



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

August 2017

Community Events

August 15th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

August 17th@7pm

Community Listening Roundtable
at Trinity United Methodist

August 19th@10am

Hot Wheels Derby Race
at Talley Ward Rec Center

August 26th@10am

Skateboarding Competition
at Frank Lorino Park

Back to School Safety

Hamblen County Schools resume classes this month. The Morristown Police Department would like to remind everyone to allow additional time for travel through school zones and other congested areas or take an alternate route.

Chief Overholt stated, "Officers of the MPD will be concentrating enforcement in school zones in both the morning and afternoon. Be aware of posted school zones and reduced speed limits in those areas particularly between 6:45 – 8:00am and 2:45 – 4:00pm."

A possible inconvenience for drivers near West View Middle School is the continued road construction for the I-81 extension from Merchants Greene Road. The traffic pattern will be the same as last year; first entrance is for parent drop-off/pick-up and second for bus drop-off/pick-up.

The MPD would like to remind everyone that state law requires drivers to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading passengers. Vehicles are also required to stop for pedestrian traffic, including vehicles turning left or right. Drivers are urged to remove any distractions and devote full time and attention to operating the vehicle.

In addition to increased patrol near school zones, the MPD also has specially assigned School Resource Officers (SRO). It is these officers full-time responsibility to provide a safe environment for area students. They deal with student violence, drug issues, arrests on school grounds, and are the first responders for any threats at our schools. The SROs also serve as an education and information resource for school staff.

The Morristown Police Department would like to thank everyone for driving responsibly and assisting us in keeping students in Hamblen County safe.



New Park Events this Month

The Morristown Parks & Recreation Department is excited to bring two new events to town this month, the Hot Wheels Derby Race and a Skateboard Competition.

The Hot Wheels Derby Race will be held on August 19th beginning at 10am. Gutters & More are providing gutters that will be set up as a racing course inside Talley Ward Recreation Center. Children are invited to bring their Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars to race on the dual lane course. Racers can bring up to 3 cars and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 places. Parks & Rec hopes this is a great new event to offer to the youth in our community.

The second new event being held is a Skateboard Competition hosted on the skate park at Frank Lorino Park on August 26th. There will be 5-minute heats with three skaters. Participants should pre-register with Parks & Rec by August 18th (\$5 entry fee). Prizes will be awarded by Pluto Sports.

For more information about these events and other activities throughout the year, contact Morristown Parks & Recreation at (423)586-0260.

Farmers Market Lawn Ribbon Cutting

The second phase of the Downtown Farmers Market is now completed and open to the public. Last year, the City completed a project to construct a covered pavilion. This year, the City has added a large green space to be used for leisure and events along with new sidewalks and parking areas.

A special ribbon cutting will be held on Friday, August 18th at 11am to officially open this area of the Farmers Market. All are welcome to attend.

World Series Win Anniversary



This month marks the 10-year anniversary of the Softball World Series win by the Morristown Little League team. In August 2006, the Morristown South All Stars team, following their regional win, traveled to Portland, Oregon to compete in the annual competition for a chance at the world title. Teams from around the world gathered

to play in the tournament. That year, Morristown unfortunately came up short, but that didn't stop them. A year later in 2007, the team again earned the regional title and traveled to compete in the World Series. The Morristown team, comprised of 11 and 12-year-old girls from Hamblen County, beat out a team from Elgin, TX with a score of 3-2 for the final win.

Morristown's Little League teams have continuously been successful in competition. Several teams have gone on to compete in and to win the Little League World Series in recent decades. Morristown has been so successful, that a special "World Series Monument Park" has been erected at Popkin Field, celebrating the local athletes that were a part of these winning teams.

The Morristown Parks & Recreation Little League continues to be one of the most popular athletic leagues in our area. This year alone, over 1,000 area youth competed in the softball and baseball leagues. Four teams went on to compete in the State competition this year. Morristown is looking forward to being the host city for the 2018 Little League tournament. Our premiere athletic complexes, including Frank Lorino and Wayne Hansard Parks, make it a great place for teams to compete.

Morristown Little League has wrapped up their season for the year. Thank you to all the athletes that participated and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



2007 World Series Monument

Message from the Mayor

THE NEW (Fred Miller) PARK... On June 24, 1966, the Morristown Housing Authority sold land at the corners of W. Morris Blvd. and S. Jackson St. to the City for a purchase price of \$22,000. Nearly six years later, the City announced plans to develop the site into what is now known as Fred Miller Park. What was there then hardly resembles what's there now. The Park has grown to a present day multi-use facility spanning 18.5 acres and includes picnic pavilions, a walking track, a Greenway Trail Head, an amphitheatre, a splash pad, shelters, a climbing wall, a creek, and a large variety of age appropriate playground toys. Fred Miller is home to some of Parks and Rec's biggest events. And it's full.

Citizen surveys and municipal development analysts have consistently advised Morristown is under served for passive recreational parks. On August 1st & 2nd, your City Council discussed the first phase of development of the new Heritage Park. I suppose you could call this 52 acre site "the next Fred Miller." Professional developers Lose and Associates from Nashville were on hand to advise, listen, and proceed. Lose previously gave Council a printed vision proposal for study.

Fred Miller Park was not completed in one year, and neither will Heritage. The corner of W. Morris & Jackson came to its present day service the result of 45 years of city budgets. By carefully budgeting annual dollars available for Heritage Park, it will also look much different 45 years from today.

Let's make those 45 years a fun trip... to the park.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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