



April 2023  
City Newsletter

## Community Events

April 18th & May 2nd@5pm

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

May 5th @6:30pm

First Fridays Live  
at Farmers Market

May 6th@Noon

Art & Bluegrass Festival  
at Farmers Market & Main Street

May 19th@5pm

aMAYzing Friday  
at Fred Miller Park

May 20th@10am

Strawberry Festival  
at 510 W. Economy Rd.

## Morristown Landing Opens to the Public

After much anticipation, Morristown Landing, the new community center, is now open to the public! The climbing area, gym, walking path, and fitness center are open for use, but the pool is still awaiting final touches. Stay tuned for the announcement of a special Grand Opening event coming soon.

## MPD Welcomes Seven New Officers

The Morristown Police Department (MPD) welcomes seven new officers. On April 3, 2023, Officers Chase Bewley, Jarod Bond, Michael Boswell, Aaron Davis, Tabitha Dykes, Aaron Greene and Oliver Kallal were sworn in by Judge Matt Sexton; supported by their family, friends and MPD personnel.



All officers have started their field training. Officers Bewley, Bond, Davis, Dykes, Greene and Kallal began the Walters State Community College Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy on April 9th. Officer Boswell will be the new MPD Litter Crew Coordinator and a reserve officer for the department.

MPD personnel congratulate our new officers and look forward to serving the citizens of Morristown with them.

*Pictured (Left to Right): Dykes, Bond, Kallal, Davis, Judge Sexton, Greene, Bewley, Boswell*

## Bringing New Life to City Roads



Just like you give your car oil changes and tune ups to keep it running smoothly and extend its life, the City will soon begin preventative maintenance to extend the life of its City streets.

A process called "Rejuvenation" will involve a special sealant and strengthener called "Reclamite" to be applied to certain roadways by the City's contractor, Pavement Technology Inc. This process extends the life of the roadway up to 5 additional years before repaving

is required, thus reducing costs and making the most of City tax dollars.

City crews will notify residents when their street is scheduled for rejuvenation. Parked cars will need to be removed from the street. First the roadway will be cleaned, then sprayed with Reclamite before being spread with a thin layer of sand. Within just 40 minutes, the road is ready to be driven on. The first roads are scheduled for rejuvenation in early May.

Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

(423)581-0100

# Putting Our City on the Map

Most people are familiar with City departments such as Fire, Police, and Parks & Rec, but one City department that many may not be familiar with is the GIS Department (Geographic Information Systems). The GIS department provides integral services that assist nearly every other City department with their daily operations.

GIS is responsible for the addressing and mapping needs in the City. Day to day duties include addressing new homes and businesses, updating zoning and annexation maps, managing maps related to Public Safety workflows for our fire and police departments, and managing storm water and city infrastructure such as roads and sidewalks.

GIS is a valuable asset to the community. Their timely and appropriate addressing aids in 911 response times, making it easier and quicker for emergency personnel to reach those in need. Resources developed by the department assist citizens in finding out information specific to their address. Applications such as the "Sanitation and Recycling Services" helps citizens find out exactly when their next trash or recycling pickup is scheduled for. Not sure where your voting location is for the upcoming election? You can find out through the "Election Polling Places" app. All of these handy tools can be found on the City's website under the "Residents" tab.

The department is lead by two staff members, JoAnn Macdonald who is the GIS Manager, and Ben Wilkerson, GIS Technician. JoAnn is the newest to the staff, recently relocating to Morristown after working on multiple military bases across the US. Her background is in Geography, Geology and Mechanical Drafting. Ben is originally from the Georgia coast and moved to Morristown to be closer to his wife's family in East Tennessee. He always had an interest in maps and got into the world of GIS while previously working for a utility company. The City is thankful to have these highly skilled individuals on our staff.



## Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

### IT'S OPEN !!!

Our much-discussed, long-awaited, and warmly-welcomed new community center is finally open! Morristown Landing officially opened its doors to the public at 5:30 am on March 21st.

This state-of-the-art recreation and events center moves Morristown to a new level for providing quality of life activities for our citizens and visitors coming for special events. The list of people due praise and thanks is a long one, but at the top, I want to shine the light on our City Administrator Tony Cox, our construction manager Tony Petit, the leadership team at Path Construction, and to Sean Guth of Lose Associates, our design & architect team.

The professionalism of all of these is how we got here. And of course, praise to city taxpayers for providing funds. Thank you for your confidence in the leadership. Morristown Landing is yours. You earned it and you deserve to enjoy. We are Morristown, and we outpunch our weight class.

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