



February 2022
City Newsletter

Community Events

February 25th-27th

Encore Theatre performs
"End of the Rainbow"

March 1st & 15th@5pm

City Council Meetings
at City Center

March 19th@10am

Hot Wheels Derby
at Talley Ward Rec Center

March 26th@9am

Hazardous Waste Recycling Event
at Morristown-Hamblen Landfill

April 12th@5pm

Easter Eggsellent Adventure
at Fred Miller Park

April 23rd & 24th

Appalachian Renaissance Faire
at Rose Center

Storybook Trail Debuts New Book



The Storybook Trail at Civic Park recently debuted a new book for the winter season- Ezra Jack Keats's "The Snowy Day". The Storybook Trail connects literacy with a fun, physical activity by presenting a children's storybook on child-height panels along a short trail to promote adult-child interaction around books and nature. Each panel features a reading tip to encourage family engagement and brings the book to life for children.

The Storybook Trail was built and opened to the public last October. The book displayed will rotate periodically with the seasons and features selections from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This project would not have been possible had it not been for many grants, partnerships, and donors, including Ready by 6, the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation, Rotary Club of Morristown AM, Colortech, Inc., Morristown Housing Authority, Hamblen County Board of Education, Morristown Hamblen Library, Morristown Hamblen Imagination Library Council, HOLA, Hamblen County Health Department and various members of the overall community.

Parks & Rec to Hold Public Meeting

Morristown Parks and Recreation department will hold a public meeting on February 24, 2022, at the Parks and Recreation Office at 415 West Louise Avenue at 5pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to allow the public and area recreation providers to engage the recreation staff, Parks Board, and Master Plan Committee on current and future recreation needs.

Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

(423)581-0100

Staff Changes at City Center



Andrew Ellard was recently appointed as the new Assistant City Administrator. He joins the City with a career history of public service. Past experiences including serving as the city manager of Eagleville, TN and as the Director of Urban Development in Hattisburg, MS. The City of Morristown is excited to have him join our team and look forward to the fine work he will be doing for our citizens. Ellard relocated here to Morristown with his wife Beth and 2 young children. They look forward to getting involved in the community and exploring the outdoor activities in our area.

Then, while welcoming one new staff member, the City also bid farewell to a long-time employee of the Morristown Police Department. After serving nearly 34 years with the MPD,

Lieutenant June Cosson entered into retirement at the beginning of this year. She began her service in April 1988 as a patrol officer. She worked her way up through the ranks, serving in a variety of capacities, including on the Special Response Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and as a Crime Scene Technician. She completed her career as the Victim Witness Coordinator. The City of Morristown thanks her for her dedicated service to the people of this community.



Downtown Happenings

APRIL 1ST

Farmer's Market will open.

MARCH 4TH

Enjoy late night shopping, dining, and entertainment at First Friday Late Night on Main.

MAY 6TH

First Live on the Lawn concert will kick off the summer concert series.

Registration deadlines are fast approaching for Spring Little League and the Hot Wheels Derby. Contact Parks & Recreation at (423)586-0260 for more information and to register.

Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

As we make our way into warmer weather and perhaps exit our latest battle with COVID, I want to turn the spotlight on the outstanding job our Parks and Recreation Department does with the preparation and maintenance of our athletic fields and parks.

Morristown is well known for its broad scope of athletic options for kids and adults. A high percentage of City residents are among the team participants and those cheering them on. We also have a wide variety of parks featuring playgrounds, walking and bike trails, picnic shelters, and outdoor concert venues.

I believe there will be a large percentage of us in our community enjoying 2022 with outdoor park experiences. Let's also appreciate our Parks and Recreation Director Craig Price, his staff, and the workforce whose job it is to keep those facilities and grounds at a high level.

Gary Chesney - Mayor

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