



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

December 2018

Community Events

Dec. 4th & 18th @5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

December 6th @7pm

Christmas Parade
in downtown Morristown

December 7th @7pm

Billy Crawford Band
at Rose Center

December 14th @5pm

Christmas Downtown
in downtown Morristown

December 24th & 25th

City Offices Closed
for Christmas Holiday

City Council Meeting Changes

During the month of January, adjustments are being made to the meeting times for City Council. Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, but due to the New Year's Day holiday, and in compliance with the City Charter, the meetings will be moved to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, January 2nd and 16th at 5pm. Other meeting times will remain as scheduled.

Greenway Under Construction

If you've driven on North Cumberland at all recently, you've probably noticed some construction underway along the side of the road. City-contracted crews have been working to install the newest addition to the Morristown Greenway system. This section, named the Freddie Kyle Greenway, will extend

from behind the City Center building on W. 3rd North Street, north along Cumberland just past Old Holt Road. It will end in a new parking area designated for users of the greenway. Thanks to a State greenway grant, the City was able to mostly fund this addition through outside dollars. This project is part of the City's goal of creating a greenway system from the center of town all the way out to Cherokee Lake. In compliance with the State grant regulations, the pathway is constructed to be a 10-foot wide asphalt paved trail and is ADA compliant. In addition to creating more recreational space through this part of town, through this project, the City is also able to address some stormwater concerns along Cumberland as well as give pedestrian access to businesses along Cumberland. This project is expected to be completed before Christmas.



Christmas Downtown



A stroll through downtown this month will certainly put you in the holiday spirit. The City, in partnership with Crossroads Downtown Partnership and First TN Foundation, purchased and installed new lighted decorations along Main Street to coordinate with the new light poles. Downtown shop windows have been decorated for Christmas with light up displays of Santas, reindeer, and trimmed trees.

Besides the holiday decorations, downtown offers many reasons to come shop, dine and play this holiday season. The Annual Christmas Parade will be the evening of December 6th. Support local business owners by attending "Christmas Downtown" on Friday, December 14th. Shops and restaurants will be open late for a festive night in downtown. There will be carolers and choirs, dancers, mule-drawn carriage rides, food trucks, marshmallow roasting, and more! Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic to allow for casual strolling. Event runs from 5-8pm.

Venture Place Receives Award



In recent years, Morristown has seen growth in its industry, commercial businesses, and residential properties. This includes revitalization to Morristown downtown area. The Crossroads Downtown Partnership (CDP) operates as the city's Main Street organization with the

mission to utilize the heritage and historic resources of downtown Morristown to stimulate economic development. The CDP's vision is to make Morristown the "Go To" city between Bristol and Knoxville since it has the best of both rural and urban environments. Since 2009, the City of Morristown and CDP have thoughtfully preserved the downtown commercial district known for its outdoor skywalks on the second floor of the buildings.

In 2016, CDP was awarded a \$50,000 TNECD Main Street Entrepreneur Grant (MEG) to establish the SkyMart Venture Place entrepreneur center and co-working space to spur new business growth in downtown.

SkyMart Venture Place provides a co-working space in downtown Morristown, equipped with high speed internet services from FiberNET and cubicle space, to help startup businesses succeed. Classes are provided on-site for entrepreneurs to learn how to start and run their businesses as well as share their ideas with others. In their first year, SkyMart has seen 20 new or expanded businesses come through their doors via their workshops and co-working space.

For their efforts, the SkyMart Venture Place and CDP was awarded this year's "Community and Rural Development Best Practices Series Downtown Revitalization/Entrepreneur Development from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. Congratulations to CDP on this award and thank you for their efforts in supporting the historic downtown area and local business owners!

City Taxes Due

The Morristown City Tax Office would like to remind everyone that the 2018 City Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due in full by the end of business hours on Monday, December 31st. Tax notices paid after this date are subject to additional fees and interest. Taxes can be paid in-person at City Center, mailed in, paid online, or over the phone. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

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

Message from the Mayor

WHO MOVED MY TREE?

The City Christmas tree that is. For many years, the City Center front plaza has featured a live decorated tree to celebrate the holiday season, most visible to folks stopped at the West First North / N. Cumberland crossroads.

Pending repairs on the Center plaza and the need to keep heavy equipment off those tiles sent planners looking for an alternate tree location.

The Downtown Green / Farmers Market site appears to be a great fit. Higher visibility along Morris Boulevard, a pavilion to host seasonal events with unpredictable weather, easier access to the setup-decorating-takedown processes, and a chance to showcase our improvements to this corner, all factored into Parks and Recreation recommending the change.

Public feedback has been positive and perhaps the recent lighting of the Christmas Tree ceremony is the beginning of a new Morristown tradition.

Merry Christmas to our excellent staff members who have made the engine of our city run very well in 2018. It's been an honor to serve as your Mayor.



Mayor Gary Chesney