



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

July 2019

Community Events

July 2nd & 16th @ 5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

July 5th @ 6pm

Party on Peavine
in downtown Morristown

July 10th @ 10am

Wet 'n' Wild
at Fred Miller Park

July 18th @ 5pm

Carnival
at Regency Retirement Village

July 25th @ 6:30pm

Gospel Fest
at Farmers Market

Hands-free TN



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★ TENNESSEE ★

A reminder that as of July 1st, the State of Tennessee is now a "Hands-free" state, meaning no hand-held cell phone use is permitted while driving. For more information regarding this new law, please visit www.handsfreetn.com.

City Receives Prestigious Award

Last month, members of City Council and staff attended the annual Tennessee Municipal League (TML) conference in Memphis. TML's primary function is to advocate on behalf of city governments. Morristown has participated with TML over the years to advance the City's efficiency and operations. At this conference, Morristown was presented the "Excellence in Governance" award, a prestigious award recognizing Morristown's efforts to improve city services, quality of life, and government in general. On receiving the award, Mayor Chesney says, "This award is recognition by other cities in Tennessee of the successes Morristown is experiencing with infrastructure development, job growth, and quality of life improvements. It's a moment of pride to say congratulations to our administrative leaders, department heads, and city employees for Morristown earning this award. Well done."

The City of Morristown has made concentrated effort between elected officials and city administration to accomplish some lofty goals. The City's fund balance has been brought from less than \$50,000 nearly a decade ago to more than \$12 million today. A new "shepherding program" within the planning department has helped city projects and development move forward at a quicker pace. The City began a new building program to add a fire station, public works facility, and community center. The City purchased the old Morristown College site, which is being turned into a 50 acre park. The downtown area has been revitalized through additions and renovations, including the farmers market pavilion and ceilings on the overhead sidewalks. Morristown also worked with the Industrial Development Board to secure the expansions of current manufacturing industries as well as the addition of a new industry to the community.

In recent years, Morristown has seen a huge boost in the economy and is poised for unprecedented growth. The City of Morristown is matching that growth by improving its services and infrastructure to better support the people of Morristown. TML has recognized those efforts and the City of Morristown is proud to continue in these efforts for many years to come.



Little League All-Stars Head to State



Morristown Parks & Recreation Little League has had another successful year of competition. The regular season has wrapped up, but the All-Star teams are just ramping up for district and state competition. Eight teams formed from athletes in

each division are playing in nearby Greeneville.

The 9-10 year old boys team was proud to be crowned as the District 4 Champions. They will play their first state tournament game on Saturday, July 6th along with the girls 13-14 team.

Thank you to all the young athletes and coaches that participated this season and best wishes to those playing in the state tournament!

Click It or Ticket

Every year the Morristown Police Department works with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) to report certain traffic related citations and arrests. The THSO has three reporting periods each year.

Our recent reporting period encompassed two weeks during the Memorial Day Holiday. This reporting period was named "Click It or Ticket"

Officers of the Morristown Police Department (MPD) issued 39 seatbelt citations during this reporting period. However, 12 DUI offenders and 17 felony offenders were arrested. MPD officers did take 32 fugitives into custody.

Also in this two week period, there were 32 drug arrests and 18 individuals charged for driving on a suspended or revoked license. There were 105 speeding citations issued to motorists as well.

The MPD works toward the mission of the THSO to reduce traffic crash fatalities by "changing driver behavior through increased education, enforcement, and community partnerships."

By working on traffic enforcement, the MPD strives daily to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Morristown's roadways.

Message from the Mayor

COUNCIL RETREAT

It's that time of year again when the Council "retreats" and goes into a non-stop 24 hour planning blitz listening to reports on results of achieving previous goals and setting new goals.

The annual Council Planning Retreat is set for August 2-3 at the Meadowview Convention Center in Kingsport. Each year we use the opportunity to share both what we hear from the public and what paths we as councilmembers believe the correct path to be.

These sessions, along with analysis of the Citizen Survey results have resulted in many of the capital projects we see underway now in Morristown.

It's always a productive workshop where dress jackets and ties are replaced with blue jeans and loafers. This type of sharing, planning, and most importantly – execution, has been a significant part of Morristown's being named the 2019 recipient of the Tennessee Municipal League's Excellence in Governance award last month in Memphis.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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