



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

April 2017

## Springtime Fun!

With the arrival of spring comes a schedule full of fun, family-friendly outdoor activities. See the schedule below and check the Event Calendar on the City's website to stay up-to-date on all the happenings going on in your town!

## Community Events

**April 4th & 18th@5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**April 7th@7:30pm**

Rock & Roll Pianos  
at Rose Center

**April 11th@4:30pm**

Easter Eggsellent Adventure  
at Fred Miller Park

**April 20th@11am**

DIDD Spring Fling  
at DMLK Park

**April 21st@6:30pm**

Lil' Road Racers  
at DMLK Park

**April 22nd@8am**

Overcomber Obstacle Race  
at Frank Lorino Park

**April 29th@10am**

SkyMart Arts & Crafts Festival  
in Downtown Morristown

## Easter Eggsellent Adventure

With spring's arrival, Morristown Parks & Recreation will be hosting its annual "Easter Eggsellent Adventure" at Fred Miller Park. On Tuesday, April 11th, children can participate in the egg hunt, get their photos with the Easter Bunny, and visit the Easter Village.

The event runs from 4:30-7:30pm with time slots for different age groups (ages 5-10) to hunt eggs. Children ages 2-4 can visit the Easter Village for age appropriate activities and receive their eggs there. Children must be registered prior to the start of the hunts, which begin at 6pm. You can pre-register at the Parks & Rec office at 415 W. Louise Ave.

This event is free to all children. Some free refreshments will be available along with snow cones and cotton candy for sale for \$2.



## MPD Honors

The month of March saw two special honors given to members of the Morristown Police Department (MPD).

Detectives Phil Hurst (Crimes Against Persons Squad) and Tracey Bowman (Crimes Against Property Squad) were both presented with the "Detective of the Year" award. This certificate of achievement is given for outstanding

performance as the leading investigator on their squads. Detective Phil Hurst, a veteran of nearly 25 years with the Morristown Police Department, and Detective Tracey Bowman, a 20 year veteran, were chosen by Investigations Division Detective Captain Christian Newman based on a variety of criteria including: Detective's Activity, Extra Activity, Attendance, Open Case File Review, Closed Case File Review, and Peer Votes.

Another honor for our Police Department was the graduation of the MPD's newest

officer, Jeff Coyne, from WSCC's Police Academy. Officer Coyne is a Hamblen County native. He has a Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University. Right out of high school he served in the United States Army Reserve, and is currently in the Army National Guard. Prior to beginning his career with the MPD, Coyne was a jailer at the Washington County Sheriff's Department.



## Industry Growth in Morristown

On March 30th, Governor Bill Haslam made a visit to Morristown to announce a new industry that will be locating in the East Tennessee Valley Industrial District (ETVID).

Rockline Industries, the leading producer of coffee filters, baby wipes and medical wipes will be forming a new subsidiary, Iatric Manufacturing Solutions, that will bring 250 new jobs to Morristown and will invest \$40.3 million dollars into the community.

This move by Rockline will bring revitalization to the east side of town. They have chosen a 40-acre site with an existing building (formerly Foamex) that has sat vacant for many years following the decline of the furniture industry. Their renovation of this building, along with an addition, will create a 435,000 square foot manufacturing facility. The plant is expected to be operational beginning in 2018, bringing with it many new jobs and an economic boost.

March also brought another announcement from the Governor's office - a \$500,000 grant that will go towards new roadways in the East Tennessee Progress Center.

Years ago, Morristown was the 2nd largest furniture manufacturer in the country. Economic turmoil caused industry to close up shop or move out of town. Morristown was hit financially, but in recent years it has seen an influx of manufacturing coming to town and thriving. Morristown has become a leader in manufacturing, making this a great location for industry. We welcome new industries and growth in our community and look forward to the benefits it will bring to our residents.

## Spring Cleaning

As residents begin their annual "spring cleaning", many will be discarding their home and yard waste at the curb. The Morristown Public Works Department and Codes Enforcement would like to remind citizens to adhere to the bulk waste/brush collection guidelines. Restrictions to bulk collection include leaving items at the curb no sooner than the day before pick up and no waste piles larger than a pick-up truck's load. Cut tree branches should be no longer than 10 feet long or 12 inches in diameter. City crews schedule to pick up bulk/brush waste on the same day as recycling collection.

Those who do not comply with this ordinance may be subject to citation. The City is happy to provide this service to our citizens. Your assistance in following these guidelines makes the process run much more smoothly and efficiently.

For more information on these ordinances or to find out your collection schedule, view the City's website or contact Public Works at (423) 585-4658.

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## Message from the Mayor

Spring has sprung, and while flowers and green grass are nice, your City of Morristown, economically speaking, is about to get greener too.

The announcement of the new industry in our East Tennessee Valley Industrial District means job growth as well as bump in income levels. Both are important. More announcements affecting our city's immediate future are also anticipated over the next 12 weeks.

While confidentiality agreements regulate specifics about a couple of these, I can say jobs and pay scales are going to receive another bump, which leads to the ability to move forward on quality of life improvement goals. One example is development at the new Heritage Park. Land preparation will be the first noticeable activity but the FY18 budget, due to be announced in mid-May, will outline the first phase of the new park. There's more.

The recently announced \$500,000 grant from TDEC will allow upscale road development in the East Tennessee Progress Center making the newest industrial park more "ready-now" to the steady flow of prospects coming for a look.

Phase II of the Farmers Market downtown will provide a nice greenspace for social activities. That project is due to complete in June. The new lighting program for downtown Main St. also brings a new and improved appearance for our city's original thoroughfare. Expect an early summer completion for this effort.

Spring will send many of us to yardwork at home. As you're getting those lawns, trees, and flower beds ready to grow, keep in mind there are plenty of local professionals doing the same to nourish continued growth of Morristown's economy.

Proud to be your Mayor – Gary Chesney

