



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

July 2017

Community Events

July 5th@10am

Wet 'n Wild Wednesday
at Fred Miller Park

July 7th@8pm

Starlite Cinema (Jungle Book)
at Fred Miller Park

July 14th@6pm

Summer Jam Concert
at Fred Miller Park

July 18th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

July 28th@8pm

Starlite Cinema (Trolls)
at Downtown Farmers Market

New Development

Last year, Morristown saw many new businesses opening up. From Ulta and Dick's Sporting Goods to Aldi's, there are now many new places to shop, eat and work. And the new development isn't slowing down anytime soon. Aubrey's and Texas Roadhouse have just broken ground. Suntrust Bank is constructing a new building and Firehouse Subs is about to open for business. Stay up to date by viewing the New Development Map on our website's home page.

Making Hamblen a Healthy Community

For the past 20 years, Tennessee has ranked among the 10 least-healthy states. Hamblen County has followed that trend, with 30% of residents considered obese and 23% of adults smoking. Concerned members of our community wanted to help our residents live healthier lifestyles, so a wellness

committee was formed. The "Healthier Tennessee Communities", a division of the Governor's Foundation for Wellness, encourages local communities to implement health initiatives. Our local group, who gave themselves the name "Healthy Hamblen", addressed three areas of health concern: physical activity, nutrition and smoking.

Healthy Hamblen works with schools, parks, churches and places of employment to implement a variety of health programs. They started Friday Fitness Fests that offer free outdoor exercise sessions to all. The Morristown Parks & Recreation's P.A.T.H. program encourages residents to stay fit by utilizing city parks. City parks have been designated as smoke-free areas and healthy eating is encouraged through the downtown farmers market.

Last month, Healthy Hamblen was awarded with a \$5,000 grant from the state to continue their good work here in Hamblen County of encouraging more residents to focus on their health and well-being.



New Planner Joins City Staff



Josh Cole & Alex Moore

Over the years, the City has had several college students go through this program with most going on to be city planners. One of these former interns is Josh Cole, who last month joined the City staff as the new City Planner. Cole has earned a graduate degree in Public Administration from UT and is currently taking classes towards a PhD. While a graduate student, he taught political science courses. Originally from Virginia, Cole has now relocated to Morristown. The planning staff is excited to have him join the team. He will play a vital role in guiding new development coming to Morristown.

The City of Morristown has recently welcomed two new staff members to the Planning Department. Joining us for the summer is UT college junior Alex Moore. A political science major, Moore is serving the development office as a Planning Associate through the internship program with the City. These few months with the City will give him insight into government administration and development.

Clean-Up Efforts in Morristown

Every year, the state offers generous grants to local groups to aid in conservation, preservation and beautification of communities. The City works with area organizations to utilize these grants to implement programs to keep Morristown a clean place we can be proud to call home.

The City of Morristown recently partnered with several community organizations including Keep Morristown-Hamblen Beautiful(KMHB) and Crossroads Downtown Partnership to participate in the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program grant. Ten wall-mounted and 20 free-standing cigarette containers were received through this grant. They were placed around the downtown area to help cut down on cigarette waste. Volunteers will follow up at the end of summer and next year to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

KMHB has arranged for the purchase of 3 recycling/trash bin sets to be placed at several City parks. Hopefully these bins will cut down on littering and encourage our residents to recycle. Funding for these bins came primarily through the TDOT Litter Grant. The bins will be labeled with a trash reduction/ beautification message to encourage all park users to think about their environmental impact and to reduce the amount of waste destined for the landfill.

KMHB has also partnered with other groups to host a tire collection event at the Hamblen County landfill on July 15th, from 8am-4pm. Residents are encouraged to bring their old tires to be recycled. Not only does this put the tires to good purpose, it also helps control the mosquito population as they often lay their eggs in sitting tires.

Millennial Mega Games



The month of July is National Parks and Recreation Month. Join us on July 29th at Frank Lorino Park to celebrate with the first ever "Millennial Mega Games". Teams of 10 – 15 participants will compete in co-ed kickball, Human Foosball, bumper ball soccer, and tricycle races. In addition to these great

games, there will be mega size Connect Four, Checkers, Jenga and a Fidget Spinner obstacle course. This event is for high school ages and up and will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Mega Games is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Health through the Tobacco Cessation funding. The mission is to help promote Healthy TN and Smoke Free Play. We encourage youth groups, families, and friends to register their teams for this exciting new event. You will need to pre-register your team by July 21st, or register individually to be placed on a team. Call 586-0260 for more information.

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter at:

http://www.mymorristown.com/residents/city_newsletter.php

Message from the Mayor

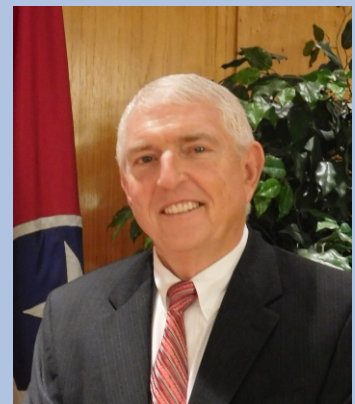
"The hay's in the barn" as they say, or in City Council's case, the FY18 Budget has been formally adopted and projects both routine and new are at hand. Most visible to city residents will be paving and park development. 3.11 miles of residential streets will be paved. The longest single stretch is 1.44 m. on Cherokee Dr. from N. Cumberland to the city boundary. The 13 other streets targeted are listed on the city webpage. Higher traffic volume streets getting attention include Morris Boulevard, W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. from Crescent Center to Morris, and East Morris from the 25E overpass to the end of the industrial park.

Heritage Park is to receive its first year of development as demolition and excavation work has finally concluded. \$1 million (with hopes for additional grant and settlement dollars) will be dedicated to having the first phase of the former Morristown College site ready for a ribbon-cutting celebration this fall now in the planning stages.

Bids are to be opened July 25 for the new fire station #4 on Central Church Rd. and grade work plans are just around the corner for the new Department of Public Works facility to be built at Merchants Greene.

The remainder of 2017 and first half of 2018 are going to see more activity in your city and I believe each project will produce a result which creates additional pride in your city.

As always, proud to be your Mayor.



Mayor Gary Chesney