



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

15th Morris City Council 6:00PM

October

6th Morris City Council 6:00PM

20th Morris City Council 6:00PM

November

3rd Morris City Council 6:00PM

17th Morris City Council 6:00PM

Closed for the following Holidays:

Labor Day Monday, September 1st

Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving November 27 & 28th

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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Message from Mayor Chris Brown

As we continue to build a stronger, more resilient community, I want to underscore the critical role that grant funding plays in driving our progress. Grant dollars are not just supplementary—they are essential to what we are achieving. They allow us to make improvements in

quality of life and bring innovative projects to life that otherwise might remain out of reach.

Whether it's federal, state, or private foundation funding, these grants help us improve infrastructure, invest in public safety, support small businesses, and enhance parks and green spaces. Over the past year, we've executed and finished our work on the West Side Park improvements which were made possible by a \$600,000 OSLAD Grant, the city's first in over 40 years.

Additionally, we are also currently executing grants for housing rehabilitation and new way-finding signs along Route 47. The \$650,000 Housing Rehabilitation Grant is helping low- and moderate-income homeowners make critical repairs—whether it's fixing a leaky roof, upgrading outdated electrical systems, or making homes safer and more accessible for seniors. To date, we've approved 6 grants with 4 more households to be helped soon, directly improving the quality of life for our residents and also improving and preserving property values for the neighborhoods in which they are located. This is not just about bricks and mortar—it's about dignity, equity, and ensuring that long-time residents are not left behind in the progress we're making together.

We recently announced that Morris was selected to receive a \$771,000 Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets Grant. With only 25 communities being selected out of the hundreds of applications submitted, this is one of the most competitive grants in the state. While we are still in the planning stages of what this project will bring to our beloved downtown, I can tell you it will include improvements along Liberty Street and 3 – 4 bump-outs which will be added to key intersections which will greatly expand pedestrian space and provide opportunities for expanded outdoor dining. Bollards will be provided for pedestrian safety along with beautification elements which include raised landscape planting areas and additional benches.

Just last month, we made significant strides in improving Morris's connectivity and safety by securing approximately \$2.8 million in ITEP funding dedicated to improving and extending the pedestrian path between Calhoun Street and West Avenue. This investment will go toward paving, widening, replacing a pedestrian bridge, and extending the path from Benton and Liberty Streets to Park Boulevard and Edgewood Drive. This will make the path easier and safer for residents of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, and move throughout the city. This project will serve as a catalyst for building a more accessible and pedestrian friendly Morris for generations to come.

What makes it even more exciting is that the announcement comes just as we are getting started with our first ever Trails and Parking Study which is also funded with \$220,000 in grant funds and will be completed in 2026. This grant will be particularly transformational between connecting the East and the West side for kids that walk or take their bike to the High School or over to white oak, the YMCA, or our new West Side Park for activities. This initiative marks a major step forward in improving local mobility, encouraging outdoor recreation, and connecting our neighborhoods, parks, downtown, and schools with a safe, accessible trail network.

All of these most recent grant awards are great examples of projects that might not be possible without an outside funding source. But beyond the dollar figures, these grants represent trust in our city's vision, in our leadership, and in our capacity to deliver results. That trust is earned through transparency, accountability, and a clear commitment to using every dollar to improve the lives of our residents. So let's talk about what this means in terms of dollars coming back to our community. With an estimated \$32 million in grant dollars received in the last 4 years, that equates to roughly \$6,400 per household and approximately \$2,200 per resident coming back to our community. Those are dollars that the City of Morris is capturing and bringing back to our community that would have been spent elsewhere in the state. That is something that all of us should celebrate and be proud of.

As we look ahead, we will continue to aggressively pursue additional grant opportunities, build strong partnerships, and ensure that grant funding remains a cornerstone of our strategy for sustainable growth.



PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

Free Leaf Bag Pickup • Saturday, October 4th

The City of Morris will be distributing free leaf bags to residents in Upper Goad Park on Saturday, October 4th 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 the new Morris Public Works building located at 1420 N. Ashley 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.



Burning Yard Waste Prohibited Within City Limits

The City of Morris prohibits the open burning of any yard waste which includes leaves, grass, brush, Christmas trees, tree clippings and other materials accumulated as a result of the maintenance of lawns and gardens. City ordinance states it is: “Unlawful for any person to burn or cause the combustion of any landscape waste or yard waste at any time with the corporate limits of the City of Morris.” Yard waste burning significantly worsens air quality and the smoke can irritate the eyes, nose, throat and lungs, especially for those with a pre-existing condition. Please consider alternatives like the following:



- Curbside pickup in an approved bag or yard waste bin
- Morris Public Works collects bundled branches when placed curbside
- Composting or mulching is a great way to recycle green materials like lawn waste

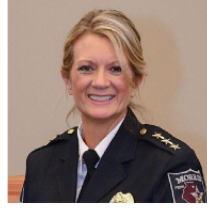
Final E-Recycling Date of the Year • Friday, October 17th

This year’s final e-recycling event will be held Friday, October 17th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the First America Recycling located at 1000 Armstrong Street. This is a free event for Morris residents, but there is a \$25 charge 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

The Morris Police Department, Morris Community High School and Grundy County Emergency Telephone System Board (911 Center) are pleased to announce a new step in school safety for the 2025-2026 school year.



*Alicia Steffes
Police Chief*

Using a program called Flock OS, surveillance video at Morris Community High School will now be streamed to the Grundy County 911 Center and Morris Police Department to be accessed by police and dispatch officials when there is a pending or imminent safety or security threat on school grounds.

Morris Community High School was the pilot school for the project. The implementation was successful, and it will now be offered to the other schools in Morris. The costs of the program are shared jointly between the Morris Police Department and schools.

The program will increase safety for students, staff and first responders as it allows the dispatch center, Morris Police officers, and Command Personnel to see what is happening on school property in live time during any safety related event. First Responders will know exactly where the emergency or threat is located and coordinate an appropriate response.

The ability to view cameras would not only be helpful in major safety issues like an active shooter, but also in the case of fire alarms, medical emergencies, traffic issues, intruders, violence between students, thefts, or lost children.

Flock OS is a product of Flock Safety, who provides license plate reader cameras in Morris. Flock OS allows multiple camera systems to be funneled into one platform and easily accessed by users. It provides for the beginning of a Real-Time Information Center for Morris as the Morris Police Department and Grundy County ETSB will be inviting Morris businesses to join the platform also. More information on that opportunity will be made available soon.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

In addition to our new Station 1 Firehouse, this year marks a significant milestone for public safety in Morris as the Morris Fire Protection District continues to invest in the well-being of our residents. I am happy and proud to report that our department has added our first fifteen full-time firefighters to its ranks — a move that reflects our unwavering commitment to protecting lives and property. This historic decision strengthens our department's ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies, ensures better coverage across the city, and reduces response times during critical incidents.

These new hires not only enhance our emergency response capabilities but also support the long-term sustainability of our fire services as our community grows. By investing in a stronger, more professional fire department, we are ensuring that our residents receive the highest level of care and protection when it matters most. This is more than just a staffing change — it's a bold step toward building a safer, more resilient Morris for everyone who calls it home.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 5 – 11, 2025

The theme for this year's National Fire Prevention Week has been announced and it's focused on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) here are some important safety tips to follow related to lithium-ion battery use:

- Purchase batteries that are only listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and labeled accordingly.
- Stop charging the battery once it is full.
- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
- Have all repairs performed by a qualified professional.



*Tracey Steffes
Fire Chief/Marshall*

2025 Festival Schedule

September 24-28th



WEDNESDAY

Queen Coronation & Parade
Water Fights
Carnival
Talent Show
Music Bingo

THURSDAY

Carnival
One Foot in the Grave
Jump! Van Halen Tribute
Carnival
Petting Zoo

FRIDAY

Train Rides
Carnival
Ham & Bean Dinner
Billy Gray Band
Don't Matter to Me
Ultimate Eric Church Tribute

SATURDAY

Carnival
Pickleball Tournament
Morris Hospital 5K Run
Johnny Russler &
The Beach Bum Band
Flatbed Fords
Hairbanger's Ball
Craft Show

SUNDAY

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



MAYOR BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AWARDED

During the State of the City, Mayor Brown and Grant Whybark of Edward Jones Financial awarded the Mayor Brown Community Scholarship to three 2025 Morris Community High School graduates. Dakota Goff received the \$2,500 scholarship while Cameron Raymer and Brandy Valencia- Farias each received the \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships recognize their scholastic abilities as well as their dedication to the city through acts of community service. The scholarships are funded by local Edward Jones representatives, Mayor Brown, and the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce. The City of Morris wishes these students the best as they take their next academic steps into college!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A HUGE SUCCESS

The Morris Police Department hosted National Night Out in Goold Park on Tuesday, August 5th to the delight of hundreds of residents that attended the event. In addition to free popcorn, hot dogs and other refreshments, there were many attractions for kids and adults to enjoy. There was a police themed scavenger hunt, carnival games, bounce houses, ga-ga ball, and many other fun activities. The Morris Police Department would like to thank all that attended, the officers that volunteered their time, local sponsors, and city staff for making this year's NNO event the best it could be.

A CREATIVE CELEBRATION IN THE HEART OF MORRIS

Downtown Morris came alive on Saturday, August 16th for the annual Liberty Arts Festival, an afternoon packed with art, music, creativity, and even a car painting event, made possible by D'Arcy Chevrolet. The event ran from ran from 10 am to 4 pm and transformed the Grundy County Courthouse lawn and surrounding streets into a vibrant open-air art experience. Some of the highlights from this year's event included the car painting, the Art Stroll on the courthouse lawn, live music, dance performances, food trucks, Creator's Village, and the Sip 'N Shop in participating downtown retail locations. The Liberty Arts Festival is fast becoming one of Morris's most beloved traditions by bringing together artists and art lovers in a celebration of creativity which helps promote the importance of how art can uplift and inspire people of all ages.



INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR NEW DOWNTOWN MORRIS RESTAURANTS



Julie Wilkinson
Business Development
Director

The City of Morris recently launched a restaurant incentive program to bring more dining options to our vibrant Downtown. We know visitors patronize restaurants that provide a great customer experience, which in turn drives foot traffic and local spending at other businesses.

In the 2020 Downtown Master Plan, survey respondents affirmed they would spend more time Downtown if more food options were available. We have seen this play out when visitors arrive early for events to have dinner or stay downtown to eat once a festival is over. Weeknight Downtown traffic is heavily driven by dinner crowds. So hospitality must become a larger part of our economic mix.

After much discussion and study of best practices in other communities, volunteers on the Business & Community Development Commission helped shape a grant program to attract new and grow the existing inventory of Downtown restaurants. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for property owners wishing to add a commercial kitchen to a Downtown building that does not have one. Grants are funded out of tax increment financing district 1 (TIF 1), an economic development tool established and governed by state legislation. The purpose of TIF dollars is to stimulate economic growth and the restaurant incentive program does just that.

Restaurant grants are approved by City Council on a case-by-case basis. Each requires a match from the property owner, an agreement to generate new sales tax, and a solid business plan. Grants are provided as reimbursement.

McBride's Morris, a new and wildly well-received restaurant at 423 Liberty Street is the first to receive the funds. The owners utilized the grant to help cover a portion of the cost of a commercial kitchen hood for their building, where they serve hundreds of customers daily and attract new interest from visitors around the region. Neighboring businesses are enjoying the benefit of additional foot traffic.

It is an exciting time for Downtown also because the City has two unique properties for sale. The former city hall, recently operated as the Morris YMCA, and the former fire station building on Wauponsee Street, are waiting to become the next cafe, family diner, speakeasy, or restaurant. These spaces are eligible for the restaurant incentive as well as other incentives for permanent improvements available through TIF.



The vacant former fire station is across the street from Keg Grove Brewing Company, which recently celebrated one year of operation in Morris. Keg Grove has quickly become home to many charitable events and a welcome gathering spot for friends. The owners have invested in our community through sponsorships, partnerships, and commemorative beers branded for causes we care about- from fallen fireman James Allen to the 75th annual Corn Festival. Both Keg Grove and McBride's serve as strong



examples of recruiting people with great products. The bar is high for prospects (no pun intended).

For questions on the grant program or available buildings, please contact me at jwilkinson@morrisil.org or (815) 941-3685.

We are so proud of our city - its residents, businesses, volunteers, leaders, and spirit of community. As we head into a busy spring and summer event season, there have never been more reasons to **"Meet me in Morris!"**

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 24th - 28th

76th Annual Grundy County Corn Festival

- 6th Morris Beer Festival Goold Park
- 12th Movies in the Park Goold Park
- 13th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris
- 13th Morris Cruise Night Downtown Morris
- 27th Morris Hospital Corn Fest 5K
Morris Elementary School

October

- 4-5th Morris Lions Club Car Show
Grundy Co. Fairgrounds
- 11th 3 French Hens Market Downtown Morris
- 11th Morris Cruise Night Downtown Morris
- 18th Wiggin' Out Shopping Event Downtown Morris
Supporting breast cancer research and awareness

November

November 28th - 30th

Home for the Holidays - Downtown Morris

Featuring the Lighted Holiday Parade, Santa and his reindeer, Home & Holiday Walk, Carriage Rides, and more!

- 7-8th 3 French Hens Holiday Market
Jennifer's Garden
- 8th Morris Cruise Night
Thanksgiving Cruise Downtown Morris
- 29th Small Business Saturday 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	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/29/2025	Wilmington	Home
9/5/2025	Mahomet-Seymour	Away
9/13/2025	Peoria	Away
9/19/2025	LaSalle-Peru – Homecoming	Home
9/26/2025	Kaneland	Away
10/3/2025	Rochelle	Home
10/10/2025	Ottawa	Away
10/24/2025	Byron Center, Michigan	Home
10/31/2025	HSA Playoffs	

SOCCKER BOYS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/25/2025	Manteno	Home
8/30/2025	Coal City Shootout	Away
9/2/2025	Somonauk	Away
9/3/2025	Joliet Catholic	Away
9/8/2025	Herscher	Away
9/10/2025	LaSalle-Peru	Home
9/13/2025	Bodyarmor Series – Waukegan	Away
9/15/2025	Bodyarmor Series – Waukegan	Away
9/17/2025	Rochelle	Away
9/20/2025	Coal City	Home
9/22/2025	Kaneland	Away
9/24/2025	Sycamore	Home
9/27/2025	Ottawa	Home
9/29/2025	LaSalle-Peru	Away
10/1/2025	Ottawa	Away
10/4/2025	Dixon	Away
10/6/2025	Rochelle	Home
10/8/2025	Kaneland	Home
10/13/2025	Sycamore	Away
10/15/2025	Streator	Home
10/22/2025	IHSA Regionals	

TENNIS GIRLS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/22/2025	Ottawa Night Lite Invite	Away
8/23/2025	Lincolnway Central Quad	Away
8/25/2025	Coal City	Home
8/26/2025	Minooka	Away
9/2/2025	LaSalle Peru	Home
9/6/2025	Joliet West Quad	Away
9/9/2025	Ottawa	Home
9/11/2025	Yorkville	Away
9/13/2025	Lincolnway East Invite	Away
9/15/2025	Oswego	Home
9/16/2025	Rochelle	Away
9/20/2025	Coal City Quad	Away
9/22/2025	Lincolnway Central	Away
9/23/2025	Kaneland	Away
9/27/2025	Lemont Invitational	Away
9/29/2025	Pontiac	Home
9/30/2025	Sycamore	Home
10/2/2025	Mendota	Away
10/6/2025	Princeton	Home
10/11/2025	I8 Varsity Tournament LaSalle Peru	Away
10/17/2025	IHSA Sectionals	
10/26/2025	IHSA State	

SWIMMING GIRLS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
9/4/2025	Joliet West	Home
9/9/2025	LaSalle-Peru	Away
9/11/2025	Pontiac & Normal U-High	Away
9/12/2025	Shepard Swim & Dive	Away
9/13/2025	Shepard Swim & Dive	Away
9/16/2025	Plainfield Co-Op	Home
9/20/2025	LaSalle H.S. Pentathlon	Away
9/25/2025	West Aurora	Away
10/4/2025	IMSA Invite	Away
10/7/2025	LaSalle Peru & Bloomington Central Catholic	Home
10/21/2025	Kankakee & TF South	Away
10/25/2025	Independent Conference Meet	Away
11/8/2025	IHSA Sectionals	
11/14/2025	IHSA State Finals	
11/15/2025	IHSA State Finals	

CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/27/2025	Early Bird Invite	Home
9/3/2025	Irish Conditioner Bishop McNamara	Away
9/5/2025	Twilight in the Woods – Seneca	Away
9/13/2025	First to the Finish Invite Detweller Park	Away
9/20/2025	Eddington Invitational Kaneland	Away
9/30/2025	El Paso – Gridley Invite	Away
10/7/2025	Knights Handicap Meet – Kaneland	Away
10/11/2025	PC Invite – The Oaks at River Edge	Away
10/18/2025	I8 Conference Meet – Kaneland	Away
10/25/2025	IHSA Regionals	
11/1/2025	IHSA Sectionals	
11/8/2025	IHSA State Championship	

CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/27/2025	Early Bird Invite	Home
9/3/2025	Irish Conditioner Bishop McNamara	Away
9/5/2025	Twilight in the Woods – Seneca	Away
9/6/2025	Vicky Piela Invitational Grayslake	Away
9/13/2025	First to the Finish Detweller Park	Away
9/20/2025	Eddington Invitational Kaneland	Away
9/30/2025	El Paso – Gridley Invitational	Away
10/7/2025	Knights Handicap Meet Kaneland	Away
10/11/2025	PC Invite – The Oaks at Rivers Edge	Away
10/18/2025	I8 Conference Meet Kaneland	Away
10/25/2025	IHSA Regionals	
11/1/2025	IHSA Sectionals	
11/8/2025	IHSA State Championship	

GOLF BOYS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/14/2025	Sandwich Golf Invite Edgebrook GC	Away
8/16/2025	Homewood Flossmoor Odyssey GC	Away
8/18/2025	Plainfield North Naperbrook GC	Away
8/19/2025	LaSalle Peru - The Creek	Home
8/26/2025	Panther Scramble Blackberry Oaks	Away
8/27/2025	Ottawa – The Creek	Home
8/28/2025	LaSalle Peru Invite Seneca Oak Ridge	Away
9/2/2025	Rochelle – Fairways GC	Away
9/4/2025	Seneca & Coal City The Creek	Home
9/8/2025	Ottawa & Lockport Morris Country Club Home	
9/10/2025	Kaneland – Hughes Creek GC	Away
9/11/2025	Dwight & Lexington Dwight Country Club	Away
9/15/2025	Ottawa Invite Deer Park Country Club	Away
9/16/2025	Sycamore – The Creek	Home
9/22/2025	I8 Conference Kishwaukee Country Club	Away
9/25/2025	Dwight Invite – 2 Man Scramble Dwight Coal City	Away
9/27/2025	Ryder Cup Tourney Mendota Golf Club	Away
10/1/2025	IHSA Regional	
10/6/2025	IHSA Sectional	
10/10/2025	IHSA State	

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS - VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
8/25/2025	Manteno	Home
8/26/2025	Pontiac	Away
8/28/2025	Coal City	Home
8/30/2025	Wilmington Invite	Away
9/2/2025	Plainfield North	Away
9/4/2025	Bradley-Bourbonnais	Home
9/8/2025	Plainfield Central	Home
9/9/2025	IC Catholic Prep	Home
9/15/2025	Seneca	Away
9/16/2025	LaSalle Peru	Home
9/18/2025	Sandwich	Home
9/23/2025	Ottawa	Home
9/25/2025	Plano	Away
9/27/2025	Lady Comet Classic Braidwood	Away
9/29/2025	Plainfield South	Away
9/30/2025	Rochelle	Away
10/2/2025	Kaneland	Away
10/7/2025	Sycamore	Home
10/9/2025	LaSalle Peru	Away
10/14/2025	Ottawa	Away
10/16/2025	Rochelle	Home
10/18/2025	Seneca Invitational	Away
10/20/2025	Princeton	Away
10/21/2025	Kaneland	Home
10/23/2025	Sycamore	Away
10/28/2025	IHSA Regionals	
10/30/2025	IHSA Regional Championship	



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Trevor Hodge named the Morris Police Officer of the year at the June 16th meeting of the Morris City Council. Hodge was recognized for his unwavering dedication, integrity, professionalism, and willingness to go above and beyond in serving our community. Detective Hodge exemplifies the very best of the Morris Police Department. Please join us in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor.



NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN

During the June 16th Morris City Council meeting, Mayor Chris Brown had the honor of swearing in two of Morris' newest police officers, Kolton Stockwell and Jacob Maclean. Chief Alicia Steffes introduced the new officers before they took their oath. Both officers come to the MPD staff with prior experience, and they look forward to serving our community. Welcome to the Morris team!

MORRIS AWARDED \$771,263 TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN

Great news for Morris! On May 9, 2025, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (IDCEO) awarded the city a \$771,263 Rebuild Illinois Downtowns & Main Streets grant to enhance the downtown district. Expect to see streetscape upgrades along Liberty Street, reflecting the Downtown Master Plan, bump-outs at intersections to expand pedestrian space and support outdoor dining, the installation of bollards for improved safety and beautification efforts with raised planting areas and additional benches. Meetings will be held in the near future with building owners, business owners, and residents to discuss the scope and the extent of the work to be done in the downtown area.





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**MORRIS
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Summer Lovin' Level



Memory Maker Level



Splash Level

Grundy Area Historical Museum
Morris Hospital YMCA

North Central Behavior Health Systems
Sherwood Oaks Waffle Cafe

Grundy County Chamber
Country Farmhouse Cafe

Mark your calendars for this year's
Home for the Holidays Celebration

November 28 - 30th, 2025

