



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

February 2017

Community Events

February 5th@2pm

Art Opening Reception
at Rose Center

February 7th & 21st@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

February 11th@10am

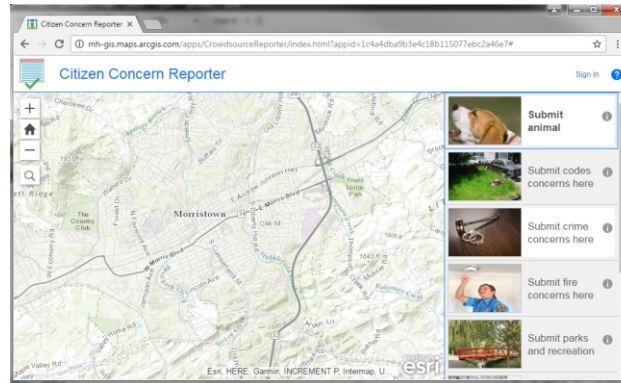
Fx3 Fitness Fest
at Talley Ward Rec Center

MPD Narcotics Honored by FBI

The Morristown Police Department's Narcotics Division was recently honored by the FBI. The Narcotics Division deals with very complex and sensitive cases. They work closely alongside a variety of organizations including FBI Rocky Top Task Force and Appalachian HIDTA to fight major crime in our area. The FBI took notice of the great work our Police Officers have been doing to control the level of drug-related crimes in Morristown.

On December 19th, MPD Narcotics Detectives Captain Chris Blair, Sgt. Bob Ellis, Sgt. Rick Harmon, Cpl. Jackie Everhart, Jackie Hickey, Jason Young, and Pete Shockley were invited to the U.S. Attorney's office in Greenville where they were presented with awards from the FBI in recognition of and thanks for all the MPD Narcotics Division has done.

Citizen Concern Reporter



location and the reporter will mark it on the map and let the correct offices know. Worried about crime in your neighborhood? Submit your concern and get feedback from the Police Department. The reporter will even allow you to snap a photo of the problem with your phone and attach it to your request.

Through this new online feature, we hope that we can address issues more quickly, have more interaction with the public, and all work together to keep Morristown a safe, clean and enjoyable place to live.

To find this feature, visit MyMorristown.com, click on "How Do I" and then click on "Citizen Concern Reporter" at the top of the menu.

In an effort to more quickly, and efficiently address issues in our community, the City of Morristown has added a new interactive item to its website. The "Citizen Concern Reporter" will allow residents to electronically submit their concerns or problems to City offices. Find a pothole on your street? Let us know the

Pickleball at Talley Ward

For two hours every Wednesday the soft crack of a ball can be heard throughout Talley Ward Recreation Center. What is Pickleball, you say? Pickleball began in 1965 and remains one of the fastest growing sports in America. It is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton



and ping pong. Pickleball can be played both indoor and outdoor on a badminton sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. It is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes and can be played with singles or doubles. Pickleball is low impact making it ideal for all ages. Pickleball is being played every Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Talley Ward Recreation Center. Morristown Parks & Recreation also provides an outdoor court at Frank Lorino Park. Several of the tennis courts are marked off for Pickleball. The outdoor courts may be played anytime during park hours. For more information feel free to call the Parks & Recreation office at 586-0260.

Responding to an Emergency

When last fall's Gatlinburg fire occurred, many communities wondered, "What if that happened here? What would we do?" When an emergency arises, communities have protocol in place to work with local, state and federal departments to keep their residents safe.

Morristown has a team of emergency responders that consists of the Morristown Police Department, the Morristown Fire Departments, EMS, and the Emergency Management Agency that respond to any emergency that arises. An emergency incident begins at Central Dispatch (911 Center) where the call for assistance is received. Based on the initial needs, predetermined units are dispatched to the location, whether the need is for multiple fire engines, ambulances, or law enforcement.

The first responder to arrive on the scene enables the "Incident Command System" which assists in the early coordination of the incident. As additional units respond, a Command Post is set up to control the scene and organize the efforts of all emergency personnel. Members from each emergency division will be at the Command Post to coordinate with each other. They have a checklist of items they go through when arriving on scene such as locating victims, identifying the source of a fire, or creating lines of fire attack. EMS staff stands by to assist with medical needs, the MPD controls the traffic and creates a perimeter around the scene, and the Public Works Department may be utilized to barricade roads if needed.

The Hamblen-County Emergency Management Agency communicates with its state counterpart, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) as the emergency situation progresses. TEMA utilizes what it calls "Activation Levels" to categorize what type of emergency aid is needed (rated 1 to 5 with 1 being the most severe). The different levels determine whether the local emergency personnel can handle the situation or if outside help is required from a state or federal level. The Gatlinburg Fire was declared a Level 3 Declaration of State Emergency. That meant that the outside assistance called were key or specifically needed emergency service coordinators. Several Morristown Police officers were called in to give relief to the Gatlinburg Police officers who had been working long hours controlling the scene. The MFD deployed 6 personnel along with an engine and vehicles to assist on the second day of the event. EMA Director Chris Bell as well as Morristown-Hamblen Emergency Medical Service and Morristown-Hamblen Rescue Squad sent personnel and rescue equipment to assist in the area for several days. Multiple Volunteer Fire Departments were also called on for personnel and equipment. Had the TEMA level rose to a Level 2 – Major Disaster, even more Morristown personnel may have been called on for assistance. This protocol is in place to keep a situation under control rather than to have an area flooded with well-meaning volunteers. These organizations all work together to keep the community safe and protected.



Message from the Mayor

Two events in January are indicators of where the city is headed in 2017. On the 13th, Council spent the day in its mid-year retreat discussing the priority list for spending the \$12,500,000 in obligation bonds set aside for capital projects.

Public Works Facility: \$500,000 – land & \$8,500,000 – building

Fire Station #4: \$2,200, 000

Land for future community center: \$891,250

Contingency & misc. repair needs: \$408,750.

The other event in January was the quarterly Neighborhood Roundtable where members of the public delivered questions and concerns to Council. Leading the way were questions about the development of the new Heritage Park at the former Morristown College site. There will be plenty of suggestions coming and those will all be given due consideration.

As it stands, Heritage Park will be a "passive recreation" site with walking trails, performance and large group gathering areas, garden spots, playgrounds, and historical recognitions. It is most likely the park will be developed in phases.

As for the community center, attention to that facility will follow the completion of the above mentioned projects. Don't anticipate serious ground movement prior to the summer of 2019.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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