



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

June 2016

Community Events

June 7th&21st@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

June 11th@8am

First Fire Truck Car Show
at Fred Miller Park

June 17th@4pm

Kids Fun Fair
at Fred Miller Park

June 18th@10am

Coca-Cola Festival
in Downtown Morristown

June 23rd@7pm

Council Listening Roundtable
at Buffalo Trail Baptist

Rotary Place Dedication

Visitors to Fred Miller Park may have noticed the addition of a new playground area and signage marking "Rotary Place". The splash pad, pavilions and new playground were made possible through donations by the Morristown Rotary Club. On June 8th, Parks & Recreation will host a dedication of this area at Fred Miller Park. Special guest, John Germ, the Rotary International presidential-nominee will be here in town to speak at the dedication at 10:30am.

Star of Life Award Recipients



Recently, 3 Morristown Fire Department employees and 2 Hamblen County EMS crew members were presented with the Star of Life Award following an emergency situation. This award honors the accomplishments of EMS personnel who provide exemplary life-saving care to patients.

Last fall, Lowell Trent was shopping at Hobby Lobby when he collapsed. Another shopper, DeeDee Davis, happened to be a nurse and ran to his side. Ashley Taylor, an off-duty Rescue Squad emergency responder and Liz Pilar, a nursing student, also saw what had happened. They began two-person CPR and called 911.

Hamblen County 911 dispatched Morristown Fire Department(MFD) and Morristown Hamblen EMS. First on the scene was Lieutenant David Large, and Firefighters John Heatherly and Jason Frazier. The MFD crew assessed Mr. Trent and found no pulse. They began ventilations and resumed CPR. An AED administered a shock, but still nothing. After a couple more cycles of CPR, Mr. Trent regained a pulse and spontaneous breathing, which was supported by the medical responders. At that moment, Paramedics Jason Fox and Joe Cate arrived on the scene. Fox continued to monitor and treat Mr. Trent's symptoms. The crew moved him to a stretcher and secured him for transport. While en route to the Morristown-Hamblen Hospital, they diagnosed Mr. Trent as suffering a heart attack.

The crew stabilized Mr. Trent and got him to the hospital where they were able to treat him and monitor his health. Because of the quick response by witnesses, Firefighters and EMS crew, his life was saved. Thank you to the heroes who worked together to save this man's life.

K-9 Mako Retires

The Morristown Police Department(MPD) would like to announce the retirement of police K-9, Mako. Mako was recognized for his retirement at the City Council Meeting on May 17, 2016.

K-9 Mako has been with the department since 2008. His partner has been Detective Pete Shockley throughout his career. Like other MPD K-9s, Mako was trained for narcotic odor detection, off and on leash obedience, area searches, building searches, tracking, officer protection and criminal apprehension.

K-9 Mako has had a successful career and has been used in various community events. He is retiring due to his age and the promotion of Detective Shockley last year. They remained part of the K-9 Unit until Officer McCarter and his K-9 partner, Riot were certified. He will retire to a good home and be able to stay with his partner, Detective Shockley. He will receive lots of attention and love.



State Disc Golf Comes to Morristown



This past year, Morristown was named the "Disc Golf Capital of Tennessee". Morristown has 3 great disc golf courses which draw visitors from all over the area: Kiwanis Disc Golf Course at Wayne Hansard Park, the Rotary Disc Golf Course at Frank Lorino Park, and the Cherokee Disc Golf Course at Cherokee Park.

Because of the great courses that Morristown has to offer, it was once

again chosen as the location for the Tennessee State Disc Golf Championship. The tournament, held on June 3rd and 4th, brought in over 250 participants from all over the country, even as far away as California. Participants were classified into divisions by age and skill level. They competed in several rounds of golf at all 3 courses which culminated in the final round on Sunday afternoon at Cherokee Park.

Morristown is proud to offer these courses to the public. They provide a wonderful way to get outdoors and stay active. They bring in tourism to the area and promote recreation. In addition to the State Championship, the courses are also used for a variety of tournaments and events throughout the year. Those interested in playing disc golf can use the courses at no charge during regular park hours. If you are interested in purchasing disc golf equipment or have questions about the courses, feel free to contact Parks & Recreation at (423)586-0260.

Chaplain Miles Receives Credentials



The Morristown Police Department would like to congratulate Chaplain Tom Miles for receiving his Master Chaplain credentials through the International Conference of Police Chaplains earlier this year. Receiving the Master Chaplain credentials means that Chaplain Miles has completed at least 350 hours of professional studies and has served at least 10 years as a law enforcement chaplain.

In addition to his Master Chaplain Credentials, Chaplain Miles has earned his Basic and Senior level credentials as well. He has served on the MPD's Volunteer Chaplain Unit since July 2005. He is a volunteer with the Emergency Management Agency and is also an auxiliary member of

the Fraternal Order of Police. In 2014, he was recognized as the MPD Chaplain of the Year. The Morristown Police Department thanks Chaplain Tom Miles for his continued support and service.

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Message from the Mayor

PROPERTY TAX INCREASES . . . are never "fun" but are almost always brought about because of a specific need. On July 1, 2016, that need for Morristown's residents will be paved streets. Mayor and councilmembers field many questions and the topic "when are you fixing the streets?" has topped the charts these past two years. Our first attempt to catch up last year saw a dip into the surplus bucket for Taking It To The Streets. But we weren't successful at being where we wanted to be.

That has led to a recommendation from staff to generate \$756,000 through a 9 Cent property tax increase with every dollar going to the street paving project. A total of \$2 million will target street repaving, a need brought on by a number of years of mandated sewer repairs.

34 streets over 9.5 miles have been targeted for this year's program. We believe residents will see a major improvement in their daily travels. There will not likely be a reduction in the number of questions and concerns directed toward your Mayor and Councilmembers, but hopefully the #1 topic will change.



Mayor Gary Chesney