



November 2020 City Newsletter

Community Events

November 17th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

November 19th@1pm

Free Flu Shot Clinic
at Health Department

November 28th@10am

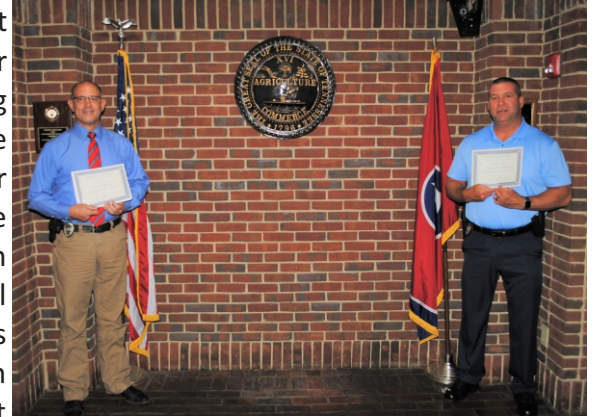
Christmas Downtown &
Small Business Saturday
on Main Street

December 1st@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

Detective of the Year

Two Morristown Police Department detectives were recognized for their outstanding performance during 2019, receiving the annual "Detective of the Year" award. Police Chief Roger Overholt, Deputy Chief Michelle Jones and Detective Captain Christian Newman presented Detective Phil Hurst of the Crimes Against Persons Squad and Detective Darrin Burchfield of the Crimes Against



Property Squad with a certificate of achievement award for outstanding performance, as the leading investigator on their respective squads. The presentation was held earlier this year during an Investigations Division staff meeting.

Detective Hurst, a veteran of 28 years with the MPD, and Detective Burchfield, a 22 year veteran, were chosen by Investigations Division Detective Captain Christian Newman based on a variety of criteria including: Detective's Activity, Extra Activity, Attendance, Open Case File Review, Closed Case File Review, and Peer Votes.

This is the tenth "Detective of the Year" award for Hurst, who received the award in 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2017. It is the third award for Burchfield; receiving the award in 2009 and 2012. Both detectives' names have been engraved on the "Top Detective" plaque housed in the Investigations Division to honor their achievements.

Chief Overholt stated, "I am proud of all our personnel and appreciate the work they do daily to keep our community safe. I commend the efforts of Detectives Hurst and Burchfield."

Annual Citizens Survey

The City is asking residents to participate in The National Community Survey™. Responses to the survey help City administration decide what actions and changes should be made to better serve its citizens. Earlier this month, paper copies of the survey were mailed to 3,500 random households in Morristown. For those who received a paper copy, we ask that you please fill out and return it by Dec. 11th. If you did not receive a paper copy but would still like to voice your opinions, you can do so through an online survey that will be made available later this month on the City's website and social media pages. The more input the City receives from the public, the better it can understand and serve its residents.

America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day, a Keep America Beautiful initiative, is a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. This day will be celebrated on November 15th. We encourage our citizens to recycle as much as possible. Your conscientious efforts reduce the amount of waste in our landfill. Find out more information about the City's recycling program by visiting our website.

Fire Department Goes Pink



Each year during the month of October our Morristown Firefighters work together to raise funds by purchasing and wearing pink t-shirts to support breast cancer awareness. 100% of the proceeds go to the cancer unit at Morristown-Hamblen Hospital to help patients who are having difficulty with medical expenses. This year, the crew was able to raise over \$1,000. Many of our firefighters and staff have been directly impacted by cancer, so this cause is near and dear to their hearts. A special thank you to Danny Case for organizing this for the past 6 years.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

Durham Landing

On October 2nd, we cut the ribbon and opened Durham Landing - the main entrance to our new Public Works facility and the future community center. We have familiar names attached to often used city streets. Morristown Boulevard, Walters Drive and Andrew Johnson Highway easily come to mind.

This street isn't named after a city founder, a U.S. Senator or a former president. But it is to be remembered for a person who made Morristown and Hamblen County a better place, by simply being here.

Mabelle Durham came to Morristown in the 1930s from Stickleyville, VA. She and her husband Hubert Bell bought a farm that sat where Colgate is now. The Bells grew their land and their family, with three kids, the youngest of who most of us know - John Bell.

John remembers his mom as one who had a heart for others and their well-being. That included people and farm animals. "She never liked to see animals mistreated. She cared about helping folks and just doing the right things," says her youngest.

When John Bell sold some of the family's farmland to make way for the Merchants Greene Development, he wondered if remembering the Durham name might be appropriate. It is.

Maybelle Durham Bell passed in 1986 at the age of 90. So when you turn onto Durham Landing, as millions will in the next hundred years, know the name came from good folk who helped her community to just keep getting better.



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