



February 2023 City Newsletter

Community Events

February 21st@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

February 25th@10am

Bridal Extravaganza
at College Square Mall

March 2nd@7pm

Listening Roundtable
at Trinity United Methodist

March 7th@5pm

City Council Meeting
at City Center

March 11th@10am

Hot Wheels Derby
at Talley Ward Rec Center

March 18th@9am

Walk Across Hamblen 5K
at Farmers Market

Case Preserves Fire History

Stop by for a visit with Logistics Officer Danny Case at Morristown Fire Station 1 and you might feel like you have stepped right into a museum. Case is an avid collector of historic fire memorabilia and proudly displays his collection to anyone who wants to learn a little bit about the history of fire departments.



Case's curiosity for fire memorabilia and history awoke when a relative gifted him an old fire hose nozzle that had apparently fallen off a fire truck and landed in their yard. Case was later chosen to be a part of the First Fire Truck restoration committee in 2010. As a part of this committee, Case began making connections with various collectors of historical fire objects in order to find parts for the restoration. An interest in amassing his own collection grew and the rest is, you could say, history.

The collection housed at the fire station contains a wide variety of fire-related items. From figures, to antique firehose nozzles, to firefighter uniforms, it's clear that Case's collection has been carefully curated.

A popular item to trade and collect among firefighters is fire department uniform patches. Each department has its own unique patch that gets sewn onto the firefighter's uniforms. Case has collected approximately 1,500 patches from fire departments across the world, including some from Germany, France, and many from the NYC fire stations. Case's favorite item to collect is firefighter helmets. He has collected nearly 100 of them from all over and from different time periods. His favorite is a red handmade leather helmet that dates back to the late 1700s.

The items in Case's collection have been sourced from all over the world. Through his work on the First Fire Truck, he has made a name for himself amongst historians, collectors, and restorationists. Some items have come from other firefighters' collections, from eBay, or as gifts.

In addition to his personal collecting hobby, Case is also the historian for the Morristown Fire Department. He carefully saves and records newspaper articles, photos, and more that pertain to the operations of the MFD. Through his collection, Case has preserved centuries of history, stories, and insight for the future.

Spring Ball Registration

Registration for Morristown Parks & Recreation spring sports is nearly drawing to an end. Be sure to sign up today to get your spot on a team. Forms can be obtained at the Parks & Rec office or online at the City's website.

Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

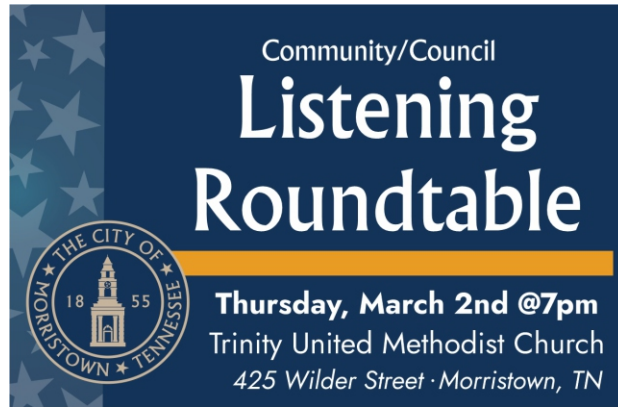
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Council Brings Back Listening Roundtable Sessions

In past years, City Council has hosted Listening Roundtable sessions in various locations throughout the City as a way to meet with and speak to residents. Council has decided to revive these valuable sessions.

The first of a series of Listening Roundtables will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at Trinity United Methodist Church. All citizens are invited to attend and can voice their comments, questions, and concerns to City Council members. There will be no time or topic limitations, so citizens are able to speak casually and get immediate feedback on their issue.

A special topic of discussion at the meeting will be the safety and traffic flow along SR-160. Speakers will present options for future improvements and council will hear input from the public.



State Route 160 Public Survey

The Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO), in partnership with the City of Morristown, has launched an online survey for a study of State Route 160. The SR-160 bypass around Morristown receives lots of traffic throughout the day and City officials and LAMTPO are offering this survey to get feedback in the hopes of improving the overall safety, traffic flow, and operations for all modes of transportation along SR-160. The survey focuses on improvements the public would like to see implemented along the roadway and only takes a few minutes to complete. The survey includes an interactive map exercise that allows you to specify exact locations where you may have concerns.



The survey can be found online at <https://metroquestsurvey.com/su1h1c> or by scanning the QR code. Paper copies can be requested by calling (423)581-6277. Survey will remain open until March 10th.

Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL – MORRISTOWN STYLE

Few communities in this country have the Little League Baseball history Morristown has. Those heroes of the 1985 and 1987 World Series teams are now well into middle age. A couple of other 12 – year old teams from 20+ years ago came within a win or two of making it to Williamsport. There have been a number of girls softball teams which advanced past tough competition and the 2007 Little League team brought the World Series Championship home to Morristown. Our Little League Monument Park at Popkin Fields is viewed by thousands of passing motorists daily.

Times have changed for Little League in America. Kids now have a wider variety of athletic opportunity choices and our Parks and Rec. Department keeps up with most throughout the calendar year. The month of February is Signup Month for Little League. We're still "in it to win it." So get ready. Our Little League history is rich – help make it richer.

Sign up! We still have room for another monument at Popkin.

-Mayor Gary Chesney

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