



**May 2024
City Newsletter**

Community Events

Splash Pads Open

May 24th at
Fred Miller Park & Morristown Landing

The Landing Luau

May 24th@6pm
at Morristown Landing

Live at Rose Center Concert

May 24th@6:30pm
at Rose Center

First Friday Concert

June 7th@6pm
at Downtown Green

City Council Meetings

June 4th & 18th@5pm
at City Center

Now Hiring for MPD

The Morristown Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and are subject to a background check. The deadline to apply is June 3, 2024. Entry level testing will be scheduled for later in June. Applications and more information can be found on the City's website.

Major Changes on Morristown's East Side

Earlier this month, the long awaited Thompson Creek Road project opened to thru traffic. This roadway connects Thompson Creek Road to E. Morris Blvd. and to the Crockett Trace shopping area. Residents along this roadway now have easier access to amenities and emergency personnel can respond more quickly. This section of Thompson Creek Road also includes sidewalks for pedestrians and bicycles to enjoy recreation and access Frank Lorino Park. This has been a major project that has been in the works for a while and we hope is well received by our citizens.



Soon to be located on this roadway, and currently under construction, is a new Fire Station 3. This location is well suited for a fire station, with easy access to 25E and E. Morris Blvd. A groundbreaking ceremony was held recently at this new location. Site preparation has been taking place for several months and construction is now underway. A fire training tower will also be placed at this station, providing valuable training opportunities for our Morristown Fire Department as well as other surrounding agencies.

Another road project to come to the east side of town is a major resurfacing of E. Morris Blvd. This project will resurface the section from Hwy 25E to Jones Franklin Rd. and will add a new signal at the intersection of Jaybird Rd. and Dover Rd. Simultaneously, TDOT will be working on widening E. Andrew Johnson Highway to 4 lanes.



With growing development in our area and an increase in traffic, many of our main thoroughfares in Morristown are seeing facelifts, added turn lanes, and expansions. Road construction will become a regular sight in town for some time as these massive improvements take place. The end result will be easier and safer travel in our community.

Honoring Our Police & Public Works



The month of May dedicates weeks to honor public servants and thank them for the work they do in their communities.

The week of May 12th-18th was National Police Week. During the week, many in the community honored our law enforcement by displaying blue ribbons, donating food, and writing cards.

The week of May 19th-25th is set aside as National Public Works Week. This

observance helps to draw attention to the various vital operations that public works crews do to keep cities running.

The City is thankful for the hardworking and dedicated employees in these departments!



Budget Plans Presented to the Public

On May 17th, City Administrator Andrew Ellard presented the annual budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year. This year's budget includes an ambitious slate of capital projects and the completion of several ongoing projects. The proposed budget of \$56.9 million maintains the current tax rate. Several large purchases to take place this upcoming year includes a new side-loader sanitation truck, a new fire engine, a tactical drone for the Police Department, and the replacement of the gym floor at Talley Ward Recreation Center. Construction is expected to be completed on the new fire station 3 and citizens will see the construction of a roundabout at Walters Drive and Cherokee Drive. Additional funding to the Storm Water Fund will facilitate the rehabilitation of the MAID pond and the construction of work along Havley Springs Branch.

City Council will discuss the proposed budget at the June 4th and June 18th regularly scheduled meetings with the public hearing and final approval taking place on the 18th. The proposed budget document can be found on the City's website.

Message from Mayor Gary Chesney

DOWNTOWN TOMORROW

With the post-fire cleanup of the Parks-Belk corner on W. Main well underway, a clearer view of the future for Downtown is evolving. Building owners have committed to investing in construction and renovations which will result in the upstairs/overhead sidewalks part of many of the historic structures becoming upscale residential apartments and condos. The plan also includes the first floors to become retail outlets for walk-in traffic from Main St. proper.

This is an exciting venture for our city. The vision and determination of these owners to preserve the historic "look" to visitors and citizens, while offering modern living opportunities to new residents is a project, I would dare say, is rarely matched in other communities.

Morristown is going to attract a lot of attention to this process and we should be encouragers to these property owners who are making the investments. Their goal, of course, is to achieve a good return on those investments, but their love for Morristown is also a prime motivator.

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