



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

May 2017

Community Events

May 2nd & 16th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

May 2nd@8am

City Election Day

May 6th@11am

From the Pages to the Park
at Fred Miller Park

May 11th@7pm

Community Listening Roundtable
at Venture Place

May 18th@6:30pm

Lil' Road Racers
at DMLK Park

Strawberry Festival

Each spring welcomes the annual Strawberry Festival in Morristown. The festival will kick off with an outdoor concert at DMLK Park on Saturday, May 13th at 5pm. Hancock Co. Music Club and The Dread Scotts will be performing.

Festivities will continue throughout the week, culminating in the Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 20th from 10am-5pm at 510 W. Economy Road. There will be live music, food, vendors, kids' activities, and, of course, strawberry picking! Come and enjoy this annual tradition in Morristown.

Budget Preparations



City staff has been hard at work the past couple of months preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Each spring, department heads meet with the Finance Department and City Administrator Tony Cox to discuss what the financial needs are for the upcoming year. Whether it be funding for new projects, the purchase of equipment, hiring of new employees, or continuation of current services, staff members discuss what is needed and what can be afforded.

Tony Cox will be presenting the proposed budget before the Council and public at a meeting on May 12th at Walters State. The budget will be approved by Council during the month of June to begin the Fiscal Year on July 1st.

Celebrating Public Servants

The month of May celebrates the hard work and dedication of public servants across the country. The week of May 7th is Public Service Recognition Week, a week honoring all those who serve in federal, state, county and local government.

The City and other local organizations will be honoring our Police Department by "Painting the Town Blue". National Law Enforcement Week is the week of May 14th and kicks off with a walk from the County Courthouse to the City Center on Saturday, May 13th at 7pm. The walk

will culminate in a joint proclamation and blessing. City Center, along with other local businesses, will have blue ribbons on hand beginning May 8th for the public to have and display to show their support. The week will end with a Car show at Fred Miller Park on Saturday, May 20th from 8am-4pm.

Also, later this month is National Public Works Week, beginning on May 21st. Watch the City's social media pages to see features on Public Works employees and the variety of jobs they perform to keep our City running.



From the Pages to the Park

Join us for a new event coming to Fred Miller Park this month. On Saturday, May 6th from 11:30am-1pm children can enjoy a “meet and greet” with some of their favorite book characters at “From the Pages to the Park”.

At this literary event, children will walk along the path, encountering book characters and reading stories. This is a free event to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Other events coming to the parks throughout the month include the “Lil’ Road Racers” event and the Strawberry Jam concert, both at DMLK Park.

Stay up-to-date on upcoming events in Morristown by visiting the City website’s event calendar.



Pool Rules and Regulations

With Memorial Day this month and summer just around the corner, many people will be installing swimming pools to help beat the summer heat. While swimming pools are a great way to stay cool and a fun recreational activity, they do come with many safety hazards. Because of this, the City and State have in place several regulations that help protect the public from dangers associated with swimming pools. Prior to installing a pool, we ask that the public familiarize themselves with these ordinances and safety regulations.

One of the state regulations on swimming pools is “Katie Beth’s Law”. This law requires that all swimming pools over 36 inches deep have a pool alarm installed. This alarm will sound anytime someone enters the pool. These alarms can be found at most places that swimming pools are sold.

Other regulations include where pools can be installed, guidelines on the surrounding decking, barrier and fencing, and the electric wiring required for



keeping the pool and area safe. Prior to installing any pool, please contact the City Inspections department to make sure your pool is installed according to the rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in a fine. For more information on these requirements, visit the home page of the City’s website to find a link to pool safety regulations.

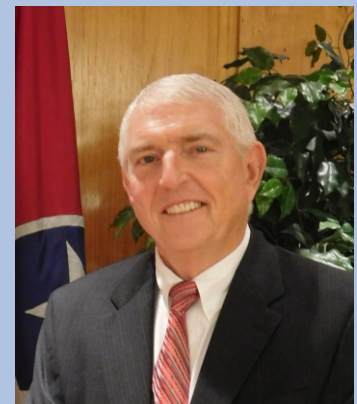
Message from the Mayor

These next few weeks represent the beginning of an important period of planning the next direction your city will follow the next two years. On May 12, City Administrator Tony Cox will unveil his FY18 Budget. Although plenty of momentum which began a couple of years ago is well underway, growth, construction, and development will be coming to fruition during the coming fiscal year. Council will begin study of the new budget almost immediately with at least two workshops, and more if necessary before voting on the new package.

The spending package will reveal how much is to be dedicated to the new Heritage Park on N. Cumberland and E. Sixth N. (former M. College site), to paving and upkeep of city streets, improvements to parks and rec. facilities, revisions to ordinances which will make sidewalk cafes an easier option, and other projects which center on infrastructure and quality of life improvements.

Council's annual two day planning retreat will be held once again in Kingsport in mid-August representing another opportunity to lay out plans for farther down the road.

The public will have a prime input opportunity on May 11 when the next Neighborhood Listening Roundtable will be held at The Venture Place downtown, at 7:00pm. Councilmember Ken Smith will host. The informal question/answer session with no time constraints comes on the eve of the budget presentation the next morning.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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