. On a typical snowfall, crews take roughly 12 to 14 hours to make one pass on the 200 plus miles of City-maintained roads. This requires lots of employees working together. Public Works Director Paul Brown commended Superintendent Mitchell Young on how well all the crews were organized to make the snow removal run smoothly. In addition to clearing and salting roads, crews also assisted in pulling stuck vehicles out of the snow.

Residents who live on small side streets may not see their roads cleared immediately after



a snowfall. Crews must first clear all emergency routes to hospitals. It is imperative that these routes remain clear for ambulances and hospital patients. In conjunction with the emergency routes, crews head to the hilly areas as well as bridges and overpasses. Once these areas are treated, crews move onto industrial park roads, main City streets, and

finally secondary residential streets. Residents are encouraged that if their street has not yet been plowed, please be patient as crews will eventually get to your neighborhood.

A special thanks is given to Morristown Public Works for their diligent work in keeping our roads safe.

## Message from the Mayor

### Rewriting the Municipal Codebook.

No, it's not a local version of a constitutional convention, but city staff has recently undertaken the task of deleting outdated language from the Municipal Codebook. In the decades where new ordinance language, amendments, and more commonly, changes in state law, there have been plenty of implemented new changes without clearing out the old verbiage.

Did you know it used to be against local law for a citizen to refuse a police officer's request to help make an arrest when more than one cop was needed? That's one of several extreme examples, but you get the picture. Over the next few months, City Administrator Tony Cox and staff will be working to update, edit, and delete as we move toward less confusing and smooth compliance between local ordinances and state law.



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