



June 2024 City Newsletter

Community Events

Kids Fun Fair

June 28th@5pm
at Fred Miller Park

4th of July Celebration

July 4th@5pm
at Cherokee Park

First Friday Concert

July 5th@6pm
at Downtown Green

City Council Meetings

July 2nd & 16th@5pm
at City Center

Wet N Wild Water Day

July 12th@1pm
at Fred Miller Park

Now Hiring for MFD



The Morristown Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Fire Fighter.

The deadline to apply is July 5, 2024. Entry level testing will be scheduled for later in July.

Applications and more information can be found on the City's website.

Summertime Fun with Parks & Rec

The annual Kid's Fun Fair, hosted by Morristown Parks & Recreation, will be held on Friday, June 28th at Fred Miller Park from 5-8pm. Giant inflatables and interactive games will be set up around the park.

Kids can hop aboard the El Paso Train for a ride. Local businesses will be set up with fun summer games and goodies. June is National Dairy month, so the Girls Scouts will have games to promote and educate the participants about dairy. The three-hour event is geared towards children 4-14 years of age. Hamblen County Health Dept will be promoting the Healthy Parks Healthy Person program. It is a free tool that lets you earn rewards at your local park while improving your health.



Once the sun goes down, the movie, "Migration", will be shown on the big screen. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit in the grass and enjoy the movie under the stars. Floyds' Snack Shack and Snowie's will be on site selling treats.

On July 12th, the annual Wet 'N' Wild Water Day will come to Fred Miller for an afternoon of water fun. Children will enjoy a giant slip 'n' slide and inflatable water slide. There will be two time slots for sliding - 1pm to 3pm and again at 4pm-7pm. At dusk, the family movie "Arthur the King" will play on the big screen, accompanied by treats from Snowie's.



We hope you can join us for some of our fun summer activities. As always, these events are free and open to the public.

Fire Safety During the Heat of Summer

The Morristown Fire Department wants to do all they can to keep our community safe from fires. Summer often sees an increase of fires from outdoor cooking, campfires and fireworks. To help keep you and your family safe, we encourage you to follow the safety tips and ordinances in place.



June and July are the peak months for grill fires with 20% of the fires being due to an unclean grill. Be sure to keep your grill clean and away from the walls of your home to reduce the risk of accidental fires. Do not leave lit grills unattended and do not place grills under low hanging tree branches.

The City of Morristown's ordinance prohibits personal fireworks in city limits. This especially becomes an issue with the July 4th holiday as many wish to celebrate the day with fireworks at home. Fireworks can lead to personal injury and structure fires. Even sparklers can become very

dangerous as they reach temperatures of over 1,000 degrees. The City does enforce this ordinance and will issue citations to those using fireworks. Rather than setting off fireworks at home, you are encouraged to attend one of the area professional fireworks displays.

Especially during some of the dry, hot spells that can often accompany summertime, it is important to follow safety guidelines when having campfires and burning brush. Be sure to check with the City's Fire Marshal to see if a burn permit is required or if there is a current burn ban in place.

Summer is a fun time to be outdoors and celebrating special events. We encourage you to stay safe while enjoying yourself.



Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

PLANNING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

Recent Morristown history has seen plenty of changes for our city. The Farmer's Market & Downtown Green, Fulton-Hill Park, the new TCAT facility at the old Public Works/Animal Shelter locations, our new Public Works facility, and, of course, Morristown Landing. What's next?

This August, our City Council will renew its annual planning retreat, a two day out-of-town get-away with our new administrator, Andrew Ellard. The informal "around the table" discussions allow your elected leaders to share and formalize their visions for Morristown's future. It also allows the Administrator to share with Council his views - and what is affordable.

The planning retreats with our previous administrator is where the seeds for the aforementioned progress began. Changes to our city entrance on S. Cumberland and downtown residential development are likely prime topics. Our MTAS rep. will serve as facilitator.

Press coverage will report results. The retreat is set for August 2-3 in Greeneville.

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