



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

August 2019

## Community Events

**Aug. 6th and 20th@5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**August 9th@10am**

Farmers Market Week Celebration  
at Farmers Market

**August 15th@7pm**

Lost Creek Concert  
at Downtown Green

**August 16th@8pm**

Starlite Cinema  
at Fred Miller Park

**August 17th@2pm**

Davy Crockett's Birthday Party  
at Crockett Tavern

**August 17th@7pm**

Farm to Table Dinner  
on downtown Main Street

**August 24th@10am**

Skateboard Competition  
at Frank Lorino Park

**August 30th@7pm**

Michael Reno Harrell Concert  
at Rose Center

**August 31st@11am**

HOLA Lakeway Food Festival  
at Rose Center

## Teams Finish Successful Season

This year's Morristown Little League teams saw great success in competition. Following the regular season, 4 of the All-Star teams advanced to further competition in the region.

The team to advance the furthest in competition was the Girl's 13-14 year old Juniors team, led by coach John Gullion. Following their wins of the district and state titles, they advanced to regional competition in North Carolina where they took 4th place. Other teams that advanced into further competition were the Girl's 15-16 year old Senior team (won district, finished 3rd in State), Boy's 9-10 year old team (won district, finished 4th in State), and Boy's 12 year old team (won district, finished 2nd in State).

A big congratulations to the athletes and coaches for all their hard work this season. You sure made your hometown proud!



## 150 Years of History in Hamblen

Hamblen County is coming up on its Sesquicentennial Anniversary. To commemorate this milestone in our community's history, the Hamblen County Genealogical Society is publishing a book, "Hamblen County History and Families, Vol. II". The book will include a history of our county and the families that reside here. They are inviting any Hamblen County residents to contribute stories of their family history in 500 words or less to be included in the book. For more information and to order a book, contact the Genealogical Society at (205)305-6504 or email Earleen Sides at earleensides@gmail.com. Deadline to submit a story for the book is August 31, 2019.

## City Tax Notices

Morristown City Tax notices have been mailed out and should have arrived to your homes or businesses earlier this month. Please note that in addition to mailing in payment or paying in-person at City Center, taxes can also be paid online through the City's website, [www.mymorristown.com](http://www.mymorristown.com). If paid during the month of August, there is a 2% discount off your bill. Deadline to pay City taxes is December 31, 2019.

## Back to School Safety



The Morristown Police Department would like to remind everyone children are returning to school in Hamblen County early August. 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 6:45–8am and 2:45–4pm."

As a reminder, Tennessee passed the "hands-free" law on July 1<sup>st</sup>, banning drivers from using hand-held devices on any roadway; driver's 18 years of age and older may use hands-free devices. Those cited for using a hand-held device in a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, the fine is \$200.00 and is subject to the imposition of court costs. 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 TAKE THE CENSUS?

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the island areas of the U.S. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens. The first one was in 1790, the next one begins in 9 months.

The population totals from the census determine the number of seats each state has in Congress. States also use the totals to redraw their legislative and school districts. It is extremely important for Morristown and Hamblen Co. that ALL people living here participate.

There is concern our Hispanic population may want to avoid being counted due to anti-immigration rhetoric nationally and memory of the ICE raid in Bean Station last year. An undercount of the true population would have a detrimental impact on our community when it comes to eligibility for federal funding and planning.

Census data is confidential. It is a felony for any Census Bureau employee to disclose any confidential census information during or after employment, and the penalty for violating is 5 years in prison.

Census workers will be paid \$13.50 / hour and earn 58 cents per mile of travel. Not bad supplemental income and the importance of the work is very high.



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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