



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

September 2016

Community Events

Sept. 6th & 20th @5pm

City Council Meeting
At City Center

Sept. 11 @ 12:30 pm

Farm to Table Dinner
At Farmer's Market

Sept. 17 @ 10 am

Arts in the Park
At DMLK Park

Sept. 22 @ 7 pm

Listening Roundtable
At Rose Center

Sept. 24 @ 11 am

Hillbilly Chili Cook-off
At Fred Miller Park

P & R Fall Events

The fall season brings about lots of fun events at the City parks. Bring the kids to Frank Lorino Park for the Touch-a-Truck event in September. In October, Fred Miller Park will host an outdoor movie showing of "Halloweentown", the annual "Scarecrows at the Park" contest, and of course the ever popular "BooFest" event. If you are interested in being a vendor or contestant in any of these events, visit the city's website for registration information or contact Parks & Rec at (423) 586-0260.

Airport Fly-in



Each year during September, a variety of aircraft take to the skies and finds their way to Morristown Regional Airport for the annual Fly-In. This event hosted by the local EAA chapter brings planes from all over the country to one place for the public to view. Visitors to the airport can experience the aircraft up close; they even have the opportunity to go for a short plane ride with a certified pilot. There are demonstrations and displays set up in the hangars, live music, food vendors and activities for the kids. Enjoy walking around the airport to see the terminal, the hangars, and a variety of planes from vintage war planes to high-tech aircraft. Bring along your own chair and take in the sights of planes taking off and landing along the runway.

The Morristown Regional Airport will once again be hosting this event on Saturday, September 17th from 10am-3pm. Parking and admission to the event is free. Airplane rides are \$25 and discounted fuel is available for pilots. The Fly-In has been a great event over the years and is one that the whole family can enjoy.

New Equipment Manager

This summer the Morristown Public Works Department welcomed a new Equipment Manager, Dennis Bonilla. Bonilla comes to the Public Works Department with many years of experience in auto maintenance and repair. Thirteen years ago he moved from Los Angeles to Morristown with his family and started his own auto repair shop, D's Automotive, in Talbott. His years of experience with vehicle repair and his managerial skills make him a valuable asset to the City of Morristown.

The equipment shop is responsible for maintaining 400 pieces of City-owned equipment. This includes everything such as police cars, fire engines, lawn mowers, and garbage trucks. All repairs to city equipment are done in-house by a team of 6 staff members. They are responsible for mechanical repairs and fabrication.

Bonilla is pleased to be on board at the City and commented on how well-trained and experienced the equipment shop staff is. We welcome him on staff and thank the entire equipment shop staff for all they do to keep this city running.



MFD HazMat Team



Morristown's position as an industrial center has greatly benefited our community. However, many of these industries use chemicals and processes that present hazards if not controlled. Federal Laws require a higher level of training to respond. This is where the Morristown Fire Department (MFD) has stepped in. Following a chlorine leak in one of the industrial parks in the late 1980s, the need to form a specialized response team was seen. Under the direc-

tion of Deputy Chief Gary Ryan, HazMat training began.

All firefighters for Morristown receive introductory HazMat training as part of their initial training and receive Technician certification to respond in the City. 22 MFD firefighters have gone on for additional training and form the HazMat Response Team which serves Hamblen County and 16 surrounding East Tennessee counties in Homeland Security District 2.

The MFD HazMat Response Team is well-trained and fully equipped to respond to emergency situations. After receiving an initial 400 hours of certification training, each member receives an additional 100 hours of specialized training each year to stay up to date on the equipment and procedures. Some of the specialized training includes intensive coursework in chemistry, study of explosives and gases, and training on how to handle suspicious packages.

The HazMat team is called upon to lead emergency situations where there is a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive agent. This can include events such as a chemical leak, a gas spill or a train derailment. When responding, the team brings their specialized response engine. This vehicle serves as "command post" for team members. It is equipped with workspace for computer/record keeping, technical detection equipment, spill containment devices, protective equipment such as chemical suits and breathing apparatus, and a decontamination tent and shower.

Once arriving on the scene, team members isolate the area and test for hazards. They set up decontamination for themselves and gear up in protective suits and breathing apparatus. Vital signs are monitored throughout the event to make sure that crew members are not being adversely affected by the harmful agents and stressful situation. Other crew members operate from the mobile office in the vehicle, monitoring the situation and doing research on the chemicals involved so they know how best to handle the agents. Their ultimate goal is to stabilize the situation. Once stabilized, a private contractor will step in and handle the clean-up, if needed.

Thankfully, the MFD does not respond to very many hazardous materials situations. They work with industry to prevent releases and other problems. However, when the need does arise, the MFD is able and knowledgeable to respond, keeping our community and surrounding counties safe.

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Message from The Mayor

The 2016 paving program is nearing completion, temperatures are showing some signs of cooling, and local recreation programs are headed to fall seasons. However, this does not mean a slowing of City activity.

The recently completed Council Planning Retreat saw several goals set high on the priority list for the coming year. We will be active in securing property sites for anticipated new facilities for Fire Hall #4 (west), Department of Public Works, and a new city park (old Morristown College property). If plans work as hoped for, each location could be announced by Thanksgiving.

Two new restaurants (Aubrey's and Moe's) are expected to be under construction in the next few weeks with another announcement or two quite likely in coming days. As they say, "plenty of dirt is being moved."

Public feedback and suggestions are always welcome, but I'm pretty certain, it's an exciting time to be watching our city move forward.



Mayor Gary Chesney