



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

July 2018

Community Events

July 3rd & 17th @5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

July 4th @5pm

4th of July Party & Fireworks
at Cherokee Park

July 7th @8pm

Justin Duncan Concert
at Rose Center

July 11th @10am

Wet n' Wild Wednesday
at Fred Miller Park

July 13th @8pm

Starlite Cinema
at MLK Park

State Little League Comes to Morristown

Morristown will be hosting the Little League State tournament this month. Competition will begin with the District play-offs on July 9th. State competitions kick-off on the 21st. Morristown Parks & Rec will be holding a Home Run Derby and opening ceremonies that day, beginning a week of games leading up to the final State Championships. Games will be played at several of the Parks & Rec ballfields across town.

MFD Celebrates Retirements

Last month a special retirement celebration was held to honor 2 long-time members of the Morristown Fire Department, Mike Buchanan and Gary Ryan. The men were presented with proclamations and retirement watches by Mayor Chesney and a lunch reception was held at Fire Station 1.

Mike Buchanan served the MFD for 33 years, retiring with rank as Lieutenant. He was one of the first EMTs in the department. He worked his way through the ranks and eventually served as an instructor for other fire recruits.

Gary Ryan served the MFD for 38 years, retiring as a Deputy Chief. He oversaw departmental training, the HazMat team and grants for the department.

The combined service of these two men has been an immeasurable contribution to the MFD and our community. We thank these men for their years of dedication and wish them the best in their retirement.



Parks & Rec Opens New Pump Track

Morristown Parks and Recreation Department will officially open the new Family Bicycle Pump Track at Frank Lorino Park on Saturday, July 28th at 10am. Members of the local Five Rivers Mountain Bike Club will be on hand to demonstrate how to ride the track and offer tips on biking.

The pump track will be open to cyclists of all ages and skill levels and provide great recreational opportunities for the whole family. Various styles of bikes can be used on the pump track, so other than a bike and a helmet, there is no special equipment needed. Pump tracks offer a safe, traffic free environment to build riding/trail handling skills, be physically active, and have fun. The pump track is a continuous loop with small berms and "rollers" (smooth dirt mounds) that enable the cyclist to enjoy regardless of their skill level. The nature of the pump track enables young riders to learn riding and trail skills



while the more advanced rider can use the flow of the track to maintain speed as opposed to pedaling. The "pumping" motion of their arms and body takes the place of pedaling and delivers a great work out. All riders receive the health benefits of being outside and recreating.

Clinics and events will be sponsored by both the parks department as well as the local bike enthusiasts. A kiosk will be assembled to display rules, encourage a family environment, offer helpful skill building techniques, and riding for physical conditioning tips.

21st CPA Class Graduates



The Morristown Police Department's 21st Citizen's Police Academy Class graduated on June 11, 2018. The academy began May 8, 2018. This year, the academy was made up of 16 people from our community.

During the course of the academy, the citizens learned about the department's day to day operations, as well as some specialty units such as Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, Crime Scene Investigation, Explosive Ordinance Device Unit, Narcotics, K-9 Operations, traffic stops, DUI, and the department's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program. Before the completion of the class, the citizens also participated in an optional "Range Day" to learn about department firearms and were required to do a ride-along with patrol officers for eight hours.

The first Citizen's Police Academy began in May 1998, as a way to enhance relations between the citizens of Morristown and the Morristown Police Department. The academy is a six week program designed to give those citizens, who participate, the opportunity to learn more about the Morristown Police Department. Since the first graduating class, the Citizen's Police Academy has graduated over 350 citizens. If you would like more information about the Citizen's Police Academy, please contact Lieutenant Todd King in the Training Division at (423) 585-4646.

Wet 'n' Wild

On Wednesday, July 11th Morristown Parks & Recreation will be hosting its annual Wet 'n' Wild Wednesday at Fred Miller Park. This event is one of the most popular summer events. It's a fun way for the kids to get outdoors and cool down with some water activities. A 100ft slide will be set up going down the hill with water provided from one of the Fire Department's fire trucks. A water obstacle course will also be set up. This event is for kids ages 2-14 and will run from 10am-3pm (with a lunch break from noon to 1pm). Hope you can come and join us for some summer fun at the park!



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Message from the Mayor

July 1 marked the beginning of our FY19 Budget and I feel certain our city is going to have some noticeable different "looks" 12 months from now. The \$45 million spending plan paves the way for the new Public Works compound, the first phase of Heritage Park, handicap upgrades and improved parking at each of the parks. Design, planning, and the moving of dirt will begin for a new comprehensive community center. The American headquarters for Van Hool Bus Co. will be well underway and the access roads currently under construction at the Progress Center industrial park will be completed.

On August 10, your City Council will be meeting in Kingsport for our annual planning retreat. This two day session is a focus on goals and how to reach them. It is a presentation from Administrator Tony Cox on his vision and feedback from the Council to Cox of theirs.

Much of Council's message to the Administrator comes from feedback each has received from the public. The casual and uninterrupted format of the retreat has proven to be a good opportunity for Council to both bond and air out concerns.

The city's infrastructure and the talented employees who make it work is always the number one priority. In my opinion, it's also when your elected body does its best work.



Mayor Gary Chesney