



City of

MORRISTOWN

September 2020

Tennessee

Community Events

September 18th@8:30pm

Drive-In Movie
at Frank Lorino Park

September 28th@5:30pm

Monday Mile
at Wayne Hansard Park

October 3rd@10am

BOPAE Recycling Event
at 5937 Commerce Blvd.

October 6th & 20th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

City Tax Notice

In the past, City Tax notices have been mailed out in the month of August. This year, Council voted to push the date back a couple of months, bringing the City taxes into the same timing as County Tax notices. City residents can expect to receive their tax notices in early October. If paid during the month of October, there is a 2% discount. Taxes will be due by the end of February.

City taxes can be paid in-person, online, by mail, or over the phone by calling (423)585-4607.

Scarecrows at the Park



Scarecrows at the Park, an autumn celebration presented by Morristown Parks and Recreation Department, will be held October 2, 2020 at Fred Miller Park. Fall into family fun while decorating a scarecrow. The Scarecrows will be displayed on the south side of the park for the public to enjoy. Scarecrows are to be decorated and judged on October 2nd and will stay in the park until November 2nd. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each category.

If you or your organization would like to participate by decorating a display this event, please contact the Morristown Parks & Recreation Department at (423) 586-0260.

James Seal Retirement

James Seal has retired from the Public Works Department after serving the City for over 14 years. James joined Public Works on October 24, 2005. For the past several years James has been the crew leader for the asphalt crew.

A retirement celebration was held July 30th in James' honor. Paul Brown, the Director of Public Works, stated James was an outstanding employee and his shoes will be hard to fill. Retirement plans for James include deer and turkey hunting and spending more time with his wife Gail and his grandson Connor.



Parks & Rec Goes Virtual



In 2020, so few things have looked or felt “normal”. Businesses, schools, events, and just about everything has had to change and adapt to the current state of affairs. But despite the virus, many things have been able to continue, even if it means looking a little different. Morristown Parks and Recreation is trying to do that very thing. While many of the park events had to be cancelled, staff is working to continue the annual “Touch-a-Truck” event virtually.

City staff and community members have created videos showing off the heavy equipment and vehicles utilized by Public Works, the Fire Department, Police Department, construction trade, and more. Obviously, it won’t have the same effect for children of being able to actually touch and climb aboard a vehicle, but hopefully children (and adults) will be able to learn more about the heavy equipment and vehicles that make our community run.

Beginning September 22nd, these videos will be available on the City’s Facebook page and website.

Message from the Mayor

THE JEWEL OF EAST TENNESSEE

That's what Sports Facilities Management, Inc.'s Greg Wisecarver says he expects Morristown's new Community Center to be known as. The designated GM for the facility, which will see construction begin this Fall, presented the August 21 City Council planning retreat with design plans outlining what citizens can expect.

“Cradle to grave” is the age span of activities we intend to include. Swimming, fitness, basketball, volleyball, track, climbing, and E-sports competition rooms, and more will be among the choices.

The Community Center will be adjacent the Merchants Greene shopping complex which is fed into from Highways 160 and 11E, West A. J. Highway, and Exit 4 of Interstate 81. The CC will also have meeting and classroom options.

Sports Facilities Management was chosen to be the operations company by a panel of city staff and Councilmember Kay Senter. SFM manages multiple sports complexes throughout the USA. It intends to blend ongoing regional activities with local Parks and Recreation athletic programs. Opening is projected for April, 2022.



Mayor Gary Chesney

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