



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

November 2019

## Community Events

### November 16th@10am

A Salute to Heritage Park  
at Heritage Park

### November 19th@5pm

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

### November 21st@6:30pm

Tree Pruning Class  
at Senior Citizen Center

### November 22nd@7pm

Java Jive  
at Rose Center

### November 29th@7pm

Exit 65 Concert  
at Rose Center

### November 30th

Small Business Saturday  
in Downtown Morristown

### December 5th@7pm

Christmas Parade  
in Downtown Morristown

## NCS Survey

The City is preparing to send out the annual National Citizens Survey (NCS). A random sampling of residents will be sent the survey and are encouraged to fill it out. Results from the survey help the City determine what the City needs, what can be improved, and what is going well. More information, as well as an online opt-in survey, will be available in the coming weeks.

## Celebration at Heritage Park

The City is putting the final touches on plans and are ready for November 16th's grand opening celebration at Heritage Park. Morristown's newest park will be a quiet oasis in the center of town, 52-acres of open space, walking paths and historical monuments. Paying tribute to the site's history of Morristown College, there is a replica of the colonnades. There will also be signs throughout the park with facts and information about the college and its role in our community.



This month's event is expected to draw thousands in attendance to see and experience the new park through a day of entertainment and activities. All are invited to this free event featuring music by Chris Blue, Emily Ann Roberts, and other special guests. The day will begin at 10am with the opening ceremonies and honoring of veterans and Morristown College alumni. Make plans to spend the whole day at the park to enjoy a kids zone, food trucks, Arts in the Park, vendors, live entertainment, and finishing with a fireworks show. Due to the large anticipated crowd, the City will have shuttle buses running from several parking areas around town. Bring your own chairs or blankets to enjoy the entertainment. View the bus routes and event information at [www.mymorristown.com](http://www.mymorristown.com).



The City is very proud of this new park and what it will offer to our community. We are excited to open the site to the public and hope you can join us for a Salute to Heritage Park on Saturday, November 16th.

## Christmas Preparations Underway

It's still November, but Christmas is just around the corner. Decorations are already going up in preparation of the holiday festivities that will begin after Thanksgiving. The City is once again hosting an afternoon of festivities at the Farmers Market for the annual "Christmas in the Park" event and official tree lighting. On December 7th, beginning at 3pm, enjoy food, music, photos with Santa, and more. The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 6pm.

If you are interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact Parks & Recreation at (423)586-0260.

## Specialized Police Training



Friday, October 25, 2019, the Morristown Police Department's special teams conducted their annual all teams training. The training included members from the Special Response Team, Crisis Negotiations Team, Public Information Unit, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, K-9 Unit and the newly assembled Drone Unit. The scenario based training helped to prepare the units to work together, should a major incident occur.

During major incidents, the Special Response Team sets up a perimeter and assists with apprehension. Members of the Crisis Negotiations Team, during a hostage or barricaded subject event, will negotiate a way to have the best outcome for all involved. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit uses equipment when there is a suspected explosive device to render the area safe. K-9 handlers and their partners assist special units by sweeping the area for explosives; they also assist with apprehension of suspects. The Drone Unit is new to the department; this unit assists in giving aerial views of the area. Public Information Officers work with the media to ensure citizens know what is going on by giving accurate and up-to-date information.

The annual scenario training gives specialized teams the opportunity to find strengths and weaknesses while working together. The knowledge of what each team is capable of before a real life situation occurs is invaluable. This increases the probability of a positive outcome, not only in this type scenario but in other situations as well.

## Message from the Mayor

### **SALUTE TO HERITAGE PARK**

November 16 is the day, and what a day it should be! The long determined effort to convert a deteriorating eyesore into an impressive public park comes to fruition this month with the Salute to Heritage Park Grand Opening Celebration.

In its better days, this property was the site for Morristown College, the Methodist – sponsored predominantly African American junior college which served our community for more than 100 years.

Commemorations of the school, its founders, and alumni will be key parts of the Salute activities which will also feature a kids zone, Arts in the Park, food trucks, vendors, special guests, and outstanding musical performances.

The evening will conclude with concerts from national recording artists Emily Ann Roberts and Chris Blue followed by a fireworks display.

Heritage Park is going to be a historical park with future entries of acknowledgments of military, sports, education, and business growth in Morristown–Hamblen.

Phase One has come to pass and there will be additional phases in the future as our options for quality of life improvements move forward.

November 16 – a day to salute our community. Don't miss it.



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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