



May 2023
City Newsletter

Community Events

May 19th@5pm
aMAYzing Friday
at Fred Miller Park

May 20th@10am
Strawberry Festival
at 510 W. Economy Rd.

May 24th@4pm
Food Truck Rally
at Downtown Green

June 2nd@7pm
Concerts on the Green
at Downtown Green

June 6th & 20th @5pm
City Council Meetings
at City Center

June 10th @6pm
Ties and Tiaras
at Morristown Landing

June 10th@8am
First Fire Truck Fund Car Show
at West Hamblen Volunteer Fire

June 23rd@6pm
Summer Jam Series
at Fulton-Hill Park

Newly Elected Council Sworn In

Municipal elections were held this month for 4 seats on our City Council. Mayor Gary Chesney along with 2 council members, Chris Bivens and Al A'Hearn, were reelected to their seats.

Joseph Senter was elected to fill

an at-large council seat. On May 8th, these men were sworn into office under the direction of Judge Blake Sempkowski. The City looks forward to serving alongside the Council as they vote and make decisions in the best interest for their community and citizens.

Pictured (Left to Right): Judge Sempkowski, A'Hearn, Mayor Chesney, Senter, Bivens



"aMAYzing" Event at Fred Miller Park



Morristown Parks and Recreation is hosting "aMAYzing Friday" on Friday, May 19th, at Fred Miller Park 5-8pm. The department is combining "Kids Fun Fair" and "From the Pages to the Park" into one amazing day! Giant inflatables and interactive games will be set up around the park. Costumed characters will be interacting around the park and posing for photos. The three-hour event has activities geared for children 4-14 years of age. At dusk, "LUCA" will play on the big screen. P5 Sweets and Treats and Snowie of Lakeway will be selling concessions. For more information, please call Jennifer at the parks office at 423-586-0260 or email jgentry@mymorristown.com.

Parks & Rec Hosting Summer Camps

Morristown Parks & Rec is trying something new this summer by hosting a variety of camps and clinic this summer for both children and adults. They will offer everything from one day sports clinics to week-long art and sports camps. There will even be a Nerf War camp! Check out all the available camps by visiting the City's website or facebook page.

City's Annual Budget Proposed

Earlier this month, City Administrator Tony Cox presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 to City Council members and the public. The overarching message of the presentation is maintaining momentum. The total general fund budget proposed is \$55.3 million and includes no property tax increase.

The newly proposed budget includes ongoing projects such as Thompson Creek Road, structural and maintenance items at Talley Ward, historic roof replacement at Rose Center, electric upgrades for events on Main Street and at the Downtown Green, and a series of software upgrades to improve efficiency of city operations. New projects include construction of the new fire station #3 and training facility. An extra \$1 million for planned street maintenance will allow paving of 8 miles of city streets and rejuvenation of 10 miles. And a slate of \$4.4 million in Parks & Recreation projects will upgrade and add new amenities at parks throughout Morristown including pickleball courts, mini-pitch soccer, and new pavilions.

Increases in costs at the landfill have caused an increase in Solid Waste related fees. To cover those costs, it will be necessary to increase the City's rate per can from \$15 to \$20 per month.

Cox provides that "while this proposed plan for FY 2024 is ambitious, we believe it serves the demands of the city considering the growth ahead of us, but we remain fiscally conservative in retaining sufficient fund balance."

The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the budget at its June 6 and June 20 regularly scheduled meetings. A draft budget document is available on the City's website.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

A PARKS & REC KIND OF YEAR

Our Parks & Recreation Department is headed into a year of big improvements according to the proposed FY24 Budget. City Administrator Tony Cox has presented Council with an ambitious plan of upgrades.

Frank Lorino Park will see new pickleball courts, a redesigned 100yd football field, new dugouts, better irrigation, and a new road entrance. Fulton-Hill Park will see a paved driveway and parking to the event-friendly Great Lawn, six new pickleball courts, and two picnic pavilions. Wildwood Park will see two new lighted mini-pitch soccer fields and Wayne Hansard Park will have 113 surrounding acres added for future growth and new parking expansion.

It's going to be a great year for citizens' quality of life options as our population continues to grow, so will our capacity for recreation.

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