

City Calendar

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Art In The Hall • Natalia Leigh
Aug.-Sept. 8am-5pm @ City Hall

Morganton Festival
Friday, Sept. 8 • 12am-12pm
Saturday, Sept. 9 • 9am-10pm
@ Downtown Morganton
www.morgantonfest.org

City Council Meeting
Monday, Sept. 11
6pm @ City Hall

Coffee with a Cop
Wednesday, Sept. 13
8:30am @ Pat's Snack Bar

The Moore Brothers Band
Thursday, Sept. 14
7pm @ CoMMA

**Dirty Dancing
Movie Screening**
Thursday, Sept. 21
7pm @ CoMMA

Off The Wall
Saturday, Sept. 23
7pm @ CoMMA

**So Good For The Soul
A Tribute to
the Music of Motown**
Saturday, Sept. 30
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Art In The Hall • Kathi Yarnall
Oct.-Nov. • 8am-5pm @ City Hall

Public Power Week
October 2-6
8am-5pm @ City Hall

City Council Meeting
Monday, Oct. 2
6pm @ City Hall

Fall Tractor Show
Friday, Oct. 6 • 8am-6pm
Saturday, Oct. 7 • 8am-6pm
@ Catawba Meadows Park

Terri Clark in Concert
Saturday, Oct. 7
7:30pm @ CoMMA

City election set for November

Seven candidates running for two open seats

Morganton's municipal election will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. Two seats on the City's five-member council are up for election - District 3 and District 4.

Four people are running for the District 3 seat - Nathan Chapman, Chris Hawkins, Philip Hennessee, and Joseph L. Mull. Three people are running for District 4 - Wendy Cato, John W. Henry, and Artie McKesson-Logan.

This is the second City election that will be conducted using the "Nonpartisan plurality method". According to the State Board of Elections, the nonpartisan plurality method is the most common municipal election method. All candidates for a position are listed on the ballot, without party affiliation. The top vote-

getters are elected, regardless of whether or not they received a majority. More info at <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Elections>.

Early Voting will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 19; Friday, Oct. 20; Monday through Friday, Oct. 23-27 and Oct. 30-Nov 3; and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 4.

Early voting sites in Morganton are the Burke County Board of Elections, 2128 S. Sterling St, Morganton, and the Morganton-Burke Senior Center, 501 N. Green St, Morganton.

Voting will be from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on Election Day, Nov. 7. Check your voter registration card to determine your voting location. The City district map is available online at <http://bit.ly/mvoting>.

Simple steps to keep away varmints

Varmints are everywhere; they're in big cities, they're in small towns. Sometimes they like to cause trouble.

Here are few things residents and businesses can do to keep varmints such as raccoons, skunks, and deer away from their property:

- Don't feed your animals outside
- Place garbage in proper containers with tight fitting lids
- Keep fallen fruit and nuts picked up
- Keep crawl spaces secured
- Don't leave the garage door open;

If residents have taken all these steps and are still having issues, they have a couple more options.

In North Carolina, most wildlife is protected, unless it's causing physical damage to property.

The City's Animal Control Officers do not remove wildlife from properties,

but residents can contact N.C. Wildlife and get a permit to remove the animals themselves, or they can hire a Wildlife Damage Control Agent.

To get a depredation permit (varmint removal permit), call Clint Bell, N.C. Wildlife Enforcement Officer, at 828-358-5172. More information about depredation permits is available online at <http://bit.ly/ncwlddep>.

A list of certified Wildlife Damage Control Agents is also available online. Visit <http://bit.ly/ncwlconag> and select Burke in the dropdown box.

For more information or questions, call Animal Control at 828-584-2627.



Check out fall recreation programs!

The City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Department is offering some fantastic recreation opportunities this fall. From youth sports and beach trips to jam sessions and swim lessons, there's something for everyone in Morganton recreation. Visit <http://bit.ly/mgarecreation> to check out our latest video!



More info at <http://bit.ly/mgarecreation>



Community House renovations going well

Builders are still hard at work renovating the Morganton Community House.

The Connelly Room has a new, sound-absorbing ceiling. The coffered ceiling in the Cobb Room is taking shape. The barrel vault ceiling in the lobby is beautiful. The new bathrooms are looking great, and now there are meeting spaces in the lower level!

In addition to the new spaces, fresh finishes, and beautiful decor, the new and improved Morganton Community House will provide state-of-the-art audio and video!

Although the Community House is closed for construction, staff is still serving the public via catering services. Call 828-438-5364 to plan your next event!

More photos and information online at <http://bit.ly/2wCeVJp>.



The barrel ceiling in the Community House lobby was uncovered during renovation and has been restored.

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Ram:Corps

Saturday, Oct. 14
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Tour d'Art

Artist Reception Kathi Yarnall
Oct. 19 • 5-7pm
@ City Hall

Smoky Mountain Bird Show

Saturday, Oct. 21 • 9am-5pm
@ Collett Street Recreation

Flip Fabrique Attrape Moi (Catch Me!)

Saturday, Oct. 21
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Spooky Meadows Hayride!

Friday, Oct. 27 • 7-10pm
Saturday, Oct. 28 • 7-10pm
@ Catawba Meadows Park

H.O.P. Race

Saturday, Oct. 28
7:30am - 12pm
@ Catawba Meadows Park

Halloween Spooktacular

Tuesday, Oct. 31 • 3-5pm
@ Downtown Morganton

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Thursday, Nov. 2
7:30pm @ CoMMA

City Council Meeting

Monday, Nov. 6
6pm @ City Hall

Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story on Stage

Tuesday, Nov. 14
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Holiday Farmers Market

Saturday, Nov. 18 • 10am-2pm
@ 111 North Green Street

Memorial Tree Lighting & Winter Carnival

Saturday, Nov. 18 • 5-8pm
@ Historic Courthouse Square

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Tuesday, Nov. 28
7:30 pm @ CoMMA

Christmas Parade

Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 6 pm
@ Downtown Morganton

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S. Sidney Simmons • District 1
Forrest A. Fleming • District 2
John H. Cantrell • Mayor Pro Tem - District 3
Vacant • District 4

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