

City Calendar

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Monday, 9/9

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 9/12

**Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting**
5:15pm @ City Hall

**Recreation Advisory
Commission Meeting**

6pm @ Community House

Thursday, 9/26

The Starlighters in Concert
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Monday, 10/7

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 10/10

**Planning & Zoning
Commission Meeting**
5:15pm @ City Hall

**Recreation Advisory
Commission Meeting**

6pm @ Community House

Monday, 10/14

**Board of Adjustment
Meeting**
5:15pm @ City Hall

**Tuesday, 10/15 - Saturday
10/19**

The Mystical Arts of Tibet
All week @ CoMMA

Thursday, 10/24

**National Dance Company
of Siberia**
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Monday, 11/4

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Monday, 11/11

**City Hall Closed for
Veterans Day**

Crotts appointed to State Board

City of Morganton Chief Building Codes Enforcer Mike Crotts has been appointed by North Carolina Sen. Phil Berger to serve on the North Carolina Code Officials Qualifications Board. Crotts will serve a four-year term, which expires on July 1, 2023.

The North Carolina Code Officials Qualifications Board is responsible for certifying city, county and state agency inspectors in the state. No inspector can perform his or her duties of enforcing state building codes without first being certified by the board on which Crotts now serves. The 20 member board is comprised of engineers, contractors, inspectors, architects, educators and city, county and state officials.

"It is an honor for me to serve on this board, and I hope to represent Morganton well while I fulfill the responsibilities of my term," Crotts said. "I am very pleased and extremely grateful to be recognized by Senator Berger with this appointment."

Crotts has worked as a building codes inspector since 1987, and has served the City of Morganton since 1995. This is the first time in his 24 years of service



Mike Crotts will serve a four-year term on the North Carolina Code Officials Qualifications Board.

with the City that he will hold a seat on the North Carolina Code Officials Qualifications Board.

"We are very proud of Mike for receiving this appointment," said City Manager Sally Sandy. "Mike works incredibly hard to ensure new and existing businesses receive required inspections in a timely fashion so that they may continue to thrive in our City. He is very deserving of this position, and we know he will represent Morganton well."

Don't miss these Downtown events!

The year is flying by and the fall season is almost upon us. With fall comes plenty of events in Downtown Morganton.

The Saturday Farmer's Market at 300 Beach St. continues through October, as does the Wednesday Mini-Market at 111 N. Green St.

When October strikes, so does all things spooky - downtown Ghost Tours are scheduled for Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26. Tours

leave from the Courthouse Square at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm, 8:30pm, and 9:00pm.

Be sure to attend the Flavors of the Foothills dinner on Oct. 12, and don't miss the October Oyster Outing on October 19. Then wrap up the spooky season with the Halloween Spooktacular on October 31 in Downtown Morganton! Visit www.downtownmorganton.com for more information.



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Happening This Fall in Parks and Recreation

The weather might cool down when the fall season hits, but things in the City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Department are sure to heat up.

From youth sports to programs for seniors, there is a lot happening this fall in Parks and Recreation.

You'll have a chance to get a good scare at Spooky Meadows on Oct. 25 and 26 at 7p.m. For only \$5, you can take a haunted hayride through Catawba Meadows Park.

There are plenty of programs and lessons for children and adults alike this fall.

Lessons are available for Tae Kwan Do, drums, Zumba, painting, tennis, pickle ball, keyboarding, and more.

Swim lessons are also

available from September 9 to October 2, and October 14 to November 6. Sign-ups are open for both sessions, and you can call 828-438-5380 for more information.

There are also senior trips planned for later this year.

You can sign up now for a trip to Harrah's Casino and Resort in Cherokee on October 24, or for a three-day, two-night trip to Myrtle Beach on November 13-15.

From fall sports to classes, clubs, trips and fitness programs, there's a lot to get involved with this fall in Parks and Recreation.

For complete information on each sport, program or event, visit <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/parks-recreation/recreation-activities>.

Memorial Garden Dedicated to Laura Ervin Smith

Members of the Morganton Community Appearance Advisory Commission, Burke Library Foundation and Laura Ervin Smith's family gathered at the Morganton Public Library August 15 to dedicate a new memorial garden in Smith's honor.

Smith served for many years on both the Morganton Community Appearance Advisory Commission and Burke Library Foundation. She was born Jan. 25, 1934, and passed on Dec. 22, 2018. The memorial garden was designed by Steven Mills, Jim Pless, Sean Alexander and Christopher Richards in Smith's memory, and is planted on the front lawn of the Morganton Public Library.

A plaque dedicating the garden to Smith's memory was provided by the Burke Library Foundation.

You can read more about the memorial garden here: <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/city-manager/>



John Cantrell, right, spoke during the dedication of the garden.

Remember to pick up after your pet

The City would like to remind its citizens to pick up after their pets in public areas.

Morganton loves being a pet-friendly City, with more than 400 acres of park lands and plenty of sidewalks around the City for citizens and their pets to enjoy.

The City wants to ensure its parks

and public areas remain enjoyable for all citizens and pets. You can help us do this by picking up after your pet and keeping our parks and public areas clean.

Additionally, it is unlawful for owners to allow their pets to relieve themselves on any person's private property.

Pick Up After Your Pet. IT'S THE LAW.

Pet owners shall not allow their pets to defecate in any public park, playground, greenway, ballfield, street, sidewalk or parking area unless the owner immediately removes the waste. It is also unlawful for owners to allow their pets to defecate on any property other than the pet owner's property.

Morganton City Code Sec. 8-2022 (a) & (b)(5).



Public Power Week coming up in October

Don't forget to stop by City Hall and show appreciation for your local linemen during Public Power Week October 6-12.

The Electric Services Department will have a display set up at City Hall with pamphlets explaining the benefits of being a Public Power Provider, small gifts and refreshments. There will be daily drawings for Energy Efficiency Kits, and City utility customers can sign up for free Energy Efficiency Audits to be performed at their homes.

Visit <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/electric-services> for more information.

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