



City of

MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

June 2019

Community Events

June 4th & 18th @5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

June 6th @6pm

Summer Jam Concert
at Downtown Green

June 6th @5pm

Juried Art Show Reception
at Rose Center

June 7th @6pm

Lil' Road Racers
at DMLK Park

June 7th @8pm

Starlite Cinema
at DMLK Park

June 8th @8am

First Fire Truck Fund Car Show
at Fred Miller Park

June 14th @5pm

Kids Fun Fair
at Fred Miller Park

June 20th @7pm

"Copper Ridge"
at Downtown Green

Council to Vote on Community Center

Over the years, when asking citizens what Morristown needs, City staff has continued to hear the need for a community center. That request from citizens may finally be coming to fruition. Three years ago, City Council made the community center a priority and began investigating what it would take to bring one to Morristown.

A few years ago, when Morristown Public Works was in need of a new facility, land was chosen to build on the west side of town. The large lot purchased for the facility was more than enough space, so Council saw this as a good opportunity to utilize the extra acreage for a future community center.

City Council has been working closely with Lose and Associates, the designer for the Public Works Facility, to also develop the design for a community center. After many meetings and careful study, the majority of Council seems ready to move forward with this project. With the booming local economy and the Exit 4 connector expected to bring more people into town, now seems like the time to take action and serve our growing population.

The proposed community center will be located off of Merchants Greene. With just over 101,000 square feet, the center will include competition and recreational swimming pools, large basketball facilities, a conference space, indoor climbing center, fitness rooms and more. The estimated price tag is \$36 million. City staff has proposed a 25¢ tax increase for the coming fiscal year to cover this cost. To the average household, that means less than a \$10 increase per month. The City is also exploring possible partnerships to help cover the costs of construction and maintenance.

The proposed community center and tax increase will come before Council at this month's meetings as part of the budget approval. If passed on second reading, the City will move forward with this project for plan approvals and construction bids. Construction is expected to be completed by 2022. This is an exciting time for Morristown and the City looks forward to bringing more recreational and social opportunities to our citizens.



Message from the Mayor

The Morristown Community Center "When are we getting a community center?" has been an often-asked question these past 20 years, or so. The time has arrived when that question could be answered, "Now." Between now and the July 1 beginning of the 2020 Fiscal Year, our City Council will be weighing a lot of numbers, both financial and demographic, to determine if this is the time to proceed with the proposed \$36 million comprehensive center which will feature a wide array of activities to meet the needs of a growing population and a full-range of age groups.

Lose Design has presented a proposed 101,000 sq. foot facility which includes indoor/outdoor aquatics, multiple basketball courts, locker rooms & showers, fitness room, walking track, splash pads, large meeting /banquet room, and offices for Parks & Rec.

With Morristown's recent growth and the certainty of industrial and population expansion being just around the corner, the economic outlook is bright enough to move forward in addressing improvements to quality of life options. Council's decision will rest on the how the funding plan impacts the public.



Mayor Gary Chesney

FD Welcomes New Recruits

The Morristown Fire Dpt. is proud to welcome 4 new firefighters to their crew. Following 14 weeks of training, Jonathan Sams, Joseph Shipley, Brad Lakins and Isaac Woody have graduated from the 2019-1 Recruit Class at the Northeast TN Regional Fire Training Academy and are now on shift. Best of wishes to them as they serve our community.



Movies Under the Stars

Drive-in movies may be a thing of the past, but that doesn't mean you can't still enjoy an outdoor movie under the stars. Morristown Parks and Recreation is once again hosting their annual "Starlite Cinema" movie series. The movie series, sponsored by Newport Cinema 4, features free showings of recent films on the big screen at various parks throughout the City. Bring your own chairs and snacks or purchase something from the food trucks on site. The movies are all family-friendly, so people of all ages can enjoy. Movies begin at dusk. Hope you can join us for one or all of the Starlite Cinema films.

Starlite Cinema Series Schedule

June 7th - "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" @ DMLK Park

June 28th - "Black Panther" @ Fred Miller Park

July 26th - "Hotel Transylvania 3" @ Morristown Farmers Market

August 16th - "Wonder" @ Fred Miller Park

October 5th - "Goosebumps 2" @ Fred Miller Park

Morristown Marshal Memorialized



Last month, City of Morristown officers Captain Charles Letterman and Captain Chris Blair traveled to Washington DC to represent Morristown for National Police Week and pay tribute to a fallen Morristown officer. In August 1880, Morristown's Town Marshal James T. Morris was shot and killed during an arrest. At this year's candlelight vigil for Police Week, Morris was recognized for his service and immortalized on the National Law

Enforcement Officers Memorial along with other officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. We thank Morris and all those who serve and protect our citizens.

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