



City of

MORRISTOWN
Tennessee

January 2017



Community Events

Jan. 2, 2017

New Year's Holiday

CLOSED

Jan. 3 & 17 @ 5pm

City Council Meeting

at City Center

Jan. 10 @ 4 pm

Planning Commission

at City Center

Jan. 16 Holiday

CLOSED

Jan. 17 @ 4 pm

Finance Comm. Meeting

at City Center

Jan. 19 @ 7 pm

Council Listening Roundtable

at

Meadowview Middle School

Need some help with your New Year's Resolution? Join the City of Morristown's Parks & Rec Department on Saturday, January 7th, as we kick off our initiative to become a Healthier Tennessee Community, #MovingMorristown #HealthyHamblen. The Fun, Fit & Fabulous Fitness Fest will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Talley Ward Recreation Center from 10AM – 2PM. During the event there will be 15 minute intervals of an activity (Ex. Country Heat Dance, HIIT, Yoga, Pilates) followed by 15 minutes of informative speakers on health related issues (Ex. Diabetes, Nutrition, Cancer, Wellness); so, activity/speaker/ activity/speaker. There will be space available upstairs for vendors to set up booths about their businesses. This free event is to help promote three key behavior changes: increase physical activity, healthier eating and tobacco abstinence. Please come join us to get a kick start on your New Year's Resolution and help Morristown become a Healthier Tennessee Community. For additional information please contact the Parks & Rec office at 586-0260.

2016 Commercial & Industrial Growth Year in Review



The following Commercial Developments were completed in Morristown in 2016: two **Walmart Neighborhood Markets**, **Dairy Queen**, two **Knoxville TVA Credit Unions**, **No Way Jose's & Holston's Kitchen**, **Ingle's Gas Express**, **Bojangle's** at The Downs, **Hampton Inn**, **Dick's Sporting Goods**, **Ulta Beauty** and

Moe's (almost completed). We also had three multi-family apartment complexes completed in 2016: **Rutledge Place**, **Walter's Ridge** and **Chloe Lane**.

Important Dates to Remember

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE:

Friday Dec. 23 Route will be picked up Thursday Dec. 22

Monday Dec. 26 Route will be picked up on Tuesday Dec. 27

Monday Jan. 2 Route will be picked up on Tuesday Jan. 3

In 2016, the City of Morristown saw growth not only in new commercial development but also in our industrial market. The following industries, through expansion and investment, brought additional jobs to the area: **Bodycote Thermal Processing** over a dozen new jobs, **Colgate Palmolive Company** over 50 new jobs, **Colortech, Inc.** 25 new jobs, **Howmet Corporation** several new jobs, **Inteplast Bags and Films Corporation** several new jobs, **Kawasaki Tennessee** over 20 new jobs, **Mahle Engine Components** nearly a dozen new jobs, **Meritor** several new jobs, **Metpar Corporation** over 20 new jobs, **Iconex** several new jobs, **Original Footwear Company** 50 new jobs, **Otics USA** over 50 new jobs, **San-Ei Seiko America** several new jobs, **Sykes Enterprises** over 500 new jobs, **Team Technologies** some 25 new jobs, **Tuff Torq Corporation** 30 new jobs, **Universal Forest Products** several new jobs.

Morristown Police Department Receives Third State Accreditation Award



On Dec. 1, 2016, Morristown Police Department (MPD) received its third award for Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation. The award was received in Nashville and presented to MPD Command Staff at their monthly meeting on December 5, 2016. The MPD became nationally accredited in 1996 and has maintained accreditation ever since. In 2010, the MPD switched from National to State Accreditation. The change kept the department accountable on the same issues, but allowed the MPD to save on costs for traveling and annual memberships. The MPD goes through an assessment every three years to maintain accreditation status.

The accreditation process ensures that department policies and practices meet the guidelines of nationally accepted professional police practices. The department receives reduced liability premiums for maintaining accreditation status; liability risk is also reduced.

The assessment involves an on-site portion where assessors come from other agencies and look at various aspects of the MPD. Assessors take an agency tour, interview personnel in various departments, look at vehicles and assess 161 files that cover 24 chapters. Some chapters included are: Use of Force, Pursuits, Investigative Duties, Patrol Duties and Juvenile Operations. Once the assessment is complete, personnel sit on a panel review in Nashville.

Natalie Pugh has served as the MPD's Accreditation Manager since 2011. The accreditation process has been overseen by Major Michelle Jones for eight years. All Morristown Police Department personnel are credited in achieving the award.

Maintaining accreditation status demonstrates a commitment by the Mayor and City Council, the Morristown Police Department, City Administration and the community to ensure the City of Morristown has a professional police agency.

Chief Overholt stated, "I want to thank all the police and city personnel, government officials, the Hamblen County 911 Communications Center and all the community partners who assist in maintaining these professional standards."

Message from The Mayor

2016 was a year which saw City progress in public appearance, acquisition of future public park space, new restaurant and industry expansion, a removal of buildings which had become eyesores, and a lot of catching up on paving city streets. 2017 will see no letup in the pace of meeting more community needs. This January, your Council will convene for a "mid-term retreat" to evaluate where we are with our goals and the current plans to meet them. Immediate targets are construction of a replacement fire hall on Central Church Rd. and picking a site then building a Department of Public Works facility. Our retreat will be a daylong session January 13 at the airport. Six days later, the next Council Neighborhood Roundtable forum will be held during the evening hours as the public will have an opportunity to weigh-in on topics of concern. Suggestions on activities for the new historical/heritage public park at the former Morristown College campus should be in steady flow by that time. 2017 is going to be just as busy a year as was '16. Careful financial management and meticulous planning are the keys to seeing our way through more local improvements. I'm looking forward to this time next year when this space can again recap a successful year.

Proud to be your Mayor.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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