



June 2022  
City Newsletter

## Community Events

**June 7th & 21st@5pm**

City Council Meetings  
at City Center

**June 17th@Dusk**

Starlite Cinema  
at Fred Miller Park

**June 17th@5pm**

Kids Fun Fair  
at Fred Miller Park

**June 24th@6pm**

Summer Jam Series  
at Fulton-Hill Park

**July 15th@1pm**

Wet N Wild Water Day  
at Fred Miller Park

**July 15th@Dusk**

Starlite Cinema  
at Fred Miller Park

## Morristown Landing Survey

The City of Morristown invites you to participate in a new online survey about the upcoming community center, Morristown Landing. Responses will help guide our decisions on what to offer at Morristown Landing. Take the short survey at [bit.ly/MorristownLandingSurvey2](https://bit.ly/MorristownLandingSurvey2)

## Jolly Park Opens to the Public



Over the past months, you may have noticed a colorful structure taking shape at the corner of W. Morris Blvd. and S. Jackson Street. This is the site of Morristown's newest play area, Jolley Park. The Jolley Family and City of Morristown Parks & Recreation Department are thrilled to announce the opening of Jolley Park. This inclusive facility has long been a dream of the Jolley Family. They believed that special needs children and adults should have their own unique area outfitted with equipment capable of lifting them up above their confinements and/or boundaries. They want to give every child the opportunity to laugh, swing, play and enjoy the sun on their face. Jolley Park is a 13,000 square foot Special Needs Playground with various levels of skill areas for multiple age groups. Jolley Parks is gated, with a capacity of 600 people. On site are four shelters and ADA restrooms with both youth and adult changing stations. The Jolley Family worked with local special needs teachers to develop the park and decide what amenities would best serve the community.

The park officially opened to the public on June 4th. It is open daily to the public from 9am until dusk. For more information about Jolley Park, please contact Morristown Parks & Recreation at (423)586-0260.



Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

(423)581-0100

## Parks Director Price Retires



The City of Morristown Parks & Recreation Department is already feeling a void left by long-time employee Craig Price. Following his graduation from the University of Tennessee, Price began his career of public service with the City of Rogersville, where he started their parks department from the ground up. In March of 1993, he joined the Morristown City staff as the Director of Parks & Recreation.

During his time with the City, Price accomplished some major milestones for the community. He spearheaded the development of 3 disc golf courses, oversaw the construction of 2 dog parks, a splash pad, several miles of greenways, playgrounds, several new parks, and so much more. His work contributed to the overall growth and improvement of our youth and adult athletics programs and community events.

Price officially retired from City employment on June 1st.

He is looking forward to spending his retirement relaxing with his wife Sherry, reading, fishing, golfing, and officiating local sports games.

We will greatly miss Craig and his hard work and dedication to his community. The City thanks him for his service and wishes him many happy years in retirement.



### Downtown Concerts

**JULY 1ST**

**AUGUST 5TH**

**SEPTEMBER 2ND**

This summer's Live on the Lawn Concert series features live music on the downtown green first Fridays at 7pm. Local food trucks and beverage servers will be on site so you can enjoy a nice evening in our historic downtown.

## Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

### FY23 Budget

Yes, it's time for another budget and a reminder the years continue to move too quickly. City Administrator Tony Cox's new budget proposal was presented to City Council on May 13th and it promises a little something for everybody.

The spending plan is \$10 million higher than last year's, proposes a 5% employee pay raise, and no new property taxes or fee increases. Capital spending will focus on public safety. Fire equipment, a new training tower, and preparations for a new fire hall #3 are part of the mix, as is a 10% bump up for entry level police officers, eliminating the "apprentice" level.

Neighborhood street paving will see twice as much spent as last year with 5.5 miles being paved and another 13.25 miles getting rejuvenation treatments to prolong life before a re-pave is needed. Jolley Park will become part of the park system as that department heads in a new direction.

The budget reflects a year of continuing growth of sales tax dollars, and improved property tax returns - a penny on the tax rate generates over \$96,000; \$12,000 more than it did six years ago.

Morristown's growth is moving forward as planned and I'm proud of the team of City employees we have who handle their tasks so professionally in service to our citizens.

*Gary Chesney - Mayor*

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