

City Calendar

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Monday, 3/4
Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Monday, 3/11
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 3/14
ACC Chili Cookoff
11am @ Community House

Saturday, 3/16
St. Patrick's Day FAB Crawl
ALL DAY @ Downtown
Morganton businesses

Pop-up Farmer's Market
9am @ 111 N. Green St.

Monday, 4/1
Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Monday, 4/8
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 4/11
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
6pm @ Community House

Friday, 4/19
Good Friday
Morganton City Hall Closed

Saturday, 4/27
Farmer's Market
8am @ 300 Beach St.

Friday, 5/3
TGIF Concert Series Begins
6pm @ Courthouse Square

Festival brochure wins award

The brochure for the 37th annual Historic Morganton Festival recently won a ShowFest Excellence Award at the North Carolina Association of Festivals and Events ShowFest Conference, held in Charlotte Feb. 10-11. The brochure design won the Best Event Brochure award during the ShowFest Excellence Awards in the large festival category. The large festival category encompasses festivals all across the state that have overall budgets greater than \$100,000.

According to information provided by ShowFest 2019 organizers, the ShowFest Excellence Awards are a longstanding tradition of highlighting the best and brightest of festivals, events and associates across the Carolinas. The goal of the awards is to identify professionals who raise the bar and provide outstanding examples of their work. The program is a way to set new standards for the profession as well.

The brochure for the 37th annual Morganton Festival was designed by City of Morganton Public Information Officer Ethan Smith, and Project Designer Michael Berley, with input from the City of Morganton Main Street Office. It was created by combining



The ShowFest Excellence Award was presented on Feb. 11, 2019 in Charlotte, NC.

hand-drawn and computer-generated elements to create an aesthetically pleasing and easy-to-use guide for Morganton's signature festival event.

There were more than 20 total categories in which small, medium and large festivals all competed for awards for recognizing the events' marketing materials, merchandise, social media use, exhibitions, sponsors and more.

Don't miss Coffee with a Cop in 2019!

Throughout the year, citizens have the chance to meet with Morganton Public Safety Officers at various locations and talk over a cup of coffee.

Citizens are invited to participate in the Coffee with a Cop program, where you can learn more about what Public Safety officers do and share any concerns you may have.

The schedule for the remainder of 2019 is as follows:

-April 16th at McDonald's

at 901 W. Union St.

-May 21st at Allison's at 1010 Burkemont Ave.

-June 4th at Denny's at 1209 Burkemont Ave.

-August 20th at Bojangle's at 900 N. Green St.

-Sept. 17th at Abele's at 2115 S. Sterling St.

-Oct. 1st at CHS Blue Ridge at 2201 S. Sterling St.

-Nov. 19th at Chick-fil-A at 1006 Burkemont Ave.



Coffee with a Cop was held at The Grind Cafe in February.

Registration open for Rec programs & leagues

Registration and organizational meetings are now underway for several youth and adult sports leagues with the City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Department.

An organizational meeting for the 40 & over adult basketball league will be held Monday March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Collett Street Recreation Center. An organizational meeting will be held Monday, March 11, at 6 p.m. at the Collett Street Recreation Center for the adult Wooden Bat Softball League.

Registration is now open for youth baseball and fastpitch softball leagues. The season for both leagues begins late Spring.

For more details, visit <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/parks-recreation> or call 828-438-5350.

JAM Program receives grant

The City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Department was recently awarded grant funding for its Morganton JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) Program to help further its mission and provide funding for low-cost music lessons.

The Morganton JAM Program was one of 10 recipients selected nationwide to get grant money from the International Bluegrass Music Association Foundation. The IBMA Foundation awarded \$14,000 total in grant money to the 10 recipients, though specific amounts for each recipient have not yet been announced.

"We're proud to announce the largest amount of annual grants in the history of the Foundation," said board chair Fred Bartenstein. "We are grateful to our donors, whose generosity has made it possible to award grants to these very deserving programs."



The program is offered to children in 4th through 9th grades. Students can learn fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass. Students will enjoy learning from visiting artists, taking field trips and getting an introduction to the music unique to our community. Students can take lessons through the program for \$5 per lesson, and pay a \$10 monthly rental fee for the instruments they use while in the program.

Art in the Hall display features local artists

The paintings of two Morganton residents are now on display for Art in the Hall at Morganton City Hall through March.

Locals Casey and Tom Kilgore have been painting murals and canvasses for more than 18 years, which are displayed in homes, churches, schools, hospitals and retail businesses throughout North Carolina and other states in the mid-Atlantic region.

Both Casey and Tom are

self-taught artists, working primarily with acrylic latex paint, but occasionally venturing into the world of watercolor. Casey enjoys painting portraits of animals, while Tom gravitates toward landscapes and animals from his many trips to Africa.

You can view past Art in the Hall shows and view the display schedule for 2019 by visiting <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/city-manager/city-hall/art-in-the-hall>.



The paintings of Casey Kilgore, left, and Tom Kilgore, right, are on display in Morganton City Hall through March.

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