

City Calendar

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Monday, 5/6
City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Wednesday, 5/8
Mini Market
12-4pm @ 111 N. Green St.

Thursday, 5/9
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
6pm @ Community House

Saturday, 5/11
Farmer's Market
8am @ 300 Beach St.

Monday, 5/13
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Monday, 5/27
Memorial Day
Morganton City Hall Closed

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

Monday, 6/10
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 6/13
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
5:15pm @ City Hall

Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
6pm @ Community House

Saturday, 6/15
Reel-Time Lucy Live at the Farmer's Market
9-11am @ 300 Beach St.

Tickets on sale for Red, White and Blue Festival

Morganton's favorite summer music festival is back this year with an all-new format and lineup designed to showcase talent and entertainment across a variety of genres.

The Red, White and Bluegrass Festival has been rebranded as the Red, White and Blue Festival – but bluegrass lovers need not fret, there will be plenty of banjo picking, guitar strumming and mandolin jams to satisfy even the most diehard bluegrass fan.

The Red, White and Blue Festival kicks off on Thursday, July 4, at 3 p.m. with free admission, live jazz and beach music, festival food fare, craft vendors, and a fireworks show to cap off the day. Festival-goers will enjoy reduced ticket prices for the festivities on July 5 and 6, as a daily pass this year only costs \$15.

Your daily pass grants you entry to Catawba Meadows Park, where the Red, White and Blue Festival is held, as the festival has been expanded and will take place throughout the park. On July 5 and 6 there will be entertainment on two different



Tickets are on sale now for the annual Red, White and Blue Festival from July 4-6

stages, and free activities throughout the park including inflatables for children, playground and more.

"We updated the format of the festival to give local and regional attendees a wider variety of entertainment options and to appeal to a larger audience," said City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Director Rob Winkler.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.redwhiteandbluefest.org or calling 828-438-5350.

Budget Billing enrollment beginning in June

Budget Billing enrollment will be open during June and July for utility customers in good standing with the City. Budget Billing allows customers to make fixed monthly payments throughout the year.

To qualify for Budget Billing, customers

must have been an utility customer with the City of Morganton for at least one year, have always paid bills on time, and have never written a bad check to the City of Morganton. For more information on Budget Billing, call (828) 438-5244.

Splash pads opening Memorial Day Weekend

The City's popular splash pad at Martha's Park and new splash pad at Martin Luther King Jr. Park will open Memorial Day weekend and operate through

Labor Day weekend in September.

Call 828-438-5350 or visit <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/index.php/government/parks-recreation> for more information.



Farmer's Market open for season

The Morganton Farmers Market officially opened for the season on Saturday, April 27, and will run through the fall.

The Market offers the best locally grown produce in the area and supports a healthy food system and economy by supporting our local growers. Choose from a variety of produce, homemade baked goods, local meats, flowers and other farm goodies.

The Saturday Farmers Market is located on South Green Street behind Maria's Italian Eatery.

In addition to the Saturday Market, the Morganton Farmers Market offers a Wednesday Mini-Market every Wednesday beginning May 1st from 12:00-4:00pm.

The Mini-Market is located at 111 North Green Street at the corner of Green Street and Avery Avenue.

Free libraries pop up in City

Did you know the Library Foundation of Burke County sponsors two Little Free Libraries (LFLs) in the City of Morganton? The first is near the front entrance to Mountain View Recreation Center at 645 1st Street, and the second is between the pavilions and the volleyball court at Catawba Meadows Park, 220 Catawba Meadows Drive. Residents should feel free to take a book, leave a book, or both! The LFLs have a variety of books for adults and children, and some Spanish language selections as well. The Library Foundation of Burke County is there to support the mission of the Burke County Public Library to provide public access to information for a diverse community, and to offer lifelong learning opportunities through innovative and educational programming.

The Burke County Public Library is sponsoring Summer Reading Programs again this year for children, teens and adults.

Registration for the Summer Reading



Pictured is the Little Free Library at Mountain View Recreation Center.

Programs begins on Monday, May 13, 2019. Additionally, the Morganton Public Library has started a stroller club for parents, grandparents and caregivers, which meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. (weather permitting) at Catawba Meadows Park.

Call the library at 764-9274 to sign up for the stroller club, and visit <http://bcpls.org/> for more information on these programs.

Keep trash out of limbs and brush

The City would like to remind its citizens to keep trash out of limb and brush piles put on the curb for collection.

The Public Works Department provides weekly brush collection services for City residents at no charge. Brush is collected the same day as garbage.

If there is trash in a limb or brush pile the City cannot collect it, as it will damage the collection truck. To ensure City workers can safely collect brush and other yard debris, place brush behind the curb or ditch along the street and do not block the street or sidewalk.

Limbs should be no longer than 10

feet and no larger than 3 inches in diameter.

Do not place brush beneath a power line or in a place that prevents the safe operation of City equipment.

If you have questions, call the Public Works Department at 828-438-5248.



Brush piles with trash in them will not be collected.

Free energy efficiency audits available

With warmer weather right around the corner, it's the perfect time to take advantage of a free energy efficiency audit.

City Electric Services staff will examine your home or business and identify where you can stop energy loss, conserve energy, and save money on your monthly bills.

You can call our Electric Services Department at 828-438-5277 to schedule an appointment.

Visit <http://bit.ly/2Gw3khz> for more information.

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