



July 2023
City Newsletter

Community Events

July 28th@6pm

Back 2 School Bash
at Farmers Market

August 1st & 15th@5pm

City Council Meetings
at City Center

August 4th@6:30pm

First Fridays Live
at Downtown Green

August 11th@6pm

K9 Carnival
at Jaycee Field Dog Park

August 25th@7pm

Summer Jam Concert
at Fulton-Hill Park

MPD Now Hiring

The City of Morristown Police Department is currently accepting applications for their next round of testing set to take place in August. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Applications can be obtained on the City's website or in person at City Center. Deadline to apply is Friday, July 28th.

Deputy Chief Jones Appointed to Board

Deputy Chief Michelle Jones has played an integral role in helping the Morristown Police Department receive their accreditation status. Now she will have the opportunity to help other police departments across the state of Tennessee do the same thing.

Last month, Deputy Chief Jones was appointed as the vice-chair of the Professional Standards Committee. This committee is a part of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) Program which reviews police departments and issues their accreditation certifications. The committee is made up of 20 members that serve 76 participating agencies in Tennessee. Their mission is to enhance the ability of law enforcement agencies to deliver public safety services in the most effective and efficient manner. They establish professional standards of excellence and certify that law enforcement agencies are in compliance with those standards.

Morristown Police Chief Roger Overholt says of Jones' appointment, "The professional standards committee impacts law enforcement throughout the state of Tennessee. I appreciate Deputy Chief Jones being willing to serve as co-chair of the committee."



Back to School

With school starting up at the beginning of August, Morristown Parks and Recreation and the Morristown Downtown Partnership are hosting a "Back to School Bash" on July 28th at the Farmers Market and Downtown Green. There will be school supply giveaways, games, and inflatables. P5 Sweets, Snowie of Lakeway and Floyd's Snack Shack will be selling concessions. Morristown Task Force on Diversity is sponsoring the evening's Starlite Cinema featuring "Space Jam: A New Legacy." The movie will begin at dusk. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the evening.



Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

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Parks & Rec Summer Camps a Success



Morristown Parks & Recreation hosted a variety of new summer camps this season. Over 100 participants of all ages have already been a part of the camps this year, enjoying sports and arts camps including week-long volleyball and basketball camps, an art camp, and a one-day pickleball camp.

These camps have created a unique opportunity for children and adults to try new activities or enhance their skills. The camps have been led by Parks & Rec personnel with the help of community partners. We hope that all who have participated have enjoyed their experiences. Staff looks forward to hosting more camps in the future. Watch the City's website and social media for announcements of upcoming camps.



Tax Free Shopping Weekend

The State of Tennessee will be observing the annual "Tax Free Weekend" from Friday, July 28th to Sunday, July 30th. Shoppers can purchase school supplies, clothing, and computers tax free during this weekend. This makes for a great time to stock up for back to school items. During that weekend, we encourage you to shop right here in Morristown and help support your local economy.

New this year, the State will also have tax free shopping on groceries throughout the entire months of August, September, and October. With rising food costs, this will help ease the financial burden on households.

Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

CHANGING OUR ELECTIONS?

Morristown's City charter calls for election of mayor and council members to be held the first Tuesday in May of odd numbered years. May of odd numbered years is not the traditional "election season" and with council races the only item on the ticket, voter turnout has dwindled in recent years.

This past year was another example, only 10% of the 15,034 registered voters in Morristown turned out to vote.

Other municipalities in Tennessee have faced a similar situation and have moved their elections to November, to coincide with state and national elections that bring voters to the polls.

This month, City Council will consider doing the same when we gather for a half day workshop. The change will also consider having all six council seats be "at large" and eliminate the four wards, a change that will also open the field for more candidates.

We will be listening for feedback.

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