



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

September 2019

## Community Events

**Sept. 3rd & 17th@5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**September 14th@2pm**

"I Do" Wedding Show  
in downtown Morristown

**September 17th@5:30pm**

Touch-A-Truck  
at Frank Lorino Park

**September 19th@7pm**

Concert  
at Downtown Green

**September 20th@6pm**

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater  
at Morristown-Hamblen Library

**September 21st@10am**

Fly-In  
at Morristown Regional Airport

**September 27th@6pm**

Lil' Road Racers  
at DMLK Park

**September 27th@8pm**

Starlite Cinema  
at DMLK Park

## A Salute to Heritage Park Event

For many in our community, Morristown College holds a lot of memories. Perhaps you attended school there or participated in a sporting event. Maybe you remember walking the grounds or eating in the cafeteria. It has been a site of great historical significance for over a century.



When the City took ownership of the site a few years ago, it was devoted to be a future public park. The goal was to create a place that honored the legacy of the site as well as created something for the future of Morristown.

Over the last year, lots of work has been done on the 52-acre lot. Brush and weeds have been cleared to create walking paths and open lawns. Lighting, irrigation, and bathrooms have been installed. The crowning feature of the park, a replica of the campus colonnades, has been built. Construction on this phase of the park is nearing completion and it is nearly ready to be unveiled to the public.

To celebrate the opening of the park, the City is hosting an all day celebration on Saturday, November 16th called "A Salute to Heritage Park".

Beginning with a ribbon cutting and address at 10am that day, the event will seek to highlight the history of the site by recognizing Morristown College alumni, honoring veterans, and hosting historical speakers who will talk about the history and heritage of our community.

A variety of entertainment will be offered throughout the day, including local musicians and dancers, a kids zone with bounce houses, food trucks, hot air balloons rides, and vendors. The annual Arts in the Park event will also be moved to be included as part of this event. The event will close with a concert headlined by Chris Blue, Knoxville-based singer who was the Season 12 winner on The Voice.

Also performing will be Voice contestant Emily Ann Roberts, Nashville artist Stuart Clawson, local band Further Born, and gospel group Sacred Calling. This will be a free event.

We hope that this event will be just the start of many more memories being made on this historical site. Join us on November 16th.

For more information about the event visit: [mymorristown.com/salutetoheritagepark](http://mymorristown.com/salutetoheritagepark).



## Emergency Response Training



As part of ongoing readiness training, Morristown Police Department personnel participated in emergency response training conducted by the Walters State Community College Campus Police, at the main campus, last month.

This type of training allows for evaluation of strengths and weaknesses to prepare first responders, should a critical event, such as an active shooter, occur. Once the training concluded, a debriefing was held to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the emergency response.

Chief Roger Overholt stated, "Training with other emergency responders is vital to having successful outcomes, should a critical event occur. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in these types of training events."

## Message from the Mayor

### 2019 Planning Retreat

Last month, City Council held its annual two-day planning retreat to discuss where we are and where we want to go. Certainly we have capital improvement projects underway with completion dates just around the corner:

Heritage Park will officially open November 16 with a day long Grand Opening Salute of recognitions, music, activities, and plenty of entertainment featuring singers Chris Blue and Emily Ann Roberts plus a closing fireworks show.

The new Department of Public Works compound will be completed next March and the go ahead has been given to Lose Associates to complete design work and prepare for bids for the new Community Center. November will also see the finished product of the new entrance plaza at the City Center.

Where do we want to go from here? Being prepared for coming growth. Nearly 3,000 jobs are projected here over the next five years. This means our infrastructure of public works, utilities, and safety providers/ responders must be staffed at proper levels with appropriate and competitive pay.

With that in mind, Council has given City Administrator Tony Cox the go ahead to contract with Austin Peters Group to conduct a Class Compensation Study to evaluate and make recommendations on positions, job descriptions, and levels of compensation. Future capital projects include replacing older fire halls, enhancing citizen speaking forums, and planning for a performing arts facility.

It's an exciting time to be in Morristown. We look forward to improving the citizen experience.



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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