



November 2023 City Newsletter

Community Events

Veteran's Day Parade

November 11th@2pm
in Downtown Morristown

Turkey Trot 5K

November 18th@8am
in Downtown Morristown

Young Eagles Flights

November 18th@8:30am
at Morristown Regional Airport

City Council Meeting

November 21st@5pm
at City Center

Small Business Saturday

November 25th@10am
in Downtown Morristown

Holiday Craft Fair

December 2nd @9am
at Rose Center

Christmas on the Market

December 2nd@2pm
at Farmer's Market

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 2nd@6pm
at Farmer's Market

Christmas Parade

December 7th@7pm
in Downtown Morristown

Celebrating Christmas in Morristown

It's still November, but the City is gearing up for all things Christmas. It won't be long before you will see City staff stringing garland and twinkle lights to make our City festive and joyous for the coming season.

The annual festivities at the Morristown Farmer's Market will take place on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 2pm. During the daylight hours, enjoy local vendors, food trucks, children's activities, photos with Santa, and a candy cane hunt with The Grinch. Once the sun goes down, the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 6pm with music, dancers, the Christmas story, and, of course, the turning on of the City lights.

City crews have already begun working on the decorations for downtown Morristown. The Main Street Skymart will be decorated with lighted garland, wreaths, and bows, making a perfect backdrop for the Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 7th. The community will gather that evening for the annual parade hosted by the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce. The parade signifies the official arrival from Santa as he rides aboard Morristown's First Fire Truck.



Downtown businesses, Rose Center, and other organizations will be hosting special shopping events throughout the holiday season. Follow the City's facebook page to see updates about upcoming events. We encourage you to attend these events and shop local for your gifts to help support your community and local businesses.

Downtown Banners Honor Medal of Honor Recipients



Receiving a Medal of Honor is a rare occasion. Hamblen County is proud to be the hometown of two Medal of Honor recipients, Private Calvin Ward and Sargeant Edward Talley. Both gentlemen served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I and were awarded their medals for their bravery while under fire.



To honor these two hometown heroes, special banners were recently hung in downtown Morristown along the length of the Main Street Skymart. The hanging of the banners aligns well with Veteran's Day as we thank these men and all those who have bravely served their country.

Jim Seals Retires from City Garage

Earlier this month, the City of Morristown Public Works Department bid farewell to long-time employee Jim Seals as he enters into retirement.

Jim worked for the City for over 17 years in the equipment shop. The equipment shop oversees the maintenance and repair of all City vehicles. Jim took care of both heavy and light equipment vehicles. Because of his great work ethic and knowledge of the industry, he was promoted to fleet supervisor over the department. Public Works Fleet Manager David Marshall says of Jim that, "He was an excellent mechanic and a good supervisor. We have lost a very valuable and knowledgeable friend and employee that will be truly missed."

The City thanks Jim for his dedicated years of service to the City and to his community.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

MATS - THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT

You may have noticed in one of the City's Facebook posts a tip of the hat toward MATS. I would like to say "amen" to the mission and efforts of the Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter. We are hearing more often "do something about homelessness".

MATS is. The program which began in the mid- '80s through the vision of a trio of Morristown pastors, provides temporary shelter to those in need. And there's more. The goal is to put the client back on the road to independent living. Counseling, financial management advice, assistance in locating a firm residence, and obtaining permanent employment are all part of the MATS program. The structure sets timelines for the recipient to complete the program and move into their new chapter of life to make room for others.

Making room for others took a major step forward last month when MATS was able to purchase the vacant lot next door. The new goal is an expansion of services. MATS is one of the local non-profits our City budget contributes to. We consider MATS a success story and encourage public support.

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