

City Calendar

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Monday, 5/2

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Friday, 5/6

Courthouse Square Grand Opening + TGIF Concert Series Kickoff
6pm @ Downtown Morganton

Saturday, 5/14

Last of the Mohicans Festival
10am @ Downtown Morganton

Saturday, 5/14

Catawba Valley Beer Festival
3pm @ Downtown Morganton

Saturday, 5/21

Debbie Huffman Dance Academy
11am @ CoMMA

Tuesday, 5/24

Human Relations Commission Meeting
5:15pm @ Mountain View Rec

Monday, 6/6

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Monday, 6/20

City Council Meeting
6pm @ City Hall

Saturday, 6/25

Zack Rushing with Dustin Sims & Jesse Peyton
7pm @ CoMMA

Tuesday, 6/28

Human Relations Commission Meeting
5:15pm @ Mountain View Rec

Monday, 7/4

City Hall & City Facilities Closed for July 4th

TGIF returns downtown in May

After three years, TGIF Summer Concerts are back! Come dance under the stars on the newly designed Courthouse Square during the inaugural season of performances on the new amphitheater stage. The **free** concerts are held every Friday in May, June, and July (except Friday, July 8th) from 6:00-10:00pm. Food and Beverage vendors will open at 6:00pm and music starts at 7:00pm each Friday.

In addition to great live entertainment on the stage, during the first Friday concert of each month, be sure to join Morganton Motor Club along South Sterling Street for Cruise Ins at the Square.

This year's lineup is packed with variety and unique performances. Performances have everything from variety bands and celtic rock, to latin, fusion and rock and blues music. The full lineup for the summer is as follows:

May

5/6 - Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars Tribute Band) + Morganton Motor Club Cruise-in
5/13 - Tuatha Dea (Celtic Rock)

5/20 - SOULWATT (Variety Cover Band)

5/27 - Marcel Portilla Band (Latin)

June

6/3 - Extraordinaires (Classics, Rhythm & Blues) + Morganton Motor Club Cruise-in

6/10 - Sweet Revenge (Classic Rock)

6/17 - The Legacy Motown Revue (Motown Tribute)

6/24 - Urban Soil (Americana)

July

7/1 - Ace Party Band (Variety) + Morganton Motor Club Cruise-in

7/15 - Red Dirt Revelators (Americana)

7/22 - Tony Eltora (Blues, Rock & Jazz)

7/29 - Throwdown Jones (Rock & Roll)

"We cannot wait for everyone to join us on the Courthouse Square and get together again for live music and fun for the first time in three years," said Main Street Manager Abby Nelson. "This year's performances are going to rock."

For more information, visit <https://morgantonfest.org/tgif-concert-series/>

Bryan Fish named new Director

The City's Parks and Recreation Department will have new leadership starting in May.

Bryan Fish, currently serving as the department's Assistant Director, is being promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation and will begin his new position effective May 7.

"When we brought Bryan on board, we saw his potential and the caliber of individual he was," said City Manager Sally Sandy. "His demeanor and love of the community will continue the long tradition of recreational excellence in Morganton. He has had an outstanding mentor in Rob Winkler and there is no question in my mind he will excel at this role."

Fish first joined the Parks and Recreation Department in May 2018, and has since become well-versed in the operations of the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

He has been key in accomplishing multiple capital projects and contributing to the department's overall success.

"Bryan has been excellent at helping our Parks and Recreation Department thrive in everything from daily and monthly

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Bryan Fish will begin his new role as Director of Parks and Recreation on May 7, 2022.

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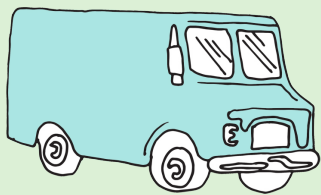
programming, to accomplishing long-range goals for our City," said former Parks and Recreation Director Rob Winkler. "We are very fortunate to have worked closely together to prepare him for this role since he first joined our team. I am looking forward to seeing everything Bryan will accomplish during his tenure as Director."

Fish began his career in recreation in Asheville in 2005 as a Recreation Center Director III with the City of Asheville. Fish then worked his way up the ranks, serving as Program Coordinator for Adult Athletics with the City of Asheville from 2010 to 2017, before serving as Facility Manager of the Harvest House from June 2017 until joining the City of Morganton in May 2018.

"With nearly 20 years of experience in recreation and athletics, we know Bryan is the right fit for a seamless transition between directors," Sandy said.

To read more about Fish's career, and to read the full press release about his promotion to Parks and Recreation Director, please visit:

<https://www.morgantonnc.gov/hr/page/bryan-fish-promoted-director-parks-and-recreation>



Food Trucks!

Mondays • 11am-2 pm
On Courthouse Square
Wednesdays • 11am-2pm
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Morganton wins Public Power Awards

Morganton is once again being recognized for its outstanding commitment to delivering reliable public power to its citizens. Morganton is one of 18 public power communities across North Carolina to receive a 2021 Public Power Award of Excellence.

The awards, presented by Electricities of North Carolina, recognize exceptional performance in the areas of communicating the value of public power, continuous improvement, grid modernization, wholesale power cost, and workforce planning and development.

Morganton received awards in the categories of Continuous Improvement and Grid Modernization.

"I'm proud of our

employees' commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to our community. This recognition is a testament to their unwavering dedication and the pride they take in doing exceptional work," said Electric Services Director Brooks Kirby. "Being powered by a municipally owned electric system is a tremendous benefit to our city and to our customers. It enables us to deliver more reliable service than other providers, as well as local jobs and unmatched customer service."

"The commitment and dedication North Carolina's public power providers demonstrate to their communities is always impressive," said Electricities CEO Roy Jones.

"I'm proud of these award winners for continuing to find ways to deliver better service and more value to the communities they serve while meeting the challenges of the past few years head-on."

Nearly 1.3 million people in more than 70 cities and towns across North Carolina get their electricity from public power providers. Since these public power communities own their electric system, they maintain local control and decision making over their operations.

To read more, visit: <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/electric-services/page/morganton-wins-two-public-power-awards-excellence>

Farmers Market returning in May

The Morganton Farmers Market is returning to Downtown Morganton for the season Saturday, May 7th.

Come visit with farmers and shop the freshest, local produce featuring a variety of delicious fruits and vegetables, fresh baked breads, local meats, an assortment of eggs, vivid colored flowers, sweet honey, other farm goodies and locally crafted items. The Saturday Farmers Market is located at 300 Beach Street and operates weekly from 8:00am-12:00pm. Enjoy the beautiful, vibrant produce

and meet some of the new vendors offering up pork, beef, chicken, mushrooms, beets, garlic and much more.

In addition to the Saturday Market, the Morganton Farmers Market holds a weekly Wednesday Mini-Market starting in May from 11:00am-2:00pm. The Mini-Market is located in downtown at 111 North Green Street at the corner of Green Street and Avery Avenue. Both the Saturday Market and Wednesday Mini Market operate weekly through the end of October.

Shoppers using SNAP/ EBT Cards, WIC, or Senior

Vouchers to make purchases are in for a special treat during the 2022 Morganton Farmers Market season. RAFI-USA, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, is offering the Double Bucks Incentive Program. The program offers a dollar for dollar match for SNAP/EBT cardholders.

For more information on how the Double Bucks Incentive Program works, or to learn more about the Farmers Market, call 828-438-5280 or email info@downtownmorganton.com.

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