



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

March 2017

Community Events

March 7th & 21st@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

March 18th@8am

Police Vehicle Auction
at 691 N. Liberty Hill

March 25th@8am

Run in the Sun 5K
at Panther Creek State Park

Horseshoe Pit coming to Frank Lorino

Frank Lorino Park has a new offering in a Horse Shoe pit facility. The new 8-pit facility is located in the former horse ring adjacent to the Rotary Disc Golf Course. Already in place is parking, restrooms and lights, if needed. The facility is well-placed as large existing trees will help to keep the area shaded from the setting sun. Staff has been working to make this a pleasing attraction for the area. Plans are to have the pits available to the public in late March.



In Memory Of Fire Marshal Eual Noah

Our department remains deeply saddened by the recent death of our longtime colleague, Eual Noah.

Eual was such a positive person to be around each workday as he demonstrated a commitment and dedication to safeguarding the public's safety while maintaining the integrity of the public's trust in our department.

He began his firefighting career in 1989 and continued up the Chain-of-Command acting in the capacities of Driver, Lieutenant, Liaison Officer and Assistant Fire Marshal, attaining the rank of Fire Marshal in 2009.

Eual truly touched many lives throughout our community as evidenced by the outpouring of cards, phone calls, visits and other expressions of sympathy to our department. On behalf of the department, allow me to acknowledge all expressions and say they're appreciated and cherished as we cope with the loss.

As I've stated previously, Eual was a professional, was hardworking and dedicated, but above all those things, Eual was our friend who remains an eternal brother in the family of firefighters.

Our hearts have a permanent void and we have a vacancy in our ranks; however, we remain vigilant to keeping Eual's memory alive, pressing onward to individually measure up to the benchmark set by his legacy.

Sincerely,

Bill Honeycutt, Fire Chief



Rotary Place Playground Additions

Last month the contractor began the final installation of the second phase of Rotary Place Playground Project at Fred Miller. This final stage of the playground will include an ADA compliant swing set, making our parks more accessible to all.

The Rotary Club raised \$15,000 for the swing project. Additional site work was done by our parks maintenance staff. The swings will sit alongside the new playground and splash pad. We hope this will be a new welcomed addition to our City parks.



Citizen's Police Academy

The Morristown Police Department(MPD) is preparing for its 20th Citizen's Police Academy. The Academy runs from May 9th to June 8th. Classes will be held at the Police Department on each Tuesday night at 6:00pm until 9:30pm. Academy participants will become familiar with the Morristown Police Department through hands-on exercises. They will also be allowed to complete an 8-hour ride along with an officer.

Applications are now available to the public. Applicants that are interested may pick up an application at the MPD offices located on the 1st floor of the City Center, on the City's website (www.mymorristown.com) under the Police Department tab or you may call the Training Division and have one mailed. The application deadline is March 24th.

Due to limited space, applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis, pending the results of a background investigation of each applicant. Applications can be mailed to the MPD or dropped off to the MPD's Records Division. Applicants must be 21 years of age. Those who miss Academy # 20, due to limited space, will have the opportunity to attend the next academy (date to be announced).

The MPD invites interested citizens to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy. Upon completion of this course, each citizen will have a better understanding of the daily operations of the MPD. It is our goal to continue to build a partnership with the community.

Any questions concerning the Citizen's Police Academy #20 class may be directed to Lieutenant Todd King of the MPD Training Division at (423) 585-4646.



Farmer's Market Updates



General Contractors and McGill and Associates to design and complete this project. It will be a nice accompaniment to the new Farmer's Market pavilion. Crews expect to be completed with this project by early May.

The second phase of the Farmer's Market project is underway. This phase will bring about a large green space for events and activities and newly revised parking areas. The Noon Rotary Club is raising funds to add park benches, bike racks, a pet station and drinking fountain.

The City has been working with King

Message from the Mayor

Last year City Council made noise about doubling the paving budget to play catchup on streets in need. At the Feb. 21 Council meeting Public Works Director Paul Brown reminded us that extra effort touched roughly 5% of our city streets. In his presentation of updates, Brown pointed out those travel paths stretch some 230 miles and maintaining them is a task that goes on and on.

Preparations for the FY18 Budget are underway. Paving streets will return to its normal budget niche of somewhere in the \$900,000 +/- range. Last year, the 9 cent property tax increase was dedicated to paving and a court settlement swelled the category to \$ 2 million. 10.5 miles were paved. This may give you an idea of just how expensive it is to pave 1,000 feet of roadway.

Public Works evaluates and prioritizes streets every two years, so this will be the second half of the 2016 plan. When the paving budget is set, that's when the list of streets getting attention this summer is known. The public can easily know as well. Our city website will contain an App where the info will be displayed.

It's worth noting in recent years newer equipment has been purchased which allows the Street Dept. to better maintain and stretch the life of a street between repavings.

A word of appreciation is in order for Mr. Brown and all those employees in Public Works who maintain our streets. It's a tough job, but they do it well.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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