



City of

# MORRISTOWN

Tennessee

January 2016

## Community Events

January 28th@6-8pm

5x5 Artist Reception  
at Rose Center

January 29th@7pm

Stuffed Animal Pageant  
at Talley Ward Center

February 2nd@5pm

City Council Meeting  
at City Center

## Crime Mapping on City Website

The Morristown Police Department continues to advance in the use of technology to better serve the community. Citizens can now access crime data for locations within the city by visiting our website and selecting Crime Mapping from the police department page. The MPD hopes that by providing the ability for individuals to have access to crime data, community awareness and proactive preventive measures can be taken to reduce crime in our city.



Crime data will be available on a rolling 180 day dataset and will be searchable by date, crime type, and address. Citizens may also register for email notification of crimes occurring near their home or business. There is no cost to citizens for the use of the site. MPD Chief Roger Overholt stated, "the use of advanced technology can reduce the cost of providing law enforcement services to our community and help make our city safer".

## Teammates Reunite to Serve Morristown



*Team parade through downtown*

In 1985, Morristown's Little League team took third place in the Little League World Series held in Pennsylvania. On their return from the series, the team was welcomed back to town with accolades and a ticker-tape parade through downtown Morristown. The teammates had to work hard as a unit to be successful. Today, two of those teammates continue to work hard together as firefighters for the Morristown Fire Department. Captain Brian Shepard & Mike Simerly made their community proud as little league players and now make them proud by serving and protecting the citizens of Morristown.



## Athletics Registration

Morristown Parks and Recreation Department is now taking registrations for its summer youth Baseball and Softball leagues. All registrations are at the Parks and Recreation Office at 415 West Louise Avenue during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Forms can be found online at [mymorristown.com](http://mymorristown.com).

Parents are reminded they must bring a proof of residence when registering. If the child has not played in the Parks and Recreation Leagues, a certified birth certificate must also be provided.

Registration deadlines and divisions can be found online.

# Making Changes to Waste Collection

In an effort to beautify and clean up Morristown, several changes have recently been made to the City of Morristown Code of Ordinances. The City is asking all its residents to join in the effort to properly dispose of household waste, brush and bulk items.

## Bulk Waste Guidelines

- No pickup at multi-residential complexes of 5 or more units
- Contractors & landscapers are responsible for removal of their own waste
- No blocking of sidewalk
- Separate brush & bulk waste piles
- Limited to a pile approximately the size of a pick-up truck load
- Bulk waste should be placed at the curb no sooner than the day before pickup

The Morristown Public Works crews work hard to collect garbage, bulk and recycling. In order to make disposing bulk items more convenient, and to avoid debris collecting on the curbs, Public Works has developed a regular curbside pick-up schedule that coincides with the recycling schedule. The day residents are scheduled to have recycling picked up, the bulk collection truck will also come by.

# Message from the Mayor



It's been eight months since I assumed the privilege of being Morristown's Mayor. I think what has seized my attention most is just how much successful **leadership** I've seen locally from others.

The problem of local industry needing larger numbers of high school graduates with a more industry-ready education has been soundly addressed by school and industry **leaders** through the LEAP grant. A team of Morristown leaders have put a full court press on Nashville to build a new TCAT training school here - and soon!

**Leadership** changes with the Animal Shelter have calmed and converted a once volatile dysfunction into a working facility with an eye on fundraising for additional improvements.

Our once abandoned downtown has made major strides in revitalization through **leadership** with our Crossroads Downtown Partnership.

I think Morristown also does a nice job of developing future **leaders**. At our December 15 Council meeting, I enjoyed recognizing Junior Garcia, a Meadowview Middle School student recently elected as Tennessee's Jr. Beta Club President. A group of "mayors" participating in the local elementary schools' BizTown programs were recognized because they were noted for having **leadership** skills.

As I suffered through watching still another presidential debate, I had a Bad news/Good news feeling: Bad News - "Is this our future national leadership?, Good News - I think Morristown does a nice job of developing and retaining some effective **leaders**."

# Inspections Office Staff

The Inspections Department for the City has seen some changes through a recent promotion and the hiring of a new inspector. Known staff member Greg Ellison has been with the City since 1992. He began his employment as a light equipment operator with the Public Works Department. He went on to work with the street construction and sewer construction crews, purchasing department, and as safety training coordinator. In August of 2005 he was promoted to plumbing & gas inspector and attained his Mechanical Inspectors certification. In 2015, he earned his Building Inspectors certification and was promoted to Chief Building Inspector last November.

To help with inspections, the City recently welcomed a new employee, Mr. Claude Smith. He retired from Sullivan County with eighteen years of service as their building inspector and construction manager. He has 58 years experience working in the construction industry. Ken Turner, the City's electrical inspector, has over 42 years of service.

