



MORRIS

ILLINOIS



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

March

4th Morris City Council 6:00PM

18th Morris City Council 6:00PM

April

1st Morris City Council 6:00PM

15th Morris City Council 6:00PM

May

1st Morris City Council 6:00PM

13th Morris City Council 6:00PM

Closed for the following Holidays:

Easter (Observed) Friday, March 29th

Memorial Day Monday, May 27th

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

Your Local Aldermen

Herb Wyeth

First Ward

hwyth@morrisil.org

Julian Houston

Second Ward

jhouston@morrisil.org

Carrie Hall

Third Ward

chall@morrisil.org

Jim Black

Fourth Ward

jblack@morrisil.org

Jake Duvick

First Ward

jduvick@morrisil.org

Dean Tambling

Second Ward

dtambling@morrisil.org

Alex Clubb

Third Ward

aclubb@morrisil.org

Sarah Mettille

Fourth Ward

smettille@morrisil.org





Message from Mayor Chris Brown

With spring comes warmer weather, budding flowers, and longer days filled with sunshine. But there is another tradition that is sometimes less anticipated come March and April – of course, I'm talking about spring cleaning. While it

might not be as much fun as some of the other activities we enjoy with the warmer weather, spring cleaning does give us the same feeling we get as we usher out the dreary, dark days of winter and welcome the brighter, longer spring days. It is a time of renewal that breathes new life into nature and into us as well.

This feeling of renewal is easy to see as you drive around our city. With so many projects well underway and taking shape in different areas of Morris, it is quite an exciting time for us. The new Morris Fire Station looks great and will be opening its doors in the coming months. Goodwill Park is coming along nicely and will hopefully be enjoyed by residents on the east side of Morris for many years to come. The new YMCA building has blossomed out of the ground next to West Side Park and now provides us with a glimpse of what is to come when they complete their construction and make their facility and services available to the residents of Morris and Grundy County.

There is one more project that got underway recently to much less fanfare but has me extremely excited about the future and how it looks for the hardworking men and women of

Morris Public Works. When I think of the renewal that spring brings to us, I can't help but think of what our new public works facility will bring to our community and our city workers. We recently broke ground on a new public works facility which will occupy the corner of Ashley Road and Gun Club Road. This new building will bring much needed space, and updated facilities for our dedicated public works team.

For far too long, our city crews have worked in cramped quarters with limited security and archaic amenities. When the new facility is completed, we will bring all public works departments under the same roof, and it will provide them with a work environment that finally matches their commitment to our community. I say this all the time to anybody that will listen, our public works teams are a great asset to our community, and they are some of the most dedicated people I know. I hope they will take great pride in their new work home and understand how much they mean to our city.

Additionally, I am happy to report that the site preparation, materials, and construction estimates have come in under our initial budgeted amounts. I am also pleased to inform our citizens that this project will be fully paid for when we open the doors to the new facility. City Clerk Lori Werden has worked so hard the last 2 and a half years to make this possible. Knowing that we are not going to make payments on this building moving forward only makes it that much sweeter. I look forward to making the vision a reality and hope this building will be a source of pride for our entire community. The future of Morris is bright!

More to Morris
THE PODCAST



Join Us and Tune In to 'More to Morris' The Podcast Today!

Want to hear more about what the city of Morris is up to? From engaging chats with city officials shedding light on the latest developments to spotlights on local businesses, each episode offers a deep dive into the fabric of our community. Stay informed about upcoming events, pertinent news, and the rich tapestry of stories that make Morris truly special. Whether you're a lifelong local or new in town, 'More to Morris' is your essential guide to all things Morris!



PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

City of Morris' Annual "Spring Clean Up" Week of May 20th – 24th

Residents can dispose of an unlimited number of unwanted items by placing them at the curb on their normal garbage collection day.



**Excludes hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, tires, etc.) appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, and all electronics. Please call 815-942-5063 if you have any questions.*

Leaf and Yard Waste Pickup to Resume

Springtime is here and that means it's time for yardwork. As we head outdoors to begin the

process of cleaning up our yards, here are some helpful tips for you. The City of Morris' waste hauler, Republic Services, will resume picking up of an unlimited amount of leaf and yard waste the week beginning on April 1st. Yard waste should be put into an approved lawn and leaf bag or the garbage container which has the "Yard Waste Only" sticker displayed on the front of the container. This service will run through the last full week of November.

Branches outside of the container must be bundled to a length less than 48" and should weigh no more than 40 pounds.



Park Reservations Open April 1st

You can start reserving City of Morris Park shelters for private use on Monday, April 1, 2024! Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Shelters are available from May 1, 2024 through October 15, 2024.



Fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. You can find a complete set of park reservation rules under the "How Do I?" tab at morrisil.org. Applications are available at the City Clerk's window in the Morris Municipal Services Building or online under the "Documents" tab at morrisil.org.

BUILDING AND ZONING CORNER

As the grip of winter breaks and the weather starts to warm up, many local residents will be hiring contractors to replace their roofs. Before you start the work, remember to obtain the necessary roofing permit from the Building and Zoning Department. The cost of the permit is only \$50 and can be obtained by a city-registered contractor or the homeowner. All city-registered contractors are required to provide evidence of bonding and insurance, which serves as protection for you as a homeowner before anybody begins work on your property. Bonded roofers have money set aside to compensate customers if any accidents or damages occur during the roofing project.



Having proper insurance protects you from being held personally responsible for paying the costs of damage to your property, an injury on the job, and any subsequent worker's compensation claims. You can obtain your roofing permit online, under our documents tab at morrisil.org or by visiting the building and zoning office in person. If you have any questions regarding home projects or need help verifying your contractor is registered with the City of Morris, please call Building and Zoning Officer Bill Martin at 815-942-1855.

CHIEF CHAT

Spring comes with warmer weather, and it also brings spring break vacation plans and outdoor activities. These crime prevention tips focus on spring safety. Keep them in mind as the weather changes to help make it a great season for you and your family.



Alicia Steffes
Police Chief

VEHICLES

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended with its windows down or doors unlocked. Secure your vehicle at all times, even at home!
- If your vehicle is parked outside overnight, be sure to keep it in a lighted area as a deterrent.
- Make sure all valuables are out of sight or removed from your vehicle.
- Do not leave children or pets left unattended in vehicles. **Please note temperatures inside of a vehicle can be considerably warmer than the temperature outside. Excessive heat can cause serious injury or death.**

VACATION WATCH

- If you are going out of town, you can notify the Police Department and set up a vacation watch. Please call the Morris Police Department at 815-941-5233 and request to have your residence placed on house check.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure.
- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity inside.
- Exterior motion sensor lighting and camera systems can aid in deterring crime.
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window or door. Place valuables in a safe if possible.
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media. Post your vacation photos after you safely arrive home.

BIKE RIDING

- Check your bike to make sure the tires are inflated, and the brakes are working. Put reflectors on the front and back of your bike.
- Wear your safety helmet and pads for protection.
- If you ride on the street, keep to the right, and follow all traffic signs.
- Be on the lookout for traffic, yield to vehicles and signal when turning.
- Use the crosswalks and yield to pedestrians. If you have to cross at an intersection, look both ways and cross with care.
- Stay alert and watch out for hazards.
- When you park your bike, make sure you lock it up. Register your bike and serial number with the Morris Police Department before riding.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The first day of spring is right around the corner and while Mother Nature might not always agree with that, warmer temperatures are approaching. With the warmer weather and longer days, many people feel a renewed sense of energy and begin to tackle those projects around their homes they put off during the winter months. Spring cleaning is an important part of keeping your home and family safe from fire and can be overlooked. This spring, make fire safety part of your routine to stay on top of fire prevention in your home, whether you own or rent. Add these tips to your weekend chores list and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with it.



Tracey Steffes
Fire Chief/Marshall

Some families grill year-round, while others bring the grill out again in the spring and summer. While your grill sits over the long winter, grease and build-up hardens and makes it easy work for fire to catch. **Before firing up the grill this spring**, inspect it for damage and remove any trapped grease or debris that may have lingered there. A deep cleaning will help avoid preventable grill fires.

After you clean the grill, let's **take care of the yard**. Dried leaves can be especially flammable and need to be removed from any areas near your household structures, garages, and sheds. Debris is one of the top fire causing factors in home fires, but your risk can be reduced with simple yard maintenance. Pay special attention to twigs and branches, and dead plant life that could catch fire easily when dried.

Finally, add **checking your smoke alarms** to your to-do list. If your smoke alarm is older than 10 years, it needs to be replaced. Test your smoke alarms throughout the house and be sure to have one on every level and in every living area. I hope these simple tips help with your spring-cleaning list and bring you and your family a safe and happy spring & summer season.



2024 Morris Service Calendar

Seasonal Yard Waste Pickup will begin April 1, 2024 ending November 30, 2024

| January | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

| February | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |

| March | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

| April - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

| May - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

| June - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

| July - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |


| August - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| September - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |


| October - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

| November - Yard Waste | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| December | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

 Trash Service Only

 Trash & Recycling Service

 Holiday



OFFICER SARAH MARKUSIC NAMED 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Morris Police Department Officer Sarah Markusic was presented with the 2023 Officer of the Year award at the February 5th city council meeting. Mayor Chris Brown and Police Chief Alicia Steffes made the presentation to Officer Markusic and recognized her for exemplary efforts. Sarah joined the MPD in December 2019 and has consistently been a leader on the force since her first day. She is a leader in arrest stats, a Field Training Officer, drone operator, and has recently started training to become an accident reconstructionist. Thank you for your service and dedication to our community Officer Markusic!



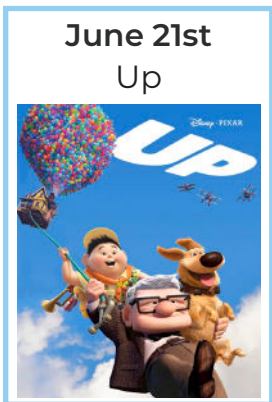
MORRIS WELCOMES TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS



Mayor Brown had the honor of swearing in Morris' newest police officers at a recent Morris City Council meeting. Chief Alicia Steffes introduced both of the new officers before they swore their oaths. Congrats to Officer James Bell and Officer Tyler Bordner on becoming the newest members of the MPD team.

MOVIES IN THE PARK TO RETURN FOR 2024

Community Affairs Director Stan Knudson and Morris Area Public Library Director Resa Mai are pleased to announce they will once again be partnering to bring Movies in the Park back for another season this summer. Movies are shown on select Friday nights on the big screen at the amphitheater in Goold Park. A full schedule will be provided in the next City of Morris newsletter. You can also find more information about Movies in the Park by visiting morrisil.org or morrislibrary.com. See you at the movies!



MORRIS ANTICIPATES EVENTS AND BREWERY OPENING, WHILE SALES TAX CLIMBS

Summarizing extensive analysis and surveys, the Downtown Morris Master Plan concluded with a powerful statement: "The City of Morris is fortunate to have a strong and unique identity that fosters a community of involved and caring residents and stakeholders who have the collective goal of continuously maintaining and improving their City." This sentiment encompasses the people and partnerships that make our community lively and viable in an evolving world.

Transparency is key to making progress through partnership. To help residents and visitors stay informed of the happenings in our community, we launched the "More to Morris" podcast in November. These twenty-five-to-thirty-minute conversations feature internal and external guests. So far, the roster includes Morris Police Chief Alicia Steffes, City Clerk Lori Werden, Grundy County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Christina Van Yperen, Katy Leclair and Missy Durkin from the Morris YMCA leadership team, WCSJ's Kevin Schramm, and me. Guests speak in depth on their area of expertise, offering insight on decision making, timelines, and new business and program plans. Mayor Brown and Community Affairs Director Stan Knudson co-host, and a new episode drops every two weeks. Feedback has been positive and the reach has been significant already. Search the "More to Morris" podcast at morrisil.org, Apple, Spotify, and other podcast platforms.

There are many projects and initiatives ahead to enhance quality of life and strengthen our local business environment. More than 60 special events comprise Morris' 2024 special event line up, including the return of the 3 French Hens Country Market to Downtown, Morris Cruise Nights, Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn, Rock the Block, Movies in the Park, Goold Park festivals, 5k races, shopping events hosted by the Morris Retail Association, and more. Visit morrisil.org/visitmorris for the full list and other tourism resources. Follow @VisitMorrisIL on social media.



The 3 French Hens Market is one of many events returning to Downtown Morris. After the success of 2023 markets, owner Traci Tessone (center) made a donation accepted by Morris Retail Association President Megan Housmann (left) that will further the group's efforts.

Downtown Morris will welcome a new addition this summer, as Keg Grove Brewing Company takes over the former fire station on the west side of Wauponsee Street. Tanks arrived recently, marking the start of the building's redevelopment by this community-first brewer out of Bloomington.



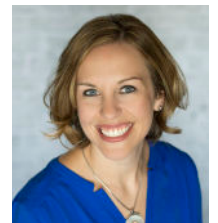
Before opening in Morris this summer, Keg Grove Brewing Company has already become a participant in Morris events, with products available in local bars and liquor stores.

On the east side of town, Goodwill Park is undergoing complete reconstruction to better serve the needs of our community. West Side Park and McKinley Park will follow. The City was awarded State of Illinois grant funds to offset renovation costs, with more requests in the queue. Parks are a priority for economic development, and the City will continue to enhance its fourteen public parks each year. The parks assessment can be found at morrisil.org/parks-recreation.

Morris is well-positioned for our strong community mindset, unique natural assets, and financial position. Fiscal year '22 ended with a new sales tax record surpassing \$10 million. The City is on track to exceed that figure for fiscal year '23.

We should all continue to be intentional with local spending. Shipping and product costs remain high while staffing is in short supply for many industries. Stores and restaurants have had to be strategic with hours as a result. Despite this, Downtown Morris businesses continue to expand their offerings- from menus to product lines. There's never been a better time to explore our community and experience the satisfaction and exceptional customer service that come with keeping your dollars local.

We are excited for the future and look forward to your continued support and input on the path to progress.



*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!

March

16th Shop Lucky Downtown Morris

April

6th Rough Road 100 Gravel Bike Race
Benefiting We Care of Grundy County Canal Port Park

13th Morris Woman's Club Superhero Run 5K
Downtown Morris

May

3rd Girls Night Out: Cinco de Mayo
Downtown Morris

11th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris

17th Kindling Market True North

25th Opening Day at the City of Morris Pool
Goold Park

30th Concert on the Courthouse Lawn
Featuring Wayne Messmer Combo Downtown Morris

June

1st fForest Fest Goold Park

8th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris

8th Morris Cruise Night Downtown Morris

8-9th Dulcimer Festival Goold Park

13th Concert on the Courthouse Lawn
Featuring The Neverly Brothers Downtown Morris

15th Rhythm & BBQ Festival Goold Park

21st Kindling Market True North

21st Movie in the Park: Up Goold Park

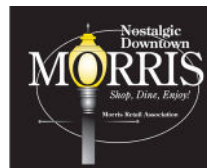
23rd Rock the Block
Featuring Next Thing Smokin' Downtown Morris

27th Concert on the Courthouse Lawn
Featuring Flatbed Fords Downtown Morris

SHOP, DINE, SUPPORT LOCAL

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

www.morrisil.org/business-directory



GIRLS SOFTBALL - VARSITY

| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 3/18/2024 | Wilmington | A |
| 3/19/2024 | Joliet Catholic | H |
| 3/20/2024 | Newark | H |
| 3/22/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 3/23/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 3/24/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 3/26/2024 | Somonauk | H |
| 3/27/2024 | Plainfield Central | A |
| 3/28/2024 | Gardner South Wilmington | A |
| 4/3/2024 | Sandwich | A |
| 4/4/2024 | Peotone | A |
| 4/8/2024 | Sycamore | A |
| 4/10/2024 | Kaneland | H |
| 4/11/2024 | Manteno | H |
| 4/13/2024 | Oswego | H |
| 4/15/2024 | LaSalle Peru | H |
| 4/17/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 4/22/2024 | Rochelle | H |
| 4/24/2024 | Sycamore | H |
| 4/25/2024 | Serena | H |
| 4/26/2024 | Dwight | H |
| 4/27/2024 | Streator | A |
| 4/29/2024 | Kaneland | A |
| 5/1/2024 | LaSalle Peru | A |
| 5/2/2024 | Braidwood Reed Custer | A |
| 5/4/2024 | Seneca | A |

BOYS BASEBALL - VARSITY

| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| 3/12/2024 | Bolingbrook | A |
| 3/14/2024 | Bradley Bourbonnais | A |
| 3/15/2024 | Mascoutah | A |
| 3/16/2024 | Freeburg | A |
| 3/18/2024 | Wilmington | A |
| 3/19/2024 | Minooka | H |
| 3/20/2024 | Herscher | H |
| 3/22/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 3/23/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 3/24/2024 | Jacksonville Jamboree | A |
| 4/3/2024 | Newark | H |
| 4/4/2024 | Manteno | H |
| 4/6/2024 | Yorkville | H |
| 4/8/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 4/10/2024 | Ottawa | H |
| 4/11/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 4/13/2024 | Coal City | H |
| 4/15/2024 | LaSalle-Peru | H |
| 4/17/2024 | LaSalle-Peru | A |
| 4/18/2024 | LaSalle-Peru | H |
| 4/20/2024 | Pontiac | H |
| 4/22/2024 | Rochelle | A |
| 4/24/2024 | Rochelle | H |
| 4/25/2024 | Rochelle | A |
| 4/29/2024 | Sycamore | H |
| 5/1/2024 | Sycamore | A |
| 5/2/2024 | Sycamore | H |
| 5/3/2024 | Oswego | A |
| 5/6/2024 | Kaneland | A |
| 5/8/2024 | Kaneland | H |
| 5/9/2024 | Kaneland | A |
| 5/14/2024 | Tinley Park Andrew | H |

GIRLS SOCCER - VARSITY

| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| 3/11/2024 | Manteno | A |
| 3/13/2024 | Herscher | H |
| 3/16/2024 | Joliet Catholic | H |
| 3/18/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 3/21/2024 | Coal City | A |
| 3/25/2024 | Streator | A |
| 4/1/2024 | LaSalle Peru | H |
| 4/3/2024 | Sycamore | A |
| 4/6/2024 | Princeton Invite | A |
| 4/8/2024 | Kaneland | H |
| 4/10/2024 | Ottawa | H |
| 4/11/2024 | Rochelle | A |
| 4/15/2024 | Rochelle | H |
| 4/17/2024 | LaSalle Peru | A |
| 4/22/2024 | Sycamore | H |
| 4/24/2024 | Kaneland | A |
| 4/29/2024 | Wilmington | A |
| 5/1/2024 | Braidwood Reed Custer | H |
| 5/3/2024 | IMSA | A |
| 5/7/2024 | IHSA | TBA |

BOYS TENNIS - VARSITY

| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 4/2/2024 | Kaneland | H |
| 4/6/2024 | Cary Grove Invite | A |
| 4/9/2024 | Rochelle | A |
| 4/10/2024 | Minooka | H |
| 4/11/2024 | Pontiac | H |
| 4/16/2024 | Sycamore | H |
| 4/18/2024 | Streator | H |
| 4/20/2024 | Plainfield North Quad | A |
| 4/23/2024 | Ottawa | H |
| 4/25/2024 | LaSalle Peru | A |
| 4/27/2024 | Lisle & Plainfield South | H |
| 5/2/2024 | Coal City | H |
| 5/3/2024 | Joliet Catholic | A |
| 5/8/2024 | Mendota | A |
| 5/9/2024 | Princeton | H |
| 5/11/2024 | I8 Varsity Tournament | A |
| 5/13/2024 | IMSA | A |
| 5/18/2024 | IHSA Sectional | A |
| 5/23/2024 | IHSA State | A |

GIRLS TRACK - VARSITY

| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 2/22/2024 | Olivet Nazarene Indoor | A |
| 2/23/2024 | Morris Indoor Invite | H |
| 3/9/2024 | Reed Custer Invite | A |
| 3/13/2024 | Normal West Indoor | A |
| 3/23/2024 | Illinois Top Times Meet | A |
| 4/2/2024 | LaSalle Peru & Rochelle | H |
| 4/9/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 4/12/2024 | Seneca Invitational | A |
| 4/16/2024 | Kaneland & Sycamore | A |
| 4/19/2024 | Titanomachy Meet | A |
| 4/26/2024 | Morris Friday Night Relays | H |
| 5/3/2024 | I8 Conference Meet | A |
| 5/6/2024 | Pontiac, Prairie Central, Seneca | H |
| 5/10/2024 | IHSA Sectional | A |
| 5/16/2024 | IHSA State | A |
| 5/17/2024 | IHSA State | A |

BOYS TRACK - VARSITY

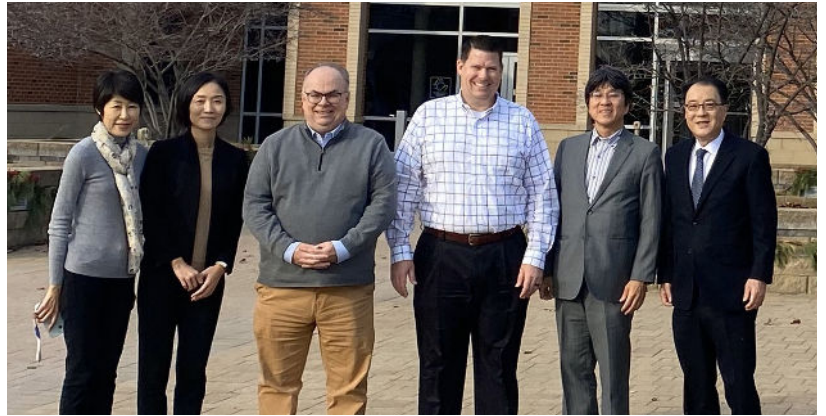
| Date | Event/Opponent | H/A |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 2/22/2024 | Olivet Nazarene Indoor | A |
| 2/23/2024 | Morris Indoor Invite | H |
| 3/9/2024 | Reed Custer Invite | A |
| 3/14/2024 | Pontiac Invite | A |
| 3/23/2024 | Illinois Top Times Meet | A |
| 4/2/2024 | LaSalle Peru & Rochelle | H |
| 4/6/2024 | LaSalle Peru Invite | A |
| 4/9/2024 | Ottawa | A |
| 4/12/2024 | Seneca Invitational | A |
| 4/16/2024 | Kaneland & Sycamore | A |
| 4/19/2024 | Titanomachy Meet | A |
| 4/26/2024 | Morris Friday Night Relays | H |
| 4/29/2024 | Yorkville & Newark | A |
| 5/6/2024 | Pontiac, Prairie Central, Seneca | H |
| 5/9/2024 | I8 Conference Meet | H |
| 5/16/2024 | IHSA Sectionals | A |
| 5/23/2024 | IHSA State | A |
| 5/24/2023 | IHSA State | A |



Go Morris!

AOYAMA GAKUIN VISITS CITY OF MORRIS

Mayor Chris Brown and Community Affairs Director Stan Knudson had the honor of hosting distinguished guests from Aoyama Gakuin University recently. Aoyama Gakuin is a private Christian university located in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan. The group will be spending time in the Morris area over the next year as they do research on former Morris,



Illinois resident Dora E. Schoonmaker. Schoonmaker founded the school in 1874 after she was sent by the Women's Foreign Missionary Bureau of the Methodist Episcopal Church to serve as missionary in Japan. While in Morris, Ms. Schoonmaker was a public-school teacher. The City of Morris looks forward to collaborating with the school in the future, deepening their connection, and learning more about their common connections.



MAYOR BROWN ATTENDED PASSENGER RAIL PRESS CONFERENCE IN PEORIA

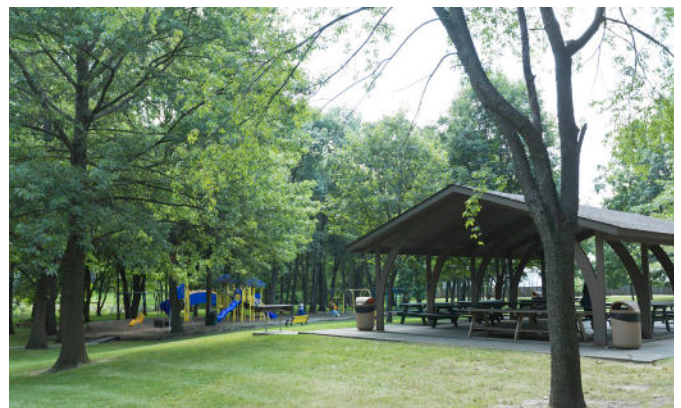
It was an exciting day in Peoria announcing that the dream of passenger rail service in Morris and other Illinois communities is still alive and moving forward. The Peoria to Chicago passenger rail service was selected for the Federal Rail Administration's Corridor Identification Program. Mayor Brown had the pleasure of making the announcement along with Peoria Mayor Rita Ali and former U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. The



proposed project will receive \$500,000 to fund step 1 of the Service Development Plan in the Corridor Identification Program. For more information regarding the proposed plan, scan the QR code or visit: www.peoriagov.org/394/Peoria-Passenger-Rail

PARK RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 1ST

You can start reserving City of Morris Park shelters for private use on Monday, April 1, 2024. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Shelters are available from May 1, 2024 through October 15, 2024. Fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. You can find a complete set of park reservation rules under the "How Do I?" tab at morrissil.org. Applications are available at the City Clerk's window in the Morris Municipal Services Building or online under the "Documents" tab at morrissil.org.



CITY OF MORRIS

SUMMER
concert series

2024

Join us on the Grundy County Courthouse Lawn
111 E. Washington St., Morris, IL

6:30-8:00PM

MAY 30

**Wayne Messmer
Combo**

“Singing the Great
American Songbook
(Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett,
Dean Martin and more!)”

JUNE 13

**The Neverly
Brothers**

“A Rock n’ Roll
Tribute from Elvis
to The Beatles”

JUNE 27

**Flatbed
Fords**

“Best of the Eagles Tribute”

JULY 11

Cadillac Groove

“Funky fresh blues, soul,
rock and rhythm and blues”

JULY 25

The Sting Rays

“50’s, 60’s & 70’s Favorites”

AUGUST 1

**The Rockin’
Fendershirts**

“Rock & Roll Oldies”

AUGUST 15

**The Del Bergeson
Orchestra**

“One of the Top Big
Bands in Chicagoland”

*In case of inclement weather, concert will move indoors
to the MCHS Auditorium 1000 Union St., Morris, IL*



MORRIS
ILLINOIS