



**June 2023
City Newsletter**

Community Events

June 26th@4pm

Health & Wellness fair
at Morristown Landing

July 3rd@5pm

Independence Day Celebration
at Cherokee Park

July 6th & 20th@5pm

City Council Meetings
at City Center

July 7th@6:30pm

First Fridays Live
at Downtown Green

July 14th@1pm

Wet N Wild Water Day
at Fred Miller Park

Morristown Landing Hosts Ribbon Cutting

Morristown Landing officially opened its doors on June 17th to an enthusiastic crowd of over 1200 guests. The event was marked by a ceremony that included a ribbon cutting, engaging activities, and a vibrant atmosphere that delighted attendees of all ages.

The grand opening ceremony commenced with a speech by Mayor Gary Chesney, who expressed his excitement for the new facility and its potential to enrich the community. "This was just a great way to say Thank You to all the people that made this happen and a great way to introduce Morristown Landing to Morristown," said the Mayor. Also amongst the notable figures present, were City Administrator Tony Cox, Morristown Landing Partners Todd Quillen, President of Morristown Rotary, and Gordon Lintz, Covenant Health President and CAO, and Gregg Wisecarver from Sports Facilities Companies, the management company behind Morristown Landing.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place, symbolizing the official opening of the facility. Mayor Chesney, accompanied by city officials, representatives from Sports Facilities Companies, Lose Design, PATH Construction, Burwil Construction and others, performed the ceremonial act, signifying the beginning of a new era for Morristown and its residents. Tony Cox shared "We've been working a long time to bring this improvement of quality of life to Morristown. We're excited that this will help us step up to the next level."

Guests were treated to a wide array of activities throughout the day. Attendees enjoyed free climbing sessions in the Clip 'n Climp area. The facility offered \$1 swim passes for the state-of-the-art aquatic center. Children enjoyed playing in the outdoor splash pad, a feature made

possible by the Morristown Rotary Club. Facility tours were conducted, allowing guests to explore various features of the facility including the fitness center, event spaces and multi-court gymnasium. Covenant Health was on-site to discuss their future services that will be offered in the facility. The Morristown Landing team spared no effort in ensuring that all felt valued and connected to the spirit of the facility.

Festivities continued with a spread of free hot dogs and beverages. For the younger guests, a range of activities, including face painting, balloon animals, and bounce houses, kept them entertained throughout the day. The beloved mascot Rascal made appearances for photo opportunities.

Morristown Landing has been open since late March with over 3800 members already enrolled. "We're honored to officially have the grand opening today; it's been an amazing opportunity for the community. There are so many different ways to enjoy Morristown Landing and we're excited to have a chance to improve the economic vitality of the city," said Morristown Landing General Manager, Steve Eaton. The state-of-the-art amenities, combined with its commitment to community engagement, are poised to make Morristown Landing a vibrant hub for leisure, sports, and entertainment.



Morristown City Center

100 W. First North Street, Morristown, TN

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City Council Meetings Moved for July

Due to the Fourth of July holiday falling on a Tuesday this year, City Council meetings are moved to Thursdays this month. Council will meet in their normal sessions on Thursday, July 6th and Thursday July 20th at 5pm in Council Chambers.



Make a Splash at Wet 'n' Wild Water Day



The annual summer event at Fred Miller Park will be on Friday, July 14th. Children 15 and under can enjoy a giant slip 'n' slide down the hill along with an inflatable water slide. There will be two sliding times from 1-3pm and from 4-7pm.

Later that evening, the Starlite Cinema movie series will show "The Bad Guys" on the big screen at the park. Movie will begin at dusk and refreshments will be sold. Bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy the movie under the stars.

LAMTPO Asks for Input on Transit Center

In collaboration with ETHRA and Lakeway Transit, LAMTPO is seeking to develop a transportation center in the metropolitan area. The goal of this project is to assess the needs of Lakeway's transit system and find a suitable location for the transit center.

The public is being asked to engage in sharing their vision for the transit center by providing their feedback through a brief survey. The survey is available online here: <https://bit.ly/44bCe8V>

Paper copies can be obtained by contacting richd@mymorristown.com or (423) 581-6277.

Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

THE FIVE MINUTE CITY

The "Five Minute City" is a term municipal planner-types are fond of using to describe a residential community or neighborhood where access to groceries, shopping, and recreation is within a five minute walk. This is particularly popular when downtown living and multi-family condo units are prevalent. Reducing carbon emissions and improving personal health by promoting bicycle and foot traffic is a 21st Century plus.

Morristown could soon fit this description if proposed development continues to fruition.

The recent acquisition of the Bradley/Belk corner at Cumberland and Main could see living quarters be a reality. The Universal condo development along Thompson Creek Rd. has become a popular growth area — more are on the way.

The City's FY24 Budget includes funding to make major improvements at Frank Lorino and Fulton-Hill Parks. Private development along East Main plus anticipated consumer-friendly businesses opening to welcome future downtown residents, can make the term "Five Minute City" a reality in Morristown.

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