



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

August 2018

## Community Events

**August 4th @8pm**

Starlite Cinema  
at MLK Park

**August 7th & 21st @5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**August 16th @6:30pm**

Music on the Green Concert  
at the Downtown Green

**August 17th @8pm**

Ian Davidson Concert  
at Rose Center

**August 25th @10am**

Skateboard Competition  
at Frank Lorino Park

## Greene Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief

Training Officer Tim Greene was recently promoted to Administrative Deputy Chief for the MFD. Greene has been with the department for over 29 years. He began as a firefighter in 1989 and has risen through the ranks to lieutenant, captain, and now deputy chief. He holds specialized training as a Haz-Mat technician, rescue squad instructor, EMS Star of Life Recipient, and CPR instructor, among others. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Greene and best wishes in your new role!

## New Fire Station for MFD



The fire station on W. Andrew Johnson Highway in the Manley area has served the Morristown Fire Department (MFD) for over 50 years. However, in recent years the department has outgrown it. The bays were no longer adequate to fit the larger fire engines and equipment. Because of this, the department sought a new location for fire station #4. Last year, construction began on a new station on Central Church Rd. This location provides plenty of space for the fire department.

In a special ceremony on July 27th, the station was dedicated to the memory of Fire Marshal Eual Noah. Noah served the department faithfully for 29 years. His passing left a void in the department. This building now serves as a testament to his dedication to the MFD and will be used to serve the community, as Noah did.

Fire Station #4 was designed by Fuller Architects and built by Burke-Ailey Construction. There are living and separate sleeping spaces for male and female staff members. The 8-acre property the station sits on allows room for future expansion and space for training.

## Farmers Market Week

The week of August 5th-August 11th is National Farmers Market Week. This week is an opportunity to show the nation how much value markets bring to their communities.

The Downtown Farmers Market will be kicking off the week with a celebration on Saturday, August 4th from 10am-2pm. All are invited to come to the market and enjoy games, a scavenger hunt, and delicious food. Come and support your local farmers!



## Food Trucks



Food trucks have risen in popularity across the country. Unique eats served out of a cost-effective truck have drawn crowds and devoted customers. Morristown has followed that trend in the last year with a variety of food trucks taking to the streets. Trucks selling donuts, pizzas, BBQ and more can be seen around town.

To keep up with the food truck trend, the City of Morristown recently amended the city ordinance to make it easier for food trucks to operate, as well as put reasonable regulations on when and where they can be open for business. The City hopes to help foster this growing business and even encourage festivals that might draw more food trucks. If you're driving around town, be sure to stop and check out one of these locally owned businesses for some good eats!

## Back to School Safety from MPD

The Morristown Police Department would like to remind everyone children are returning to school in Hamblen County next week. Please remember to allow additional time for travel through school zones and other congested areas or take an alternate route.

Chief Overholt stated, "Officers of the Morristown Police Department will be concentrating enforcement in school zones in both the morning and afternoon. Be aware of posted school zones and reduced speed limits in those areas particularly between 6:45 – 8:00am and 2:45 – 4:00pm."

Citizens may have noticed different school zones now have flashing school zone signs. Tennessee passed the state law in January, stating "it is an offense for a person to knowingly operate a motor vehicle in any marked school zone in this state, when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, and talk on a hand-held mobile telephone while the vehicle is in motion." The law does not prohibit those 18 years of age or older from operating a hands-free device in the school zone.

Those with young drivers should remind them that drivers under the age of 18 cannot knowingly operate a motor vehicle on any road or highway and talk on a mobile telephone even if it is equipped with a hands-free device while the vehicle is in motion.

Drivers are urged to remove any distractions and devote full time and attention to operating the vehicle.

The Morristown Police Department would like to thank everyone for driving responsibly and assisting us in keeping students in Hamblen County safe.

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## Message from the Mayor

### WHY THERE?

The recent approval for a bond issue to fund the next phase toward our new Community Center has raised the question that always comes with new public facilities – why put it there? Council's selection of the Merchants Greene area followed a study of seven prospective locations. All of the other six presented obstacles of cost, transportation, and future expansion.

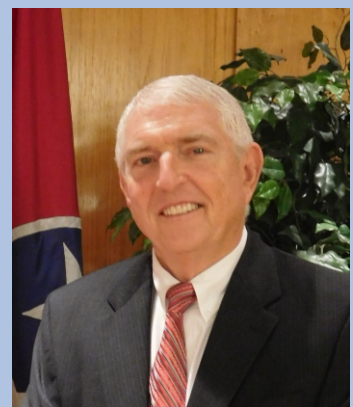
The Durham Landing section off Merchants Greene came with digestible answers to each of these three issues. Highway 66 connecting to the new Exit Four from I-81 was a plus as is Morristown's east-west connector via Highway 160. Both roads allow out-of-town visitors and local residents to reach the Center on four lane streets in reasonable travel time.

It is widely believed the hospital will, in the near future, occupy the large piece of land it purchased on the east side of Merchants Greene.

These were the main factors in deciding the city's core is taking a westward shift. The intersection of West AJ and Merchants Greene already shows heavy usage.

The new Public Works compound will begin construction in coming weeks next door to the Community Center location and that project will begin right on its heels.

Decisions on placement of major public facilities are sometimes not easily reached. But this location had the right answers to the toughest questions. We are excited about the end result.



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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