



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

July 2020

## Community Events

**July 17th@8:30pm**

Drive-in Movie  
at Frank Lorino Park

**July 21st@5pm**

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

**July 31st@8:30pm**

Drive-in Movie  
at Frank Lorino Park

**August 7th@5pm**

Outdoor Concert  
on the Downtown Green

**August 8th@6:30pm**

Farm to Table Dinner  
on Downtown Main Street

## Lakeway Transit Begins

A project that has long been in the works is about to come to fruition. The Lakeway Transit Fixed-Route Bus System is anticipated to put its buses into route on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The new buses will provide public transportation between popular retail,



medical, industrial and housing centers through Morristown's main corridors. Bus stop shelters and signs are currently being installed around town.

The bus system is overseen by the Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation and Planning Organization (LAMTPO) and will be operated by ETHRA. A lot of planning and research has been done to determine what the best routes and schedules will be. The buses will run Monday-Friday from 7am-6pm with three different routes serving Hamblen County. Adult fares are \$1.50 with monthly passes available. Students, seniors, and those disabilities can ride for only \$.75.

The new website, [www.lakewaytransit.com](http://www.lakewaytransit.com), is about to be launched and will provide all information, including route maps.

## Talley Ward Reopens

After being closed to the public for COVID, Talley Ward Recreation Center is now reopened for singles pickleball and fitness classes. Both are by appointment only and numbers will be limited. Two pickleball courts are available to be reserved Monday-Friday between 9 am – 8 pm. To reserve a court call the Morristown Parks and Recreation office at (423)586-0260.

Fitness classes, taught by Gail Noe-Kilgore, are offered Monday – Friday. Options for fitness classes are:

- Monday & Wednesday - Interval Step & Strength 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday – ABS 4:50 pm - 5:15 pm  
Step & Sculpt - 5:15 pm – 6 pm
- Friday – Stretching 4:50 pm - 5:15 pm  
Cardio Step 5:15 pm – 6 pm

Fees for the class are \$5 for individual classes or purchase a card for package rates. You're invited to try out the first class for free. Reserve a spot in a fitness class by calling (423)748-0798.

## City Retirements

Last month the Morristown Police Department (MPD) bid farewell to two long-term staff members. Bonnie Langdon and Lieutenant Billy Gulley both entered into retirement on June 26th.

Bonnie Langdon began her career with the City in 1985 as the switchboard operator before shortly moving to the MPD where she served as Records Clerk and the Administrative Assistant. She was later promoted to Police Records Supervisor. She brought much expertise to the department during her 35-year career and will be greatly missed.

Lt. Gulley served with the MPD since 1995. During his career, Lt. Gulley worked in the positions of Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, Narcotics Officer, K-9 Handler, Crisis Negotiator, Bicycle Officer and Patrol Supervisor. He most recently served as Support Services Supervisor, assisting the department with many of its day-to-day operations. The City is thankful for his service and wishes him well in his retirement.

## Tax Due Dates Changed

City Council recognizes that there are a lot of challenges facing residents today. One action that the City has taken to try and ease some of the financial stress is to delay the due date for property taxes. Beginning this year, tax notices will be mailed out in September with collections beginning October 5, 2020. All payments made in October will receive a two percent (2%) discount. Residents will have until February 28, 2021 to make payment without penalty and interest. Hopefully this additional time will give some residents some help in getting back to normal.

The City and County taxes will now be on the same schedule which should reduce some confusion in the past about due dates and differences between City and County.

## Message from the Mayor

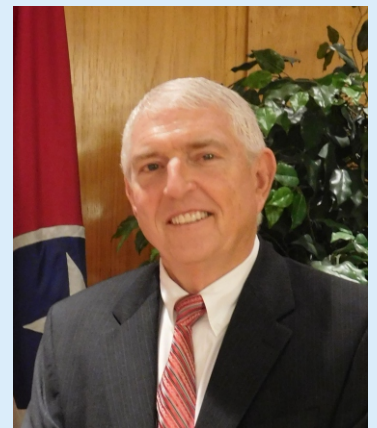
### CROSSROADS

Perhaps the abundance of historical photos of the original Morristown intersections popping up recently on Facebook gave me cause to reflect about the term “crossroads” during last month's reopening of the City Center Plaza. Closed a year for repairs, the Plaza is redone with a noticeable shift to green grass and plants. It makes a nice presentation to motorists waiting on traffic signals at our original intersection – a long ago crossroads of north-south / east-west traffic flowing through Morristown these past 165 years.

We even call our downtown organization Crossroads Downtown Partnership.

Our city, state, and country are at a crossroads today. This dedication occurred on Juneteenth - the anniversary of the final freeing of slaves in 1865. This very day, our country is reevaluating our shortcomings with eliminating racism. We are also struggling with the proper way to publicly protest and push for changes. This all comes in the midst of a deadly pandemic, the likes of which today's Americans have never seen. Daily challenges include how to convince everyone of the COVID's dangers.

The next time you're sitting at the intersection of W. First North and Cumberland, waiting on that light to change and facing the City Center Plaza, I hope you reflect on being at the crossroads and ask yourself, “What can I do to enhance the city where I live?”



*Mayor Gary Chesney*

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