



MORRIS

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Morris Cruise Night - Downtown Morris
Every 2nd Saturday (June-October)

3 French Hens Country Market
Every 2nd Saturday (May-November)



Morris Municipal Services Building

700 N. Division St. • Morris IL 60450

Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM • Monday – Friday

Phone: (815) 942-0103 **Email:** cityhall@morrisil.org

City Meetings

The Morris City Council meets twice monthly. Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis.

All are held in the Community Room
700 N. Division St., Morris, IL 60450

September

- 3rd Morris City Council 6:00PM
- 16th Morris City Council 6:00PM

October

- 7th Morris City Council 6:00PM
- 21th Morris City Council 6:00PM

November

- 4th Morris City Council 6:00PM
- 18th Morris City Council 6:00PM

Closed for the following Holidays:

Labor Day Monday, September 2nd

Veterans Day Monday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28th
& Friday the 29th.

City Directory

Mayor's Office
815-942-5438

City Clerk
815-942-4026

City Treasurer
815-942-4108

Building & Zoning
815-942-1855

Business Development
815-941-3685

**Morris Fire & Ambulance
Non-Emergency**
815-942-2830

**Morris Police
Non-Emergency**
815-942-2131

Public Works Department
815-942-5063

**Water Department
Billing/Questions**
815-942-4026

**Water Department
Maintenance**
815-942-2205

Morris Municipal Airport
815-942-1600

Morris Swimming Pool
815-942-2919

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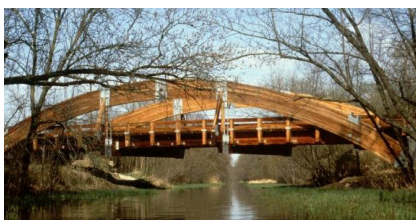
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Message from Mayor Chris Brown

As we turn the calendar and summer slowly slips away into fall, we are on the cusp of one of my favorite times of the year. I love the fall colors, football weekends, crisp weather, and of course, the Grundy County Corn Festival.

Celebrating their 75th year in 2024, the Corn Festival is the cornerstone event in Grundy County. A county wide celebration - Corn Festival makes its home in the City of Morris with an emphasis on events downtown. The festival is a homecoming of sorts and takes place this year on September 25-29, 2024. The event celebrates the rich agricultural history in Grundy County and offers everything from a farm fair, craft shows, queen coronation, carnival, live music, and food, food, food. The town is decorated beautifully to celebrate the fall harvest, and everyone joins in the spirit by dressing in their best jeans and flannels. On Sunday afternoon, enjoy one of the state's best and largest parades featuring floats, bands, equestrian units, Shriners, and so much more. Corn Festival - once you've been to it - you'll always want to come back.

Can you believe this has been a fall staple in our area for 75 years? That is absolutely incredible, and it stands as a testament to the volunteer spirit found here in our community. The volunteer spirit of a community is a powerful force that reflects the collective commitment and generosity of its members. It's characterized by a shared dedication to improving the well-being of others and addressing local needs. A community with a robust volunteer spirit tends to be more resilient, supportive, and

connected, creating a stronger, more vibrant place to live. I believe this is what makes our community so special and different than most. When strangers ask me about our city, I always tell them about our people and their willingness to get involved and get things done.

This is exactly how I feel about all the volunteers and leaders that have taken it upon themselves through the years to make sure the Corn Festival remains a reality for all to enjoy. The current Corn Festival board continues the work that was started by the original board that first brought the festival to us in 1951. So many people have answered the call to volunteer and make the festival a huge success year after year. I remember joining in on the fun when I was in high school. We would cut and haul corn stalks from the fields and help decorate Downtown Morris. My favorite memory was the gathering we would have at our house following a day of fun work. Getting to hang out with the likes of Tom Dzuryak, Bob Barkley, Norm Jenkins, Pete Muffler, Jewell Buttry, and so many other great people and amazing personalities is a priceless moment I will cherish forever.

Today, there is a new generation of leaders that have taken on the unbelievable task of not only hosting the biggest event of the year, but also bringing new ideas and a fresh look to the festival. I want to personally thank President John Sparrow and his board members, staff, advisory committee, and volunteers for all their efforts, hard work, and time they put in throughout the entire year to make the fest a reality. My hope for them and our community is that the 75th Grundy County Corn Festival is the best one yet! Have fun and enjoy that Morris and the festival has to offer.



PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

Free Leaf Bag Pickup • Saturday, October 5th

The City of Morris will be distributing free leaf bags to residents in Upper Gould Park on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM or until supplies last. There is a 10-bag limit per household. In case of rain, the giveaway will be held at Morris Public Works which is located at 319 W. River Road.



Yard Waste Pickup with Republic Services

Republic Services will continue to pick up unlimited leaf and yard waste with your regular garbage collection through the last full week of November (November 25th – 30th due to the Thanksgiving holiday). Yard waste should be placed in an approved lawn and leaf bag or garbage container which has the “Yard Waste Only” sticker. Any changes to this schedule will be posted on the City of Morris Facebook page.



Planning an Outside Household Project?

Always remember to call JULIE at 8-1-1 before digging to avoid underground utilities. You may be surprised by what’s buried in your yard. That’s because most electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. State law requires you to notify JULIE at least two but not more than 14 business days before any digging project regardless of the project size or depth. Even if you are digging in the same area as a previous project, notify JULIE first. Common projects that require notifying JULIE before digging include the following: New trees and shrubs, fencing, decks and patios, room additions, swing sets, mailbox posts, signs and sheds, swimming pools and others. When in doubt, give them a call!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

E-Recycling Dates

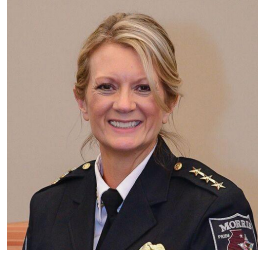
This year’s final e-recycling event will be held Friday, November 1st from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the First America facility located at 1000 Armstrong Street. There is a \$25 for CRT (deep back) tv’s and monitors. For any questions regarding this event or items accepted, please contact First America Recycling at 815-941-9888.



CHIEF CHAT

National Night Out

The Morris Police Department hosted National Night Out in Goold Park on Tuesday, August 6th to the delight of the hundreds of residents that attended the event. In addition to free popcorn, hot dogs, and other refreshments, there were many attractions for attendees to enjoy. There was a police themed scavenger hunt, carnival games, bounce houses, ga-ga ball, and even a unicorn! Chief Alicia Steffes would like to thank her staff, officers, and the local businesses that sponsored the event. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that aims to make neighborhoods safer and more caring by promoting police-community partnerships and community camaraderie.



Alicia Steffes
Police Chief



Fall Driving Safety

With the arrival of fall, there are numerous challenges when it comes to safe driving. Let me start by advising all drivers to slow down this time of year. With autumn comes falling leaves, rain, and fog. The leaves combined with rain can make roads quite slick and fog obscures your visibility. Also, we need to be aware of frost and freezing conditions as we enter a new season. On average, Morris sees their first frost on October 18th. This can lead to the creation of black ice and can surprise drivers and make travel conditions very dangerous. Lastly, watch out for children as they go back to school that also brings traffic changes, we all need to be aware of. With school buses, students on bicycles, and teen drivers out on the roads, the need to slow down and take extra care to look for children in school zones, near playgrounds, and residential area become more important than ever. Never pass a bus with flashing red lights on and please pay attention to the men and women that serve as crossing guards in areas throughout Morris as kids head back to the classroom. Safe travels and best wishes for a great fall season!

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

I am so happy and thrilled to announce that the Morris Fire & Ambulance Protection District is now in their new work home. The new Station 1 is located at 200 Armstrong Street next to Illinois Route 47 and just north of Morris City Hall. It has been a long road from vision to reality. Our first day of operations started on July 22nd and with that, I am proud to say our community is safer because of it. Our new location allows for faster response times to all points in our city, but especially for the east side of Morris and also East Route 6. I want to thank everyone that had a hand in making this dream a reality for our department and community. It could not have happened without the efforts of so many talented and committed professionals. I also want to thank the community for their support during this process and throughout the years. We are grateful for your undying support, we look forward to serving you for many years to come.



Tracey Steffes
Fire Chief/Marshall



Fall Safety Morris FD Home Maintenance and Safety Tips for the Fall:

- Have your furnace inspected before the cold weather hits us.
- Use fireplaces safely and never leave wood burning fires unattended.
- Before using a firepit, choose a level spot that is at least 20 feet away from any structures.
- Clean up fallen leaves to prevent slips and falls
- Please remember that it is unlawful for any person to burn any landscape waste or yard waste, including leaves, at any time within the city limits of Morris.
- Use caution when using a ladder to clean gutters. Ladders can buckle or slip. Always have someone hold the ladder as you climb up and down.
- When Daylight Savings Time ends, it's a good idea to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Don't forget to also test the alarms after you have changed the batteries.



2024 Festival Schedule

September 25-29th



WEDNESDAY

Queen Coronation and Parade
Water Fights
Carnival
Talent Show
Petting Zoo & Pony Rides

THURSDAY

Carnival
Spotlight on Dance
Frankfort Brass Band
Sixteen Candles Band
Hairbangers Ball 80's Metal

FRIDAY

Carnival
Train Rides
Ham & Bean Dinner
Snap Shot Rock Band
Next Thing Smokin' Country Band

SATURDAY

Carnival
Pickleball Tournament
Morris Hospital 5K Run
Social Insecurity 90's Rock
Fireworks

SUNDAY

Antique Tractor and
Farm Machinery Show
Kiwanis Big Wheel Race
Carnival
Corn Festival Parade



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AWARDED

During the State of the City Address, Mayor Brown and Austin Feeney of Edward Jones awarded the Mayor Brown Community Scholarship to three 2024 Morris Community High School graduates. Stephanie Olena received the \$2,500 scholarship, while Miranda Muffler and Sam Mateski each received the \$1,000 scholarship. These scholarships recognize their scholastic abilities as well as their dedication to the city through acts of community service. The City of Morris wishes these students the best as they take their next academic steps into college!



CHEERS TO KEG GROVE



On June 7th Keg Grove Brewing Company opened their doors to the city, and we couldn't be more excited! Located at the old Station 1, Keg Grove keeps the firehouse feel with fire hydrants on tap, original garage doors, and many other amenities. They aren't brewing beginners, with a location in Bloomington and 20+ beverage options, the brewery offers a variety of drinks for our downtown. We are excited to see the imprint Keg Grove leaves on our city! Visit keggrovebrewing.com for more information about what they have to offer.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RHYTHM AND BBQ FESTIVAL

The Morris BBQ Association held their 3rd annual contest dedicated to raising support for local charities and improving the quality of life through music and food. The 9-person committee built their way up to becoming the largest KCBS Backyard BBQ Contest in the state of Illinois! 40 teams joined the contest with not only competitors from Illinois, but also Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Texas! If you didn't want to cook, the contest was filled with live music and food trucks for the public to come out and enjoy. This year's beneficiary was Illinois Valley Industries.



“IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS”

DePaul University recently contacted the City of Morris about being featured in a publication. Morris stood out among 130 Illinois communities studied by Dr. Joe Schwieterman, Professor & Director of the Chaddock Institute at DePaul. He is interested in how municipalities with less than 20,000 people and a small staff use policies and partnerships to embrace natural assets. Dr. Schwieterman called Morris a “stand out” for creating partnerships, reinvesting hotel/motel tax funds, leveraging grant and TIF dollars, and branding itself as a destination. He also invited the City to present alongside him at the American Planning Association Illinois Conference in September.

DePaul is the third major source to write about Morris’ progressive policies and creative problem-solving in 2024. The attention was unsolicited and wonderful. We think of ourselves as a small town with big dreams. Achieving our dreams of relevancy, strong quality of life, and opportunities for youth in an evolving world requires bold vision- and change.

Change started among our parks. In 2022, the City Council invested in a comprehensive parks plan. More than 1,000 residents responded to public surveys and attended meetings, and 25 people participated in focus groups. Less than 2% of survey respondents were satisfied with the 70-year-old Goodwill Park. So the work began. New equipment and ADA accessible structures were added, along with a pavilion, fall prevention surface, and sidewalks. Greenspace and mature trees were preserved by request. While the park is open, there are final touches to be added. At the direction of the City Council, West Side renovations are underway with help from a \$650,000 OSLAD Grant. More modernization is ahead.



While progress is made, preserving Morris’ identity is important. That identity is becoming more diverse, as we welcome young entrepreneurs and new residents whose first language is not English. The Joliet Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA) became a member of the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce. Together, we hosted a roundtable to foster relationships and launch LEDA’s services among Latino/a-owned businesses.

This summer, we welcomed more than 25,000 visitors to Downtown Morris and Goold Park. Our small business community charms these guests and provides shopping and dining options for residents. The city is pursuing a Rebuild Downtown and Main Streets Grant for \$2M to make a major reinvestment in Downtown, recommended in the 2020 Downtown Master Plan. If funded, the grant would provide for attractive “bump-outs” at three intersections along Liberty Street, with seating, space to gather, safety barriers and landscaping.

Additionally, the city received word of \$220,000 in state grant funding for a Downtown parking study and a study of our trails and bike paths. This data will drive future plans to enhance our quality of life and promote tourism.

Progress can feel slow. But a drive through our Downtown on French Hens and Cruise Night Saturday- with beautiful planters, sidewalks filled with people and jazz standards on the speakers- are tangible signs of the momentum in our city. “There’s More to Morris” is not just a marketing tagline, it’s a promise we can achieve-together.



*Julie Wilkinson
Business Development
Director*



Special Events



Visit us online at morrisil.org and follow us on social media to see more info and updates on these and future events!

September

September 25th - 29th

75th Annual Grundy County Corn Festival

- 7th Morris Beer Festival Goold Park
- 14th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris
- 14th Morris Cruise Night Downtown Morris
- 20th Movie in the Park: Encanto Goold Park
- 28th Morris Hospital Corn Fest 5K*
Morris Elementary School

October

- 5-6th Morris Lions Club Car Show
Grundy Co. Fairgrounds
- 12th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris
- 12th Morris Cruise Night Downtown Morris
- 24th Trick or Treating with Downtown Merchants
Downtown Morris
- 25th Witches Night Out Downtown Morris
- 26th Boo Fest Downtown Morris

November

November 29th - December 1

Home for the Holidays - Downtown Morris

Featuring Lighted Holiday Parade, Santa Visits, House Walk, Carriage Rides, and More!

- 8th Morris Cruise Night
Thanksgiving Cruise Downtown Morris
- 8-9th 3 French Hens Holiday Market
Jennifer's Garden
- 30th Small Business Saturday Downtown Morris

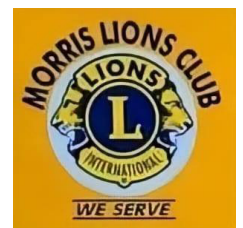
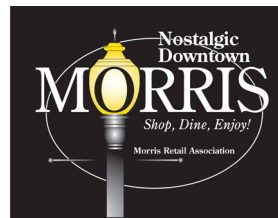
December

- 6th Midnight in Morris Downtown Morris
- 14th Holiday in the Park Goold Park
- 15th Winterfest Market Downtown Morris

SHOP, DINE, SUPPORT LOCAL

Look no further than Morris. Check out our extensive business directory!

www.morrisil.org/business-directory



FOOTBALL VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/30/2024	7:00 PM	vs Coal City
9/06/2024	6:30 PM	@ Joliet West
9/13/2024	7:00 PM	vs Peoria
9/20/2024	7:00 PM	@ Lasalle Peru
9/27/2024	7:00 PM	vs Kaneland
10/04/2024	7:00 PM	@ Rochelle
10/11/2024	7:00 PM	vs Ottawa – Homecoming
10/18/2024	7:00 PM	@ Sycamore
10/25/2024	6:00 PM	@ Byron Center H.S. – Michigan
11/01/2024	TBD	vs IHSA Playoffs

SOCCER BOYS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/26/2024	6:00 PM	@ Manteno
8/29/2024	TBD	@ War on 34
8/31/2024	TBD	@ War on 34
9/04/2024	6:15 PM	vs Joliet Catholic
9/07/2024	10:30 AM	@ Herscher Invite
9/09/2024	4:30 PM	vs Morris Grade School Night
9/09/2024	6:00 PM	vs Herscher
9/11/2024	6:00 PM	@ Lasalle Peru
9/14/2024	TBD	@ Bodyarmor Series
9/16/2024	TBD	@ Bodyarmor Series
9/18/2024	6:00 PM	vs Rochelle
9/21/2024	10:00 AM	@ Coal City
9/22/2024	TBD	@ Bodyarmor Series
9/23/2024	4:30 PM	@ Kaneland
9/25/2024	4:30 PM	@ Sycamore
9/28/2024	12:00 PM	@ Ottawa
9/30/2024	6:00 PM	vs Lasalle Peru
10/03/2024	6:00 PM	vs Ottawa
10/05/2024	11:30 AM	vs Dixon
10/07/2024	4:30 PM	@ Rochelle
10/10/2024	6:00 PM	vs Kaneland
10/14/2024	6:00 PM	vs Sycamore
10/16/2024	4:30 PM	@ Streator
10/19/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regionals
10/23/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regionals

SWIMMING GIRLS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
9/05/2024	5:00 PM	@ Inwood Athletic Club
9/10/2024	5:00 PM	Home
9/12/2024	5:00 PM	@ Pontiac
9/13/2024	5:00 PM	@ Shephard
9/14/2024	9:00 AM	@ Shephard
9/17/2024	5:00 PM	Home
9/21/2024	9:00 AM	@ Lasalle Peru
9/26/2024	5:00 PM	Home
10/05/2024	8:30 AM	@ IMSA
10/08/2024	5:00 PM	@ Lasalle Peru
10/15/2024	5:00 PM	Home
10/22/2024	5:00 PM	Home
10/26/2024	9:00 AM	@ Oswego East
11/09/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Sectionals
11/15/2024	TBD	@ IHSA State Finals
11/16/2024	TBD	@ IHSA State Finals

CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS/BOYS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/28/2024	5:15 PM	Home
9/04/2024	4:30 PM	@ Small Park- Kankakee
9/06/2024	4:30 PM	@ Seneca Ffa Farm
9/14/2024	9:15 AM	@ Detweiller Park, Peoria
9/21/2024	9:00 AM	@ Kaneland
10/01/2024	5:00 PM	@ Furrow Farm
10/08/2024	4:30 PM	@ Kaneland
10/12/2024	10:00 AM	@ The Oaks at River Edge
10/19/2024	10:45 AM	@ Sycamore
10/26/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regionals
11/02/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Sectionals
11/09/2024	TBD	@ IHSA State Championship

TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/23/2024	4:00 PM	@ Ottawa Night Live Invite
8/24/2024	9:00 AM	@ Lincoln Way Central Quad
8/27/2024	4:00 PM	vs Minooka
8/29/2024	4:15 PM	@ Coal City
9/03/2024	4:00 PM	@ Lasalle Peru
9/07/2024	8:00 AM	@ Joliet West Quad
9/10/2024	4:30 PM	@ Ottawa
9/14/2024	8:00 AM	@ Lincoln Way East Invite
9/17/2024	4:30 PM	vs Rochelle
9/19/2024	4:30 PM	@ Streator
9/21/2024	8:00 AM	@ Coal City Quad
9/24/2024	4:30 PM	vs Kaneland
9/25/2024	4:30 PM	vs Lincoln Way Central
9/28/2024	8:00 AM	@ Lemont Invitational
9/30/2024	4:30 PM	@ Pontiac
10/01/2024	4:30 PM	@ Sycamore
10/02/2024	4:30 PM	vs Joliet Catholic
10/03/2024	4:00 PM	vs Mendota
10/07/2024	4:30 PM	@ Princeton
10/12/2024	TBD	@ I8 Varsity Tournament
10/18/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Sectionals
10/24/2024	TBD	@ IHSA State

GOLF BOYS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/15/2024	12:00 PM	@ Edgebrook Golf Course
8/19/2024	12:00 PM	@ Naperbrook Golf Course
8/20/2024	4:00 PM	@ Senica's Oak Ridge
8/21/2024	1:00 PM	@ Senica's Oak Ridge
8/27/2024	2:00 PM	@ Blackberry Oaks Golf Course
8/28/2024	4:30 PM	@ Big Run Golf Course
9/03/2024	4:00 PM	The Creek
9/05/2024	4:00 PM	The Creek
9/09/2024	4:00 PM	Morris Country Club
9/10/2024	4:00 PM	The Creek
9/12/2024	4:00 PM	@ Dwight Country Club
9/16/2024	1:00 PM	@ Deer Park Country Club
9/17/2024	4:00 PM	@ Sycamore Golf Club
9/18/2024	4:00 PM	@ Deer Park Country Club
9/23/2024	TBD	@ Kishwaukee Country Club
9/26/2024	1:00 PM	@ Dwight Country Club
9/28/2024	8:30 AM	@ Mendota Golf Club
10/01/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regional
10/07/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Sectionals
10/11/2024	TBD	@ IHSA State

VOLEYBALL GIRLS VARSITY

Date	Time	Event/Opponent
8/26/2024	6:00 PM	@ Manteno
8/27/2024	6:00 PM	vs Pontiac
8/29/2024	6:00 PM	@ Coal City
8/31/2024	8:00 AM	@ Wilmington Invite
9/03/2024	6:00 PM	vs Tinley Park (Andrew)
9/05/2024	6:00 PM	@ Bradley Bourbonnais
9/09/2024	5:30 PM	@ Plainfield Central
9/16/2024	6:00 PM	vs Seneca
9/17/2024	6:00 PM	@ Lasalle Peru
9/19/2024	6:00 PM	@ Sandwich
9/24/2024	6:00 PM	@ Ottawa
9/26/2024	6:00 PM	vs Plano
9/28/2024	9:00 AM	@ Lady Comet Classic
9/30/2024	6:00 PM	vs Plainfield South
10/01/2024	6:00 PM	vs Rochelle
10/03/2024	6:00 PM	vs Kaneland
10/08/2024	6:00 PM	@ Sycamore
10/10/2024	6:00 PM	vs Lasalle Peru
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10/29/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regionals
10/31/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Regional Championship
11/05/2024	TBD	@ IHSA Sectionals



Go
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MORRIS WELCOMES NEW POLICE OFFICER

During the July 1st council meeting, Mayor Brown had the honor of swearing in Morris' newest police officer, Jace Carpenter. Chief Alicia Steffes introduced the new officer before he swore the oath. Carpenter has been recognized in the past for his calm demeanor, reliability, and having the right mindset for leadership, making him an asset to the city. Congratulations to Officer Jace Carpenter on becoming the newest member of the MPD team.



GOODWILL PARK RENOVATIONS



The City of Morris, TRIA Architecture, and JSD teamed up for some major improvements at Goodwill Park. Located on East Chapin Street, the park is now 100% ADA accessible, making it welcoming for people with disabilities. A primary reason for this is the park's new rubber pour in place surface. This surface surrounds the playground equipment and is low-maintenance, clean, and cushiony. Check it out for yourself! The park's various paved pathways also add to the ADA accessibility and make the park easier to navigate. A strategically placed lush, open grassy area makes a comfortable place to lay a blanket on and

adds plenty of room for future park expansion. One of our vital additions to the park is the pavilion, which adds more shade, picnic tables, grills, and rentability for your own events! The ballparks are fully revamped with new grass, fencing, dugouts, and soft sports mix for young athletes to play on. We are extremely excited to announce that these city-funded renovations came in \$10,000 under budget! We strongly encourage you to swing by the park and experience some of the grand things our city is accomplishing.

WEST SIDE PARK UPDATE

There are signs of progress all over the new West Side Park, but none are more visible than the newly designed skatepark. Designed and built by the Los Angeles based Spohn Ranch, this is a completely new look for local skaters. With elements suitable for all skating levels, this feature promises to keep local skaters happy and challenged for many years to come. Once completed, the new West Side Park will feature new ball diamonds, one of which is an additional field, lighted pickle ball courts, new playground, bean bag courts and lots of shaded areas. Construction will continue into the fall and completion should be in early 2025. For more information about city parks and facilities, please view the City of Morris Parks Master Plan at <https://morrisil.org/parks-recreation/>.





The City of Morris would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our Summer Events schedule. Your support makes these wonderful events and amenities possible in our community.

Thank You!

SIMPLE
COMMUNICATIONS



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Broker-REALTOR
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Sherwood Oaks & Country
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Grundy County Chamber of
Commerce
Morris YMCA

Mark your calendars for this year's
Home for the Holidays Celebration
November 29 - December 1, 2024



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