



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

October 2018

Community Events

October 2nd & 16th @5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

October 6th @10am

Celebration of American Crafts
at Morristown Farmers Market

October 6th @3pm

Fall Fest
at Frank Lorino Park

October 13th @11am

HYPE Tailgate Party
at the Downtown Green

October 27th & 28th

Mountain Makins Festival
at Rose Center

October 29th @4:30pm

BOO Fest
at Fred Miller Park

City Center Plaza Repairs

The City Center plaza and parking garage will be undergoing repair work beginning this fall. These repairs will affect parking and access to the building. Please be aware of ongoing construction and alternative parking around the City Center building. Repairs are expected to be completed by spring.

Celebrating Fall Around Morristown

The arrival of Autumn brings more than just cooler temps and pumpkin spice. It brings with it a variety of fun fall festivals and activities to enjoy around our community.

Kicking off the fall season is a city-wide "Celebration of American and Tennessee Crafts" on Saturday, October 6th. Different organizations in Morristown will be shining the spotlight on the talented artists and crafters in America and our community. At the

Morristown Farmers Market, you'll be able to find arts and crafts for sale. Main Street will hosts "Cars, Crafts and Cokes", and Fred Miller Park will be hosting their first ever "Fall Fest", featuring crafters, food trucks, scarecrow competition, and an outdoor movie. Also that day will be "Heritage Day" at Panther Creek State Park. You can stay busy all day enjoying local crafts and artisans.

The largest community event in Morristown comes to Rose Center once again this fall - Mountain Makins. This 2-day festival features arts, entertainment and food that celebrate Appalachian culture. It will be held on Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th.

The month will wrap up with the annual BOO Fest celebration at Fred Miller Park on Monday, October 29th. BOO Fest is the largest Morristown Parks & Recreation event, drawing thousands of children and family members. Attendees are invited to dress in

costume and walk along the trail at the park, visiting booths hosted by community organizations. This provides a fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating. As this event draws a large crowd and waiting lines can get long, attendees are encouraged to pre-register at the Parks & Recreation office prior to the event. For more information, contact the office at (423)586-0260.



MFD Well Equipped and Trained



When new firefighters join the Morristown Fire Department, they spend months in specialized training at the recruit school, learning the necessary skills for saving lives. The training doesn't stop there for our firefighters. During their first year of service, these new recruits must complete 240 hours of additional training. Then the training

extends to all firefighters. Monday to Wednesday of every week, 3 to 8 hours each day is dedicated to some type of training that varies from classroom to hands-on drills. So far this year, our personnel have completed 122 hours of training per person. On Thursdays, fire staff conduct pre-incident fire planning of local businesses in the city so they are prepared should the need arise.

Earlier this year, the MFD was awarded a Class 2 ISO rating. This rating indicates the preparedness and high safety standards of our fire department. This rating is a prestigious honor. As part of this rating, ISO standards require specific training including aerial and night drills. Those firefighters who serve specific roles, such as driver or HazMat team, are required to undergo additional training to stay sharp on their skills.

All of this training ensures that your fire department is prepared and ready to protect the people and property of Morristown. You can rest assured that they are well equipped, knowledgeable, and committed to service.

Employees Give Back

Last month began the annual "United Way" fundraising campaign. United Way is a non-profit organization that raises funds for a variety of social services in our community. The monies raised support causes such as M.A.T.S., Central Services, Rose Center, and the Red Cross. All charitable groups are vetted to ensure that funds are used appropriately. The financial support of this campaign makes it possible for these charities to operate and serve others.

The City of Morristown employees participate in donating funds to United Way. Through an elective payroll deduction program, employees can designate a certain amount from their paychecks to be donated directly to United Way. In the past, over half of employees have elected to enroll and donate. Last year alone, City employees raised nearly \$8,000.

The United Way's goal for this year's campaign is to raise \$1,435,000. If you or your organization would like to financially support your local community, you can contact the United Way of Hamblen County by calling (423)581-8601 or email unway@musfiber.com.

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter at:

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

Message from the Mayor

PAYING FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The City has issued another \$9 million in bonds to complete some much publicized projects – new fire hall, new public works compound, Phase One at Heritage Park, and repairs to City Center plaza. What is not currently funded is the construction of the new comprehensive community center.

The bond issues have permitted the purchase of land, grading & street work. Design work will be ready in 7-8 months. And that's it, for now. A funding plan must be approved by Council before we proceed any further.

Taking pressure off relying on property tax dollars will be priority #1. There are a number of options. Growth in Fund Balance, grant money, individual contributions, sale of naming rights, corporate partnerships, are all combinations that will be explored. Absence of an acceptable funding plan will result in absence of a community center. The public will let elected decision-makers know what is acceptable.

The public must also decide if Morristown-Hamblen should have (deserves) the significant upgrade in recreational, swimming, sports, performing arts, and banquet/meeting venues the new center will bring. Paying participants will also come from surrounding counties.

Plenty of projects and preparations for growth are underway. I believe it is an exciting time to be a part of Morristown.



Mayor Gary Chesney