



**August 2022
City Newsletter**

Community Events

August 19th@8pm

Starlite Cinema "Jungle Cruise"
at Farmers Market

August 26th@6pm

Summer Jam Concert
at Fulton-Hill Park

August 27th@10:30am

International Food Festival
at Farmers Market

September 2nd@7pm

Live on the Lawn Concert
on Downtown Green

September 8th-10th

B-25 Mitchell Visit
at Morristown Regional Airport

September 10th@10am

Fly-In
at Morristown Regional Airport

September 17th@10am

Arts in the Park
at DMLK Park

September 6th & 20th@5pm

City Council Meetings
at City Center

Annual Paving Project Takes to the Streets

The City's annual paving project is underway on City street around town. Each year, City staff members from the Public Works Department assess the condition of all City streets. Based on their state of wear, how much they are traveled on, and other factors, the City determines which streets are most in need of repairs. Approximately \$1 Million is allocated each year as part of the City's annual budget to make these repairs. This year, the City will oversee the paving of 5.5 miles of City roads.

In addition to paving, the City will also be "rejuvenating" 13 miles of City roads. This process will apply a coating to roads to help extend their life and reduce the need for costly repairs.

The City has partnered with contractor Summers-Taylor, Inc. to complete the paving work. As they are working on a section of road, proper signage and necessary detours will be in place until the work is completed. All paving is expected to be completed by November.



Carpenter Elected to Educators Assoc.



Morristown Deputy Fire Marshal Tim Carpenter has been elected vice president of the Tennessee Public Fire Educators Association. Carpenter has served the Morristown Fire Department for nearly 30 years. Working alongside the Public Fire Educators Association, his efforts will help reduce the risk of death or injury from fire through public education. In his role, he will help conduct meetings and conferences to promote fire prevention.

The Morristown Fire Department works closely with the Educators Association. Over the years, they have had 3 other firefighters serve as presidents. Fire Chief Clark Taylor greatly values the relationship the MFD is able to share with the association for valuable resources and tools to create a safer Morristown.

Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

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Woods Appointed Finance Director



The City of Morristown is proud to announce a new position appointment for City Staff member Michelle Woods.

Woods has been serving the City of Morristown as an Accounting Manager for the past 4 years. Prior to that, she was the Finance Director for Hamblen County. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from ETSU and has obtained special certifications as a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and a Certified Municipal Financial Officer (CMFO).

Based on her strong performance over the past years, this spring City staff saw it fitting to create a new position for Woods as the Finance Director, a position not previously employed by the City. In this role, Woods will be responsible for assisting with the annual budget preparations, monitoring the budget and expenses, assisting with the audit report, and maintaining compliance with regulations. In addition, she will supervise the finance and tax offices. With this new position comes more

responsibility, but given her experience, work-ethic, and extensive knowledge, Woods is more than up for the task.

When not at the office, Woods enjoys dirt racing, swimming, attending the ballet, and traveling with Rodney, her husband of 31 years. She looks forward to welcoming her first grandchild later this year from her son Michael and his wife Maci.

The City thanks Michelle Woods for her excellent service and looks forward to continue to work alongside her to maintain excellence in your local government.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

Leadership Morristown

In the mid-1980s, the Chamber of Commerce began its Leadership Morristown program, which selects individuals from varied professional walks and gives the group an inside look at how our City and County work.

The Class of 2022 held its first session August 4. Chamber General Manager Debra Williams has assembled a 20-member group representing banking, legal, education, a new-to-local government representative, social service agencies, and industry.

Over the next couple of months, the Class will attend City and County government meetings, interview Mayors and Board members, learn from public safety leaders, and share vision and planning.

The program has produced over 300 graduates, many of whom have matriculated into decision-making positions on the many volunteer boards and committees which bring service to our community.

Leadership Morristown has played a significant role enriching the quality and preparedness of our current and future leaders. A shout-out of "Thanks" to Debra and the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce.

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