

CITY CALENDAR



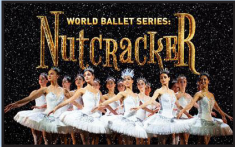
Saturday, 12/9

Holiday Market- Pop Up
10am-2pm @ 111 North Green Street



Friday, 12/17

World Ballet Series: Nutcracker
2 pm & 6pm @ CoMMA



Tuesday, 12/21

A Winter Solstice and Christmas Jazz Concert
Featuring Joseph Hasty & Centerpiece Jazz
7:30pm @ CoMMA

Saturday, 1/19

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. - 7:30pm @ CoMMA



Wintry weather ENERGY-saving tips

Wintry weather and cold temperatures are here to stay for the next few months. We wanted to share with you energy-saving tips from our friends at Electricities of North Carolina Inc. to help keep your power bill as low as possible.

1. 68 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER.

Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower when heating your home. Every degree above 68 can increase your bill by a whopping 3-5 percent!

2. SET IT AND FORGET IT.

Take advantage of programmable thermostats. Especially if you have a furnace, set your thermostat to automatically turn the heat down

3. SMALL ISN'T ALWAYS MIGHTY.

Despite what you might think, space heaters use a lot of energy and can increase your monthly bill. If you have energy efficient central heating in your home, use that instead.

4. DON'T FORGET YOUR MAINTENANCE.

There are three things to remember regularly. If you have a traditional fireplace, make sure the damper is closed when not in use; check or replace air filters once a month; and clean air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators, and be sure they aren't blocked by furniture, rugs, or drapes.

5. HELLO SUNSHINE.

Besides providing Vitamin D, sunlight helps heat your home for free. Open drapes and let the sun stream in!

Christmas around town

It will be merry and bright in Downtown Morganton on Dec. 5th at 6 pm when our annual Christmas Parade is set to begin. Not able to make it? Don't worry! The parade will be airing on CoMPAS Cable Channel 2 each day Dec. 7th-31st at 8am, 4pm and 8pm.



Come by and see the beautiful Christmas tree in City Hall. The tree captures the holiday spirit! City Hall will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and 27. To make bill payments on those days, either visit the online portal by visiting www.morgantonnc.gov and clicking on "Pay My Bill" or call 800-461-9814. Trash collection will be closed Monday and the remainder of the week will be on a one day delay.



Cozy up with family and friends on a horse-drawn carriage ride in downtown Morganton. Rides will take place on Fridays and Saturdays between November 18-December 23. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Carolina Carriage Company staff will be on site behind the Historic Burke County Courthouse Amphitheater Stage beginning at 5pm to take your reservation. Rides begin at 5:30pm and will depart from 102 East Union Street, lasting approximately 15 minutes.

Reminder from the Finance Department

January 5th is the due date for City of Morganton property taxes. If they are not paid by then, a 2% penalty will be in effect the next business day.

Payments can be made in person at City Hall or by visiting www.morgantonnc.gov and clicking on "Pay My Bill" or by calling 800-461-9814.

Leaf Season Announcement

**** Special Information for the 2023 Leaf Collection Season****

Due to mechanical issues with our leaf trucks, there will be delays in leaf pickup schedule. We are diligently working to resolve the issues.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to serve our citizens. We will update you as soon as more information becomes available.

CAAC presents Merit Awards

At the November Morganton City Council Meeting, four different businesses received Merit Awards from the Community Appearance Advisory Commission. CAAC Merit Awards are given out annually to those who contribute to enhancing the appearance of the City of Morganton. This year's awards were given to the following:

Alpine Mill in appreciation for its contribution to the enhanced appearance of the City of Morganton for previous upgrades to the mill buildings through cutting window openings and overall curb appeal.

Burke Arts Council in appreciation for its contribution to the enhanced appearance of the City of Morganton for the renovations to the building and grounds.

Grace Ridge Retirement Community in appreciation for its contribution to the enhanced appearance of the City of Morganton for previous upgrades to the curb appeal and accompanying entrance landscaping, as well as, ongoing higher standard of grounds maintenance.

Murphy's Farm Apartments in appreciation for its contribution to the enhanced appearance of the City of Morganton for the renovations to historic buildings and incorporation of these important structures into the project.



Parks and Rec **ROUND UP**

Pickleball/tennis courts aiming for January opening



Those who enjoy pickle ball and tennis have reason to rejoice! The current tennis courts at Freedom Park located at 400 Independence Blvd are being renovated and six new pickleball courts are being installed at Carbon City Park located at 800 Carbon City Road. They are scheduled to be completed by the start of 2024.

Visit "City of Morganton Parks and Recreation" Facebook page or www.morgantonparksandrec.com for updates.

New playground equipment in the works



New playground equipment is being installed at Freedom Park, Carbon City Park and at the Soccer Complex. In November, the removal of the old playground equipment was complete. Construction of the new playgrounds is planned to start in January. The picture shown above is a rendering of what will be at Carbon City Park, but the colors may be different than what is shown. We are so excited for our community to have the opportunity to use these! Visit "City of Morganton Parks and Recreation" Facebook page or www.morgantonparksandrec.com for updates.