



City of

# MORRISTOWN

September 2018

Tennessee

## Community Events

**Sept. 4th & 18th @5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**September 9th @Noon**

Farm to Table Dinner  
on downtown Main Street

**September 15th @10am**

Arts in the Park  
at MLK Park

**September 20th @6:30pm**

PJ Concert  
at Downtown Green

**September 27th @7pm**

Listening Roundtable  
at Lincoln Middle School

## Have Your Voice Heard

City Council will be hosting their quarterly Community/Listening Roundtable this month on Thursday, September 27th at 7pm. The Roundtable sessions provide an open forum for community members to come and speak with the City Council members in an informal setting. Citizens can receive feedback to their questions and concerns. All are invited to attend this event being held in the lobby of Lincoln Middle School.

## Keeping our Schools Safe

As the school year begins, on the minds of many parents is the safety of their children. Hamblen County parents can feel at ease knowing that their children are in the good hands of the Morristown Police Department's School Resource Officers (SRO).

The MPD assigns 4 officers to SRO duty. There is one designated for each high school and 2 officers are assigned to the 4 middle schools. Officers respond to the elementary schools on an on-call basis. The Sheriff's department also supplies an officer to each of the high schools. These officers bring one-on-one police access to the students in the schools, creating a safe environment for learning.



Officer Charles "Chaz" Story is one of the newest SRO officers to join the crew. Joining the MPD in 2016, this is his first school year serving in the school system. He is on-duty at West High School at all times during school hours. As an SRO, Officer Story patrols both the inside and outside of the school. His outdoor duties include making sure the school buildings are secure and that all entrances are kept locked. The roadways are kept safe by patrolling during student drop-off and pick-up. Indoors, Story responds to student issues, such as assaults and fighting, contraband, and other disturbances. He patrols the hallways for any sharp objects, such as janitorial equipment, that may be used as a weapon. His main objective is to keep the students safe in any situation. Having a uniformed officer in the school at all times serves as a deterrent to bad behavior. Story says that seeing an officer makes the students think of the consequences for negative behavior before acting.

One of the main challenges that Officer Story says he faces as an SRO is connecting one-on-one with the students. He says that the prominence of social media has created an adverse reaction to police officers. He hopes this is something that can be overcome and that the students see him as someone there to help.

Officer Story is enjoying his new role as a School Resource Officer. Prior to working with the MPD, he served as a staff member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greene County. He still volunteers his time at the Club to serve the youth in the community.

The SRO officers would like the public to know of the new State laws regarding phone use in active school zones. Absolutely no texting while driving is allowed. Neither is talking on hand-held phones. These violations will result in an automatic ticket. Talking using a Bluetooth device is permissible. Please follow these laws to help keep our students safe.

## Fly-In at Morristown Airport



EAA Chapter 1494 and the Morristown Airport are hosting the annual community fly-in / drive-in event on September 22nd. This year's event will include even more kid/family oriented activities than before. A first this year will be a seaplane booth with several seaplanes on display. Cirrus

Aircraft will be participating with a static display of an SR22, allowing participants to climb into the cockpit and experience the avionics panel in operation. Some warbirds will fly in and land and there will be a variety of aircraft on display. There will again be \$25 airplane rides and they are adding \$25 helicopter rides this year. The WACO from Sevierville will be back and offering sight-seeing rides for purchase. Life Star will reposition their helicopter during the event and give ground tours of their aircraft, explaining how they operate. Food vendors will be on site. Admission and parking are free.

This event is an invitation to the community to come out and enjoy a day immersed in the world of aviation, learn more about some of the businesses that operate from their airport, take a ride in a plane or helicopter and view a variety of aircraft on the ground and in the air. Additionally, Lloyd's Music Mart is hosting a Fly-in Music concert following the airport event. The concert will start at 3pm and go until dark, with 5 bands and \$5 admission.

## Touch-A-Truck



The annual Touch-A-Truck event is coming to Frank Lorino Park on Tuesday, September 18th from 5:30pm-8pm. This family-friendly event always attracts a large crowd, eager to see and climb aboard the City's heavy equipment. Kids can enjoy dump trucks, police cars, fire trucks, and more. Other organizations will be bringing construction machinery, race cars, and ambulances.

All are invited to attend to learn more about these vehicles and how they serve our community.

## Message from the Mayor

### KEEPING A FIRM GRIP ON OUR PAST

Much is being publicly discussed about the burst of "new" in Morristown. Industries, retail investments, street & highway development, and public facilities often dominate community discussion as our economy is on a high note.

But Morristown's heritage in the form of historic downtown buildings, the iconic overhead sidewalks, and the Central Business District as a whole is getting close attention from the City's Department of Planning & Community Development.

Director Steve Neilson and Planner Josh Cole met with downtown building owners last month and presented ideas for changes to zoning codes. Feedback was encouraged and received for plans which will be considered by Planning Commission and Council. The emphasis will be on maintaining the "look" compatible with the era in which our downtown first flourished.

21st Century discussion is ripe with vision and future goals, and Morristown is in full throttle with those strategies. But your city leaders are making a firm commitment to keep our proud past on the front burner.



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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