



**September 2022
City Newsletter**

Community Events

September 24th@Noon

Craft Beer Festival
on the Downtown Green

September 30th@5pm

Scarecrows in the Park
at Fred Miller Park

October 1st@1pm

Fall Fest
at Fulton-Hill Park

October 1st@6:45pm

Hayden Coffman Concert
at Fulton-Hill Park

October 15th@10am

From the Pages to the Park
at Fred Miller Park

October 15th@7pm

Starlite Cinema
at Fred Miller Park

City Tax Notice

The City Tax office will be sending out tax notices the end of September and will begin accepting payment October 1st. Payments made during the month of October will receive a 2% discount off the total amount.

Barbee to Lead Parks & Rec Staff

The City of Morristown is pleased to welcome new team member, Travis Barbee, the new Director for the Parks and Recreation Department. City staff began their search for a new director following the retirement of long-time Parks Director Craig Price. City Administrator Tony Cox responded to the selection that, "We're excited to add Travis to our team; he will be a great fit for Morristown. We



expect Travis to help guide improvement in Morristown's Parks and Recreation offerings, strengthening our best programs and bringing new energy to areas where we can get better."

Barbee has built a career serving as a Parks and Recreation Director and manager for a variety of departments across the southeast. He most recently worked as the Parks and Recreation Division Manager in Bay County, Florida.

Barbee received his Bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Kennesaw State University in Georgia and studied at ETSU in Johnson City. He has earned accreditation as a Certified Park and Recreation Professional and is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association. With his background of working previously as a parks and recreation director, Barbee brings with him years of experience overseeing department budgets, directing athletics programs, and managing staff.

Mayor Gary Chesney says of the new appointment, "I am excited to welcome Travis as he begins his career as Director of Morristown's Parks and Recreation Department. City administration is confident Travis' experience and vision is a good fit for the direction our Parks and Recreation programs will take to continue a long local tradition of quality sports and leisure options."

The City of Morristown is excited to have Barbee join the team and looks forward to working alongside him to serve our community.

Basketball Registration Now Open

Registration is underway for youth basketball with Morristown Parks & Recreation. Leagues are available for ages 7-16. Cost is \$35 per child, with a multi-child discount. Deadline to register is October 4th. Registration can be found online at: bit.ly/3UoOuyI

Morristown City Center

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MPD Swears In New Officers



On September 12, 2022, the Morristown Police Department (MPD) welcomed six new officers. MPD personnel as well as family and friends of the new officers were present for their swearing in by City Judge Matthew Sexton.

Officers Douglas Baldwin, Jason Cobb, Hannah Kinkead, Mark McBee and Josh Pratt will all begin their training at the Walters State Community College Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy on September 25, 2022. They have had one week of orientation and this past week have been gaining knowledge by riding with personnel in the patrol and investigations divisions. Officer Michael Headrick has previously worked for another law enforcement agency and began the Field Training Program on September 19, 2022.

We welcome our new officers and congratulate them on beginning their careers with the Morristown Police Department.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

Hunter and Morristown Fabric

That front page picture of MPD Officer Hunter Bowles on his hands and knees coaxing a child who was having a bad first day of school at Hillcrest Elementary, to come out from under a bench, inspired a thought about what I often refer to as "Morristown Fabric".

I'm speaking of the social fabric of relationships and connections we make with one another. Certain jobs carry certain responsibilities and come with public expectations. Citizens here are used to seeing police officers, firefighters, and first responders in ambulances responding to demands and emergencies. Carrying out duties with street maintenance, garbage collection, and utility issues don't raise many eyebrows.

However, the ability to recognize a special situation outside your normal box and make things a little better is what I think consistently makes Morristown a bit stronger as a growing community. Grow brings with it challenges to maintaining safety and managing obstacles to daily life.

Strengthening that Morristown Fabric is often a demanding task, but sometimes all it takes is letting a child know there is someone on the other side of that bench who can help erase his fears.

Thanks Hunter, and everyone else just like him.

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