



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

March 2016

Community Events

March 10th@7pm

Listening Roundtable
at Panther Springs Methodist

March 11th@8pm

Hiroya Tsukamoto Concert
at Rose Center

March 15th@4:30pm

Easter Eggsellent Adventure
at Fred Miller Park

March 20th@3pm

Dailey and Vincent Concert
at West High School

Parks & Rec Seeks Public Input

Morristown Parks & Rec is asking for public input on a future grant. This grant will allow P&R to expand the walking trails at several parks along with adding more ADA compliant features. To hear input from the public, P&R is hosting public meetings on March 10th at Fred Miller Park at 12:30pm and on March 14th at 5:30pm at the Parks & Rec office on Louise Ave. Those wishing to offer feedback or suggestions can also fill out a form and mail into the office. For more information, call (423)586-0260 or visit the P&R page on the city website.

Council to Host Listening Roundtable

Morristown City Council will be hosting their second quarterly "Listening Roundtable" on Thursday, March 10th at 7pm. This informal session hosted by Council is a gathering where citizens can speak with the City Council members about any topic. They will listen and offer feedback and follow-up as needed. Do you have questions about your city? Concerns in your neighborhood? Comments for Council members? If so, make plans to attend this session and speak one-on-one with your city representatives.

This session is being held in Ward 2 at Panther Springs Methodist Church, 4555 W. Andrew Johnson Highway. Similar sessions will be held on a rotating schedule in each ward quarterly. All are invited to attend.



Easter Eggsellent Adventure



Spring is just around the corner, and so is the annual Easter Eggsellent Adventure, hosted by Morristown Parks & Recreation. This exciting event held at Fred Miller Park on Tuesday, March 15th kicks off the Easter season with an Easter egg hunt, photos with the Easter bunny, and fun games and activities in the Easter Village.

Easter eggs will be spread throughout the park and children will hunt in groups according to age categories beginning at 6pm. Event runs from 4:30-7:30pm. Children must be registered prior to their age group's time for egg hunting. You can pre-register your child at the Parks & Recreation office at 415 W. Louise Ave. from now until March 11th. This is one of the city's most popular events, so participants are encouraged

to register early and arrive at event ahead of their scheduled egg-hunting time. The event is geared for ages 2-10.

The Easter Eggsellent Adventure is free to all participants. There will be some free refreshments along with snow cones and cotton candy for \$2. Donations will be accepted for photos with the Easter bunny and proceeds will go to the Friends of the Morristown Dog Park.

Parks & Recreation thanks their sponsors for this event: WJDT/WBGQ, Morristown Hamblen Healthcare System – Covenant Health, and Coca-Cola Co.

For more information about this event, please call Parks & Recreation at (423) 586-0260.

MFD Hosts Regional Recruit Training

Earlier this month, the Morristown Fire Department hosted The Northeast Tennessee Regional Fire Training Association (NTRFTA). This group was established in 1994 to train new firefighter recruits for local regional fire departments and major businesses in northeast Tennessee. Before NTRFTA, the new firefighters were sent to the state fire academy near Nashville.



The association currently has 9 members including Bristol and Johnson City. They host two 13-week basic firefighting schools each year. Seventeen students from this program came to Morristown for classroom lecture and hands-on training with various equipment to develop their basic skill set. Morristown Fire Department Training Officer Tim Greene delivered the classroom portion of their training



covering Water Supply, Hose, Fire Attack and Foam use. The students then spent two days practicing with the various equipment covered in the lecture. Being a part of the NTRFTA is beneficial to the Morristown Fire Department and all other regional members and cuts training costs. It allows the fire departments to work together towards the common goal of serving and protecting their citizens.

Clark Named Asst. City Administrator

The City of Morristown is pleased to announce the promotion of Larry Clark. Larry has served the City since 2010 as the Administrative Services Director and stepping up to Assistant City Administrator for Administrative Services reflects the additional responsibility he has taken on since his arrival.

Larry's leadership has been a major part of increasing the City's financial strength in recent years. He has also helped modernize our information technology network and is guiding the implementation of the GIS mapping system. Every area under Larry's direction has seen continuous improvement.

Buddy Fielder, Assistant City Administrator for Development Services, will continue to serve the City in that capacity. With the coordinated efforts of Larry and Buddy, we will facilitate project management and coordinate operations to assure that Citizens receive the highest quality service from the City of Morristown.

Tony Cox said, "We're very lucky to have Larry on our team. He brings experience and energy to the task, but his work ethic is probably his strongest attribute. Our community will be well served by Larry in this new role."

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Message from the Mayor

I had the privilege last month of being a part of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat. The two day event brought together a significant number of our community's leaders to share their thoughts on Morristown's strengths and weaknesses as well as set some goals which are reachable in the immediate future.

There were plenty of suggestions, but one topic which seemed to carry the most urgency was for Morristown to create more social/entertainment options targeting young professionals in the early years of their careers with the intent of keeping them here to grow their families.

City planners and Council have plenty of tasks on our plates for the coming year, but the Chamber Board's suggestions reflect a public concern. With our ongoing work of rewriting city codebooks and recruiting for jobs and retailers, we'll be paying attention to what changes can be appropriately implemented to bring goals to fruition.



Mayor Gary Chesney