



## August 2021 City Newsletter

### Community Events

**August 20th & 21st**

Michael Reno Harrell Art Opening  
and Concert at Rose Center

**September 2nd@6pm**

Summer Jam Concert  
at Fulton-Hill Park

**September 4th@10am**

International Food Festival  
at the Farmers Market

**September 9th@3pm**

Chamber Business Showcase  
at First Presbyterian

**September 18th@10am**

Fly-In  
at Morristown Regional Airport

**September 25th@Noon**

Morristown Craft Beer Festival  
at the Farmers Market

### Automated Collection Hitting the Streets

The City of Morristown Public Works Department is gearing up to begin their new automated garbage collection system. If you haven't already, you will be receiving a new garbage cart. While your collection services won't be changing, there are a few changes the City is requesting you make when placing your cart.

- Turn your cart in the opposite direction of how you've placed it in the past. The side with the handle and wheels needs to face towards your home.
- Your cart can be placed in your driveway, in the curblane, or on your lawn, as long as there is no more than 2 feet between your cart and the road.
- Leave at least 4 feet of space between your cart and other obstruction such as a car or mailbox. Multiple carts must be spaced 4 feet apart.
- As has always been the policy, cart lids must close all the way. Do not overfill your cart, place trash on top of cart, or place waste items next to the cart.

These new trucks and carts replace the current aging system. The updated system utilizes a robotic arm on the side of the truck, controlled by the driver, to grab the cart and empty into the truck. Crews will be working with residents to help them understand how to best position their carts for efficient collection.

Public Works Director Paul Brown says of the automated system, "The Morristown Public Works Department is excited about the roll out of our new Automated Solid Waste Collection Trucks. These trucks will provide a more efficient service to the residents of Morristown as well as providing a safer work environment for our employees. I would like to thank each and every one of you in advance for your efforts in helping us make this a success."

Public Works crews began the new service City wide beginning Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please note, the changes being made are for waste collection only and do not apply to recycling services. For any collection questions, call Morristown Public Works at (423)585-4658.



### MORRISTOWN LANDING RECREATION AND EVENTS

Construction on Morristown Landing, the new community center coming to town, is quickly progressing. You can stay up-to-date with the project by visiting the new website, [morristownlanding.com](http://morristownlanding.com). Sign up for the newsletter and follow along with social media to learn all about this exciting new venue that will offer many recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

(423)581-0100

# Bidding Farewell

Earlier this summer, the City of Morristown bid farewell to two valuable employees. Greg Ellison entered retirement at the end of June after faithfully serving the City for 30 years. Ellison began his career in 1992 as a heavy equipment operator with the Public Works Department. He grew through the ranks, becoming a purchasing assistant, safety & training coordinator, plumbing inspector and chief building inspector. He completed his career as the Chief Building Official for the City. He will be greatly missed for his expertise and dedication. We wish him the very best in his retirement. City building inspector Mark Johns will succeed him in the role of Chief Building Official.



The City also said goodbye to Assistant City Administrator of Finance, Joey Barnard. Barnard has had a career history of serving in the Public Sector. He spent 12 years of his career working for the

Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of TN as a legislative auditor and investigator. He brought his knowledge of government finance to the Hamblen County Government offices, working as their Finance Director from 2010-2015. The City of Morristown was then blessed to have him serve as our Finance Director and Assistant City Administrator. Barnard has chosen to retire from the public sector and has taken a position with a local industry. We thank him for his dedicated years of service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.



## Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

### WE CAN DO BETTER

Mask up! Socially distance! Sanitize hands! Sound familiar? Can't tell you how many times I've typed those words on blogs and FB pages over the past 16 months. When we became able to add the word VACCINATE, we found that it all works to dramatically reduce the incidence of COVID. Better still, over 90% of those vaccinated are protected. So why are we once again sounding the Mask-Distance-Sanitize gong? Yes, we have a new COVID variant, but too many remain unvaccinated. The virus is actively spreading again causing illness and death. This time, the younger ones are prime targets. Our medical people tell us it is the unvaccinated who are driving this spread.

We often underestimate the expectation of leadership which citizens place on guardians of public safety and those providing other tax-funded services. Leading the fight against a public pandemic should be one of the examples we display to show the public those expectations are not misplaced.

Please, get vaccinated.

*Gary Chesney*

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