



## October 2023 City Newsletter

### Community Events

#### BOOFest

October 23rd@4:30pm  
at Fred Miller Park

#### TN Tailgate

October 28th@4pm  
at Fulton-Hill Park

#### Mountain Makins

October 28th & 29th  
at Rose Center

#### K-9 Carnival

November 4th@4pm  
at Fulton-Hill Park

#### City Council Meetings

November 7th & 21st@5pm  
at City Center

#### Ornament Exchange Fair

November 11th@10am  
at Talley Ward Recreation Center

### City Tax Notices

2023 City tax notices have been mailed out. Payments can be made in-person at City Center, by phone, by mail, or can easily be paid online at: <https://bit.ly/2Llbqwx>

Payments made before the end of October will receive a 2% discount.

### BOO Fest

Morristown Parks & Recreation is gearing up for another great BOOFest event at Fred Miller Park. BOOFest is a Halloween-themed event that invites children to trick-or-treat from participating booths around the walking path at the park. Over 60 booths have registered to participate this year, more than the City has had in recent years. Visitors will be able to vote on which booth was their favorite. This event could not be possible without the active participation of organizations and citizens of our community. Children will have lots of opportunities to load up their baskets with candy and treats while seeing some excellent costumes and displays.

BOOFest will be held on Monday, October 23rd from 4:30pm - 8pm. Those who pre-registered for a Spooky Pass will gain early entrance into the event from 4:30-5:30pm, after which the general public can enter.

Morristown's Recreation Program Coordinator Jennifer Gentry says of BOOFest that, "We look forward to this event each year and I am grateful for a community that gives back to the children."



### LAMTPO to Hold Meeting on Transit Center

In collaboration with ETHRA and Lakeway Transit, the Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 2 from 9:30am-Noon at the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce (825 W 1st N St.) to discuss the feasibility of a brand-new multimodal transit center in the Lakeway Area. LAMTPO envisions a transit center that will provide convenient and accessible transportation options for everyone in the Lakeway Area. We want to hear from the community about what you need and want from your transit center. Come and learn more about this project and share your ideas. This is your chance to have a say in the future of transportation in the Lakeway Area.

Staff and consultants will be available on-site for questions regarding the project. For more information, please contact Richard DesGroseilliers at [richd@mymorristown.com](mailto:richd@mymorristown.com) or (423) 581-6277.

# Tailgate Event Coming to Fulton-Hill Park



Come and cheer on your Tennessee Volunteers at the first ever TN Tailgate at Fulton-Hill Park hosted by Morristown Parks & Recreation. Bring your own chairs and tents and set up a spot on the Great Lawn. The game will be shown on a large screen. Attendees are invited to bring their own food and small grills. There will also be a variety of food trucks on site and beverages for sale.

Come and join us on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 4pm. Kick-off for the Vols game against the University of Kentucky is at 7pm. We are hoping for a fun environment to cheer on the Vols with fellow fans in the community.



## City Requests Participation in the Annual Survey

The City is once again gearing up for its annual Citizen Survey. The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, ratings of local government services and resident use of services. Later this month, postcards will be mailed to 6,000 randomly selected households in Morristown. If you receive one of these postcards, it means that your household is being asked to participate in the survey and a paper copy of the survey will be mailed to you in early November. There will also be a link for you to take the survey online if you prefer. Responses to this survey help drive the decisions and actions of City administration to better serve its citizens. The more responses the City receives, the better equipped the City will be to make decisions that provide the most beneficial impact.

Citizens who have not been randomly selected for the survey will have the opportunity to participate in an opt-in survey that will be posted online at a later date.

## Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

### WELCOME BACK TALLEY-WARD

It was just two years ago that Council was on the verge of selling off the Talley-Ward building due to the lack of usage and steady repair costs. The 68 year old one-time Morristown community and events center had long ago seen its best days. This day, after-school pickup basketball and occasional volleyball matches were it.

“Not so fast,” said a few diehards - among them the new Parks & Recreation Director Travis Barbee. With the opening of the new Morristown Landing Recreation & Events Center on the west end of the city, Barbee saw a “Fixed up” Talley-Ward filling an important need. New sewer connections and plumbing attention, window leakage repairs, and a few other upgrades put the facility back into the mainstream of recreation offerings.

Pickleball led the way. Small group exercise and yoga classes found a place in the upstairs classrooms. Summer sports camps were a hit with kids. This year’s city budget has included the installation of modern adjustable basketball goals, allowing younger age group leagues to play on a court previously adult-only.

Congratulations to the leadership and staff at Parks & Recreation for its vision, efforts, and accomplished goals. Talley-Ward is back!

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