



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

April 2018

Community Events

April 3rd & 17th @5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

April 21st @10am

Skymart Arts Festival
in Downtown Morristown

April 21st @10am

Hot Wheels Derby
at Talley Ward Rec Center

April 27th @5pm

Community Disc Golf Day
at Frank Lorino Park

April 28th @10am

From the Pages to the Park
at Fred Miller Park

New Disc Golf Course at Frank Lorino

In recent years, Morristown has solidified its spot as the "Tennessee Disc Golf Capital". Players come from across the region to play here and can choose from 4 different courses. Morristown has even been chosen to host the annual State Disc Golf Championships. Disc golfers will now have another course option. This past winter, the Morristown Parks & Recreation crew, together with the Morristown Disc Golf Association and Rotary Club, have been hard at work adding a second disc golf course to Frank Lorino Park. The park already features the Rotary Disc Golf Course. Now players will be able to choose between the existing "yellow" course or the newly installed "blue" course. The new blue course will follow the existing course, using most of the same tee pads, but players can choose between two baskets. The blue course will be more challenging, sitting at 8,200 feet and par 69.

The two courses on the Rotary Disc Golf Course feature a variety of challenging terrain, including lots of wooded areas. New course signs are still being installed, but the course is now open for play. Several professional disc golfers have already made their way to Morristown to play the course and have given it rave reviews. On the weekend of April 27th and 28th, a special Grand Opening will be held with demonstrations, contests and a Spring Fling tournament. Enjoy the spring weather by getting outdoors and trying out the new course!



Making a Positive Impact

Many of our employees have servants' hearts and assist the community, not just in their roles with the City, but also through their volunteer efforts. One of these employees is Teiandria "Tee" DeMoss. Several evenings a week she heads to the Boys and Girls Club where she volunteers wherever she is needed, including assisting with the Teen Basketball league and helping to plan and run the Senior Basketball tournament, Halloween alternative party and the Annual Super Auction. Last month Tee was invited to attend the 60th Annual Banquet and Dinner for the Boys and Girls Club. During the banquet, several of the current club members were honored for their accomplishments while adult volunteers and board members were recognized for their contributions to the club. Tee was presented a Special Appreciation Award for serving as a volunteer in many of the club's programs and activities throughout the year. Tee says of her experience at the Club that, "The kids there are seeking for guidance and love that they may not receive at home, so being able to interact and connect with them has been a very humbling experience for me."

Thank you to Tee and all those who volunteer to make their community a better place!

Storybooks Come to Life at the Park

The Parks & Recreation Department will again be hosting the "From the Pages to the Park" event at Fred Miller. Children and adults alike will enjoy meeting their favorite book and comics characters. All along the walking path, characters will be reading to the children and posing for photos. Some of this year's characters include Harry Potter, Pinkalicious, and Rapunzel. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28th and join us at the park!

Groundbreaking & Growth



The motto of the City of Morristown has been “A City Always Expanding”. That motto has never run more true than in recent history. All across town you can see new businesses opening and construction taking place.

Last month, the City of Morristown broke ground on a new development on Morristown’s west side. Leading off of Merchants Greene Blvd., new road Durham Landing Blvd. will lead to a new Public Works facility for the City. The 50 acre site purchased by the City will be more than enough to house the facilities needed for Public Works to operate and store their heavy machinery. Construction on the Public Works facility will begin in the very near future, with expected completion by late summer 2019. (The existing facility on Morris Blvd. will be used for an extension of Tennessee College of Applied Technology’s (TCAT) campus.) Future plans for the site also call for a large community center and public park.

A groundbreaking was also held this past month for the extension of Progress Parkway in the East Tennessee Progress Center. This road extension will allow the industrial park to expand into the recently purchased 50 acre property in the park. An industry already has plans to build on this site and announcements will be coming soon.

In the center of town, development of the new Heritage Park is underway. This spring, construction will begin on a replica of the original colonnade from the days of Morristown College. The area will feature historical markers, benches and walkways.

It’s an exciting time to be in Morristown. Lots of new industrial growth, job openings and recreation opportunities.

Citizen’s Police Academy

The Morristown Police Department(MPD) is preparing for its 21st Citizen’s Police Academy. Class will begin May 8th and end June 7th. Classes will be held at the Police Department on each Tuesday night at 6pm until 9:30pm with a few Thursday classes as well. Academy participants will become familiar with the MPD through hands-on exercises. They will also be allowed to complete an 8-hour ride along with an officer.

The MPD invites interested citizens to participate in the Academy. Upon completion of this course, each citizen will have a better understanding of the daily operations of the MPD. The goal is to continue to build a partnership with the community. Applications can be found on the City’s website or picked up in person at the City offices.

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter at:

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

Message from the Mayor

THE FIRST MOVING OF DIRT . . . is usually the least “sexy” part of new progress, but it certainly lets us know change is on the way. Last month we broke ground on two road development projects that will end with some major changes in Morristown.

Construction is now underway for the new Durham Landing Boulevard off Merchants Greene. The new street will be the primary entrance to the new public works facility slated to open next summer. Durham Landing Blvd. will also serve as the entrance to the new community center which is projected for a 2023 opening.

That ceremony was followed by a groundbreaking in south Morristown at the East Tennessee Progress Center. Our newest industrial park is growing and marketing the park to prospective businesses will be made much easier and assume a more professional look with the closing of one road and the extension of another. DOT and TVA grant dollars are footing the bill. The City has also annexed two additional properties which bordered the park.

We have excellent reason to anticipate 2018 being one of Morristown's best years ever in job opportunity expansion. Thanks for helping make our community be the one others envy.



Mayor Gary Chesney