



## September 2023 City Newsletter

### Community Events

#### Arts in the Park

September 16th@10am  
at Downtown Green

#### Fly-In

September 16th@10am  
at Morristown Regional Airport

#### Michael Reno Harrell Concert

September 16th@7:30pm  
at Rose Center

#### Touch-A-Truck

September 19th@5:30pm  
at Frank Lorino Park

#### City Council Meeting

September 19th@5pm  
at City Center

#### Summer Jam Concert

September 22nd@7pm  
at Fulton-Hill Park

#### Throwdown-N-Motown

September 23rd@2pm  
in Downtown Morristown

#### Scarecrows at the Park & Starlite Cinema

September 29th@6pm  
at Fred Miller Park

#### BOPAE Collection Event

October 7th@9am  
at JTEKT Plant

## Flag Football League

In 2016, Morristown resident Bryan Cooper took over an existing Flag Football League in Morristown that had 2 age groups with 7 teams. Bryan knew Flag Football was growing across the country, so he started looking into a more efficient and safer way to play the game. After researching and reaching out to other organizations across the country, he discovered the NFL Flag Football program. Bryan believed this was the perfect style of play where players can develop a ton of skills that will carry over to the next level, which is the traditional game of football, along with giving all players a chance to make an impact. Helping alongside Bryan in getting the league off the ground was Vicki Romines. She was a great help with the administration of the league and served as the official scorekeeper for the first few years.

Over the years, the program grew a lot, adding many more teams and additional age groups. Bryan reached out to Morristown Parks & Recreation to see if they could handle the growth of the program and to assist in reaching more kids. Parks & Recreation was ready and eager to take over the league and continue to put out a great product for the community. They felt honored as a department that Bryan believed they could carry on the sport and make it bigger and better to provide flag football to our community. This fall has been the first season of Morristown Parks & Recreation heading the league, with 208 kids participating, 4 age divisions and 25 total teams.

Bryan is still very involved in the program. He announces every game at Holt Field at Frank Lorino Park and helps with game staff. Athletics Coordinator Eric Hogue, Athletic Supervisor Adam Wilson, and the Parks & Rec Staff are very proud to have him involved and hope to be able to continue his legacy that he started back in 2016.

Bryan will also host a tournament in November called the Battle of the Flags. This will be his third year hosting the tournament. It brings kids and families from all over the southeast. This tournament is available to our rec teams to give them an opportunity to show their skills to other competition.

As a department, Parks & Rec has greatly enjoyed taking on Flag Football and are proud to continue to provide kids with athletic opportunities.



# Fly on in to Morristown Regional Airport



Aircraft from across the area will be taking to the skies and meeting in Morristown for the annual Fly-In event at Morristown Regional Airport. This event, hosted by the local EAA Chapter, showcases a variety of personal aircraft, commercial planes, and military vehicles along with show cars. Hands-on activities for all ages will be available to learn about science and aviation. Special speakers will discuss aviation history. New to the event this year is guest speaker Graciela Tiscareño-Sato who is a USAF Veteran, bilingual airshow performer, and children's book author. The Fly-In event is free to the public and will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 10am-3pm.



## Autumn Events

Autumn is a busy season for the Parks & Recreation Department. Some of Morristown's most popular events are held during September and October. Coming up soon is the annual Arts in the Park event on Saturday, September 16th. This year, the event is being moved to the Farmers Market and Downtown Green. Following that event, on the evening of September 19th is the Touch-A-Truck event at Frank Lorino Park. This family-friendly event allows kids to get up close to the large trucks, vehicles and heavy machines that keep our community running.

On Friday, September 22nd at 7pm, we will say farewell to summer at the final Summer Jam Concert at Fulton-Hill Park featuring musical group "Trick Shot Band". Fulton-Hill will also be the site for the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 7th and a tailgate event later in October.

Fred Miller Park will play host to all things Halloween-y with the Scarecrows at the Park/Starlite Cinema movie at on September 29th and then the all-time favorite event of BooFest on October 23rd featuring trick-or-treating around the park trail.

More information about all of these events is shared to the City's social media as well as in the local paper. Parks & Recreation events are FREE to the public.

## Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

### TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC!

One of the most frequent requests I get is, "When are we going to do something about all this traffic?" One of the by-products of population growth is more cars on our streets. If you have been in line to turn onto Merchants Greene from West AJ, be advised bids are going out next month to build a second left turn lane.

There's more: The contract to improve the intersection of 25E at Progress Parkway will also be let in October. South Bellwood Road (between Wal-Mart and Starbucks) is progressing to be straightened to the RR tracks. There was a kickoff meeting earlier this month for the major renovations coming to South Cumberland Street. The new Thompson Creek Road connecting E. Morris with the east end Wal-Mart is progressing rapidly and will alleviate those congestions. A new "roundabout" at the intersection of Walters and Cherokee Drives is the recommended solution to traffic safety concerns at that intersection.

Patience and confidence are two traits that help with driver frustrations when navigating Morristown streets – patience that you will eventually reach your destination, and confidence traffic engineers usually find a solution to most challenges.

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