



# 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

### *December*

- 2nd Morris City Council 6:00PM
- 16th Morris City Council 6:00PM

### *January*

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

### *February*

- 3rd Morris City Council 6:00PM
- 18th Morris City Council 6:00PM

### **Closed for the following Holidays:**

- Thanksgiving** Thursday, November 28th & Friday the 29th.
- Christmas** Wednesday, December 25th
- New Years Day** Wednesday, January 1st
- MLK Jr. Day** Monday, January 20th
- Presidents Day** Monday, February 17th

## *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**  
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## **Message from Mayor Chris Brown**

Once again, I have blinked, and another year has passed. Where does the time go? As we grow older, life seems to offer us long days and short years. I know that seems a bit contradictory, but it is true. As a parent, we see it in our children. One

day, they're getting on the bus for their first day of school, and the next day, they're off to college. We see it in our own paths through life. Have you ever heard a song on the radio, and had it transport you back to a moment in time, only to realize just how many years have passed since that time in your life?

I have found myself reflecting on my first term as mayor recently, and once again, it is amazing to me how fast the time has flown by. I remember my first day in the office and the excitement that came with the realization that I was blessed with the privilege to be in such a position. I knew that path forward was going to be difficult at times, but I also knew that there was such a bright future ahead of us in Morris. I have always believed that the future starts today, not tomorrow. Hopefully, that belief has defined the first four years of our administration.

Our work continues as we move into what promises to be an exciting 2025. Our community will celebrate the grand opening of the beautiful new YMCA facility which will open its doors in January. The partnership of the YMCA, City of Morris, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers, and so many generous donors has turned what was once a dream into a reality for our city and the all the communities throughout Grundy County. The offerings include a kid's corner, wellness center, fitness studio, 8 lane swimming pool, gymnasium with a walking track and pickleball courts, a community room and so much more. There will be something for everyone, and it will serve our area for decades to come.

Work on our city parks will continue in 2025 as well. Next on our list is McKinley Park, which is in dire need of improvements and updating. New playground equipment, pickleball

courts, basketball courts, and a picnic pavilion are currently in our plan. We look forward to continuing to draw inspiration from our 2022 Parks Master Plan which provided us with so many great ideas from the almost 1000 online surveys that were completed prior to its adoption. As always, we will be hosting public meetings to discuss the plan for McKinley Park to ensure that additional voices can be heard before work begins.

The new City of Morris Public Works facility will also be opening its doors to the community and our dedicated work crews. When this much needed asset is completed, it will be paid in full and will provide our public works teams with a work home that they can be proud of and will provide them with the space, environment and amenities they need to do their job today and into the future. For far too long, they have been cramped up in their current address which happens to sit in a flood plain. Don't get me wrong, the property on River Road will still serve a purpose for Morris, but moving our public works leaders and crews into a modernized facility was something that could not wait any longer. I look forward to cutting the ribbon with the public in the coming months and making the move to the new facility which is long overdue.

Finally, the Morris Municipal Airport will also be seeing some exciting changes in the new year. The much-anticipated crosswind runway will be taking its next steps towards becoming a reality as we hope to have a bid-letting and groundbreaking in 2025. With approximately \$15 million in grant funding at hand, this promises to provide a substantial economic impact on the City of Morris. Many of the large corporations that are choosing Morris as a location for their business interests, are doing so, due in large part to the airport. In its most recent economic study, the Department of Transportation found that our airport had a total economic impact of \$15.2 million statewide. The future of our airport is bright, and we look forward to taking it to the next level.

As we move towards a fresh new year, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and happy new year. Thank you for your support, trust, and for making Morris the best place in the world to call home!



## PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

### Snow Removal

The City of Morris Public Works crews begin an all-out plowing effort when the snow accumulation is greater than 1.5 inches. It is the city's goal to clear all streets, curb-to-curb, within 12 hours after the snowfall has ended. Heavier snow would be the exception, as it takes much longer to clear. The curb-to-curb policy is in effect to keep gutters and storm sewers open which allows for melting snow and rain to drain properly. This is essential in helping to prevent street flooding and also to accommodate trash pick-up and mail delivery. Snow routes are prioritized with main traffic routes being plowed first, thoroughfares through subdivisions are second, while smaller side streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared last.



Please note that we will be enforcing a **no parking restriction** in the downtown area after 2 inches of accumulation.



### PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 815-942-5063 TO REPORT ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sidewalk Repairs           | Branch/Brush Removal      |
| Pothole & Pavement Repairs | Water and/or Sewer Issues |
| Street Light Outage        |                           |



## BUILDING AND ZONING CORNER

Winter is a great time to start thinking about spring home improvement projects. Before you start the work, remember to check with the City of Morris Building and Zoning Office to see if permits are necessary for your projects.

### Building permits are required for the following:

- New residences
- Building additions
- Decks and fences
- Sheds
- Gazebos and porches
- Signs
- Commercial remodeling
- Demolition of buildings

Please call the Building and Zoning Office if you have any questions or concerns about any home improvements you are planning. Building and Zoning Officer Bill Martin can be reached at 815-942-1855.

## Winter Weather Tips

### Locate Your Water Shut Off Valve

If a pipe does freeze and burst, you want to locate your water service shut off valve to quickly shut water off in your home and minimize damage. This valve is often located near your water meter in your basement or crawl space where your water line comes into your home.

### Identify Areas of Your Home that are not Protected from Cold Weather

Check rooms that are not insulated, rooms without access to heat and openings in doors and windows. Crawlspace, basements, and rooms open to the elements are most vulnerable to frozen pipes.

### Eliminate Access to Cold Air

Wind blowing through openings will quickly freeze pipes. Repair broken windows, insulate all exterior walls, and seal any openings near doors and windows.

### Protect Exposed Pipes and Your Water meter by Wrapping Them in Insulation

Hardware stores sell insulation specifically for water pipes. Wrapping water meters with insulation is also important to avoid costly repairs. Frozen water meters are replaced by the Town at your expense!

### Close Inside Valves Supplying Outdoor Hose Bibs and Disconnect Outdoor Hoses

After shutting off the supply, remove any drain caps so there is no water left in the line. Go outside and make sure no hoses are attached to the outside faucets. This is necessary even for freeze proof faucets. Open all faucets that have been shut off from the inside.

### If Your Pipes DO Freeze:

1. Turn off your faucet
2. Slowly apply heat to the frozen area, but don't use an open flame! Hair dryers can work with patience
3. Continue to apply heat until full water pressure is restored
4. Prevent the pipes from freezing again



## FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Tracey Steffes  
Fire Chief/Marshall

Every season is fire safety season in my opinion, but wintertime is arguably the most important time of year for paying attention to fire safety because home fires occur

more in winter than in any other season. Approximately half of all home fires occur in December, January, and February.

### Prevent Cooking Fires

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- If you leave the room, turn off the stove and move the pan from the burner.
- Keep things that can burn, oven mitts, towels, and wooden spoons at least three feet from the stove.
- If a fire starts, slide a tight-fitting lid on the pan and turn off the heat.
- Avoid loose fitting clothing that can easily catch fire.

### Heating Safety

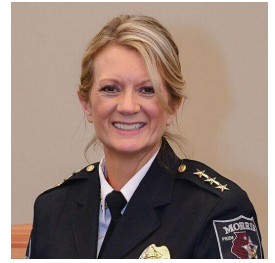
- Keep portable heaters three feet from anything flammable.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have your home heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- Make sure your wood stove is properly installed and ventilated.

### Christmas Tree Safety

- Never block an exit with a Christmas tree.
- Only use non-flammable decorations.
- Keep trees away from heat vents and other heat sources.
- Remove the tree from your home when the needles are brittle or begin to fall off.
- Pick a stand that can hold the tree securely. The stand should hold enough water for two days.

## CHIEF CHAT

This holiday season don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime. While the holidays should be the merriest time of year, the holiday season also brings opportunities for criminals to be the Grinch and take advantage of unsuspecting victims.



Alicia Steffes  
Police Chief

### If You're Traveling for the Holidays

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Have mail and newspaper delivery suspended.
- Call Morris Police Department to have your residence on extra patrol while you're gone. Call Katie at 815-941-5233 and request that your home be placed on house check.

### If You're Out for the Evening

- Turn on the lights and the TV so it looks like somebody is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

### If You're Shopping

- Lock all doors and windows and have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels etc)
- Keep landscaping trimmed so you can easily see around your property
- Stop Mail and newspaper during extended absences
- Have neighbor park in driveway when on an extended absence
- Do not announce on social media when you will be away on vacation
- Catalog serial numbers on property
- Monitor deliveries (Amazon) and give instruction to delivery in non-visible locations
- Use surveillance cameras and ring doorbells to monitor your home while away
- Use timers, photo sensor, or motion sensors for lighting
- Set burglary alarm and advised the alarm company you are away and to call the police directly
- Keep gifts and expensive property out of plain view from the outside



# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## Experience the Magic of Christmas in Morris!

November 29<sup>th</sup> November 30<sup>th</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup>

### Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

#### ALL DAY – WINDOW WALK

Downtown Morris  
Stroll downtown window displays in search of items hidden in storefronts. Clue sheets are available in stores. Redeem for a chance to win a Morris Retail Association gift card.  
A limited number of 2024 HFTH bags with coupons are available to early shoppers.

#### 10 A.M. - 7 P.M. – Festival of Trees

Grundy County Historical Society and Museum  
510 W. Illinois Avenue  
Bid online at: [www.bidluckyauctions.com](http://www.bidluckyauctions.com)

#### 12:30-1:30PM - Gingerbread House Contest

Drop off at Eagles Hall- 120 Liberty St.

#### 1:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M. – Lantern Making (Free!)

Eagle's Hall - 120 Liberty St.  
Hosted by Morris & Mazon Girl Scouts.  
*A parent or adult must remain with children.*  
Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 1024 will sell hot cocoa.  
*Proceeds benefit local charities.*

#### 3 P.M. - 7 P.M. – Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (Free!)

Washington and Liberty Streets

#### 4 P.M. – Coal City High School Madrigals

Caroling throughout Downtown Morris

**Santa & Mrs. Claus Arrive in Morris!**  
*19th Annual Lighted Holiday Parade*  
**5:30 P.M.**  
East Washington Street, Liberty Street from the Courthouse to Chapin Park  
*No vehicles along parade route after 3PM.*

#### 6 P.M. - 7 P.M. – Lighting of Chapin Park

**(Free!)** Chapin and Wauponsee Streets  
Caroling with the Coal City High School Madrigals, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa and horse drawn carriage rides!

### Upcoming Holiday Events!

#### "Midnight in Morris" – Dec. 6 – 4pm-midnight

Stores open 4pm-midnight with holidays specials

#### "Holiday in the Park" – Dec. 14 – 3-6pm, Goold Park

An old-fashioned Christmas with Santa, carols, ice skating, cocoa, and more.

#### "Winterfest Market" – Dec. 15 – 9am-2pm

hosted by 3 French Hens

Holiday vendors and treats will line Liberty Street as you shop your favorite Downtown destinations.

### Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

#### ALL DAY – WINDOW WALK

**9 A.M.-1 P.M. – Hot Cider & Cookies (Free!)**  
Washington and Liberty Streets  
Compliments of Streator Strized Credit Union

#### 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. – Winter Wonderland (Free!)

Morris Area Public Library - 604 Liberty Street  
Join Anna, Elsa, and friends to make up to four enchanted crafts, take fun photos, and more.  
Call to register: (815) 942-6880.

#### 10 A.M.-12 P.M. – Winter Carnival (Free!)

Morris American Legion - 212 W. Washington  
Fun and games for children!  
*A parent or adult must remain with children.*

#### 10 A.M.-1 P.M. – Santa & His Reindeer (Free!)

Grundy County Courthouse Lawn  
Visit Santa and pet his reindeer.  
Great photo opportunity.

#### 10 A.M.-5 P.M. – Festival of Trees

Grundy County Historical Society and Museum  
510 W. Illinois Avenue  
First bids close at 5:00 P.M.  
Online bidding at [www.bidluckyauctions.com](http://www.bidluckyauctions.com)

#### 11 A.M.-1 P.M. – Enchanting Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (Free!)

Washington and Liberty Streets

*House Walk*  
**11 A.M.-5 P.M.**  
**• Four •**  
**Morris Destinations**  
*Decorated for the Season*  
Tickets are \$20  
Proceeds for charity

### Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Noon-4 P.M. – WINDOW WALK CONTINUES!

Downtown Morris  
Stroll downtown window displays in search of items listed on a clue sheet available at participating retailers. Return for a chance to win an Morris Retail Association gift card.

#### Noon-3 P.M. – Festival of Trees Auction Pick Up

Grundy County Historical Society and Museum  
510 W. Illinois Avenue



*City of Morris*

### House Walk Destinations:

**Greg Lewis & Brittany Bailey**  
715 W. Sherrill Road

**Nick & Tiffany Frey**  
1570 Little Willow Road

**Morris Fire Department Station One**  
200 Armstrong Street - (New!)

**Fraternal Order of Eagles**  
**Open 11 A.M.-3 P.M.**  
120 Liberty Street  
*Host of the Holiday Tea*  
*Complimentary with ticket purchase*

### Purchase Your Ticket

#### AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

House Walk Destinations (day of event only)  
Apple Butter & Shugie's • Brianna Lynn's Boutique  
Grundy Bank • Grundy County Historical Society  
Just Kidding Around • Old National Bank  
The Thoughtful Spot • True North  
Tickets are \$20

### Every House Walk Ticket Includes 25% Off Coupon To Participating Downtown Shops.

#### RETURN YOUR TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

- \$250 gift certificate donated by the Morris Retail Association
- \$250 gift certificate to Grundy County Chamber of Commerce member businesses



### FOR MORE INFORMATION Julie Wilkinson

**City of Morris Business Development**  
(815) 941-3685  
Events are subject to change.



VISIT [www.morrisil.org/home-for-the-holidays](http://www.morrisil.org/home-for-the-holidays)

FIND @homefortheholidaysmorrisil and @VisitMorris, IL on Facebook for info.



## **WATERCOLOR GUILD ATTENDS COUNCIL MEETING**

The Morris Watercolor Guild presented the City of Morris with two beautiful paintings which were created at the Liberty Arts Festival held on August 17th. The MWG recently celebrated its 20th anniversary in June. They welcome anyone interested in the art of watercolors, whether they are a novice, an accomplished artist, or just want to paint for enjoyment. The Guild meets from 1:00 - 3:30 on most Fridays at the Methodist Church. For more information on the Morris Watercolor Guild call Pat Neff at 815-207-0956.



## **MORRIS BBQ ASSOCIATION MAKES DONATION TO ILLINOIS VALLEY INDUSTRIES**



Morris BBQ Association President Greg Redford, Treasurer Jen Knudson, and board member Dean Tambling donated \$20,000 to Illinois Valley Industries at the Morris City Council Meeting held on September 3rd. The proceeds were raised at the 3rd Annual Morris Rhythm & BBQ Festival which was held in June. The BBQ Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising

support for local charities and improving the quality of life for area residents. The festival will return to Goold Park on June 21, 2025.

## **GAVC STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT COUNCIL MEETING**

Some incredible Grundy Area Vocational Center students and their instructors joined Mayor Brown and the Morris City Council at our October 1st meeting to be recognized for their achievements at the 2024 Illinois Skills Competition. Bradley Raffel was crowned the champion in Criminal Justice and Valeria Garcia finished at the top in both the Teaching & Learning Professional Portfolio and Preschool Interactive Bulletin Board categories. Pictured with Valeria and Bradley are Mayor Chris Brown, Criminal Justice instructor Brent Dite, and Foundations of Teaching instructor Deb Eungard. Not pictured is Kira Dergo. She was unable to attend, but we want to recognize her as well for her 1st place finish in the Preschool Interactive Bulletin Board category.



## SIGNS OF THE TIMES: GRANT WILL ELEVATE MORRIS AND DOWNTOWN



Julie Wilkinson  
Business Development  
Director

One commentary on the Visit Morris, IL Facebook page stood out recently. It was from a first-time Morris visitor and Cruise Night attendee who summarized what many newcomers say about our Downtown: "What makes Morris special is the community vibe.

The friendly atmosphere encourages people to walk around, chat, and enjoy music and great food from local vendors...With the nostalgic backdrop of Morris' historic downtown, it feels like stepping back in time."

Visitors are pleasantly surprised at what our Downtown has to offer, during special events and otherwise. Once they've experienced it, the hospitality among stores and restaurants and variety of activities bring them back to the historic district to spend their dollars and enjoy our community.

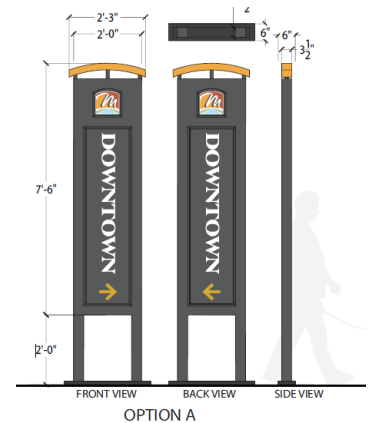
Now Morris is taking steps to enable more people to discover our treasured Downtown and elevate the city's image and character. Through a \$250,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and the advocacy of State Senator Sue Rezin, wayfinding signs will direct visitors to key destinations. They will alert the 30,000 drivers traversing Route 47 daily to the experiences that await throughout our city.

Wayfinding signs were recommended in the 2020 Downtown Master Plan, a study that gathered input from residents, visitors, and small and large businesses. Respondents agreed that signage would make highway travelers aware of the shopping, dining, recreation, and events hidden from being seen on the main thoroughfares.

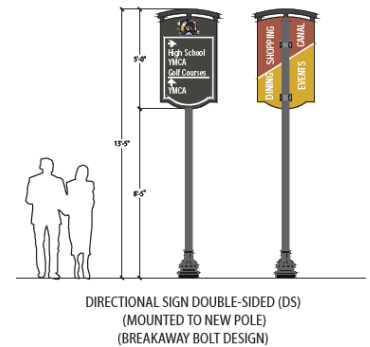
Following months of design and location input from city staff, community volunteer on the City's Business & Community Development Commission, city council members, and the Illinois Department of Transportation, a map of fourteen sign locations and renderings were finalized. The project also received endorsement from the Morris Retail Association.

A public bidding process in September revealed the low bid of \$227,667.99 for fabrication, installation, and landscaping. Unlike many state and federal grants, there is no local match to obtain these funds.

By April, 2025, we will see eleven directional signs strategically located along State Route 47. The signs will begin north of the airport and end at the Illinois River Bridge. Each directional sign is different, noting nearby destinations such as Downtown Morris, public schools, the Morris Airport, the new Morris Hospital YMCA, the I&M Canal, and more. A sign on High Street will point travelers to Goold Park- home to many events, festivals, and the city pool. We will see three column-shaped Downtown signs on State Route 47 along the Downtown corridor.



The existing letterboard sign at Route 47 and Washington Street will become a large digital videoboard. With remote access to the new digital board, we can rotate multiple messages about events and activities, as well as graphics to capture the attention of the nearly 18,000 vehicles passing that intersection daily.



This project is another tangible sign of Morris' advancement- all while maintaining the charm and character residents are proud of and visitors admire.



# Special Events



Visit us online at [morrisil.org](http://morrisil.org) and follow us on social media to see more info and updates on these and future events!

## November

November 29th - December 1  
Home for the Holidays - Downtown Morris

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

30th Small Business Saturday Downtown Morris

## December

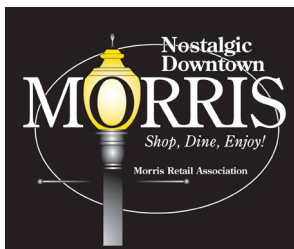
6th Midnight in Morris Downtown Morris

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!



# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



## BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/26/2024	<b>Tinley Park &amp; Manteno</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/3/2024	Princeton & Braidwood	Away
12/5/2024	LaSalle Peru	Away
12/7/2024	Plainfield North Tournament	Away
12/11/2024	Ottawa	Away
12/14/2024	Rex Lewis Invite	Away
12/19/2024	<b>Coal City &amp; Bishop McNamara</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/28/2024	Huntley Mega Quad	Away
1/4/2025	Dixon Duals	Away
1/9/2025	<b>Rochelle &amp; Sandwich</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/11/2025	<b>Morris Quad</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/15/2025	Yorkville Christian & Ottawa Marquette	Away
1/16/2025	<b>Kaneland</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/18/2025	Marty Williams Invitational	Away
1/23/2025	Sycamore	Away
1/25/2025	Oak Park & River Forest Invite	Away
1/30/2025	Dwight & Plainfield South	Away
1/31/2025	<b>Kankakee</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/8/2025	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/14/2025	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/15/2025	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/20/2025	IHSA State Championships	Away
2/21/2025	IHSA State Championships	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/27/2024	Minooka Invitational	Away
11/30/2024	Normal Community Invite	Away
12/21/2024	<b>Morris Invitational</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/30/2024	Ottawa Invitational	Away
1/8/2025	Seneca Scramble	Away
1/13/2025	Geneseo Scramble	Away
1/18/2025	Marty Williams Invitational	Away
1/25/2025	<b>18 Conference Tournament</b>	<b>Home</b>

## BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
12/12/2024	<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/17/2024	<b>LaSalle Peru</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/21/2024	Joliet Invite	Away
1/9/2025	Joliet West	Away
1/14/2025	West Aurora	Away
1/18/2025	Riverside Brookfield Invite	Away
1/25/2025	IMSAs Invite	Away
1/28/2025	<b>Oswego East</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/31/2025	IMSAs Invite	Away
2/4/2025	Lasalle Peru	Away
2/6/2025	<b>Kankakee</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/8/2025	SPC Meet	Away
2/22/2025	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/28/2025	IHSA State Finals	Away
3/1/2025	IHSA State Finals	Away

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/25/2024	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/26/2024	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/29/2024	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/30/2024	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
12/6/2024	LaSalle Peru	Away
12/7/2024	Braidwood Reed Custer	Away
12/13/2024	<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/21/2024	<b>Morris Grade School Night</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/21/2024	<b>Wilmington</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/23/2024	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/26/2024	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/27/2024	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/28/2024	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
1/3/2025	Sandwich	Away
1/7/2025	<b>Manteno</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/10/2025	Plano	Away
1/11/2025	Rochelle	Away
1/14/2025	Pontiac	Away
1/17/2025	Kaneland	Away
1/18/2025	<b>Streator</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/21/2025	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/24/2025	<b>LaSalle Peru</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/27/2025	<b>Hall of Distinction Night</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/29/2025	Newark	Away
1/29/2025	<b>Plainfield South</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/4/2025	Ottawa	Away
2/8/2025	<b>Rochelle</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/11/2025	<b>Coal City</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/14/2025	<b>Kaneland</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/15/2025	IC Shootout	Away
2/18/2025	<b>Seneca</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/21/2025	Sycamore	Away
2/26/2025	<b>IHSA Regionals</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/28/2025	<b>IHSA Regionals</b>	<b>Home</b>

## GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

Date	Event/Opponent	Location
11/29/2024	Wildcat Invite	Town & Country Lanes
12/2/2024	<b>St. Bede Academy</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
12/4/2024	LaSalle Peru	LaSalle Peru
12/9/2024	Mooseheart	Funway Bowling Alley
12/11/2024	<b>Rochelle</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
12/12/2024	Ottawa	Ottawa
12/16/2024	<b>Kaneland</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
12/21/2024	Lockport Invitational	Strike & Spare – Joliet
1/6/2025	<b>Yorkville</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/7/2025	Rochelle	Rochelle
1/8/2025	<b>Plainfield East</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/15/2025	Sycamore	Sycamore
1/16/2025	<b>LaSalle Peru</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/18/2025	<b>Charles Butterfield</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/22/2025	<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/25/2025	Minooka Invitational	Channahon Lanes
1/27/2025	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
1/28/2025	Kaneland	Mardi Gras Lanes – Dekalb
2/3/2025	18 Conference Tourn.	Kaneland
2/5/2025	<b>Streator</b>	<b>Echo Lanes</b>
2/8/2025	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/15/2025	IHSA Sectionals	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
10/30/2024	<b>Junior High Night</b>	<b>Home</b>
11/18/2024	Turkey Tournament – Braidwood	Away
11/19/2024	Turkey Tournament – Braidwood	Away
11/20/2024	Turkey Tournament – Braidwood	Away
11/21/2024	Turkey Tournament – Braidwood	Away
11/23/2024	Turkey Tournament – Braidwood	Away
11/25/2024	<b>Streator</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/2/2024	<b>Newark</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/3/2024	<b>Coal City</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/6/2024	LaSalle Peru	Away
12/7/2024	Princeton	Away
12/10/2024	<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>Home</b>
12/14/2024	Rochelle	Away
12/16/2024	Ottawa Tournament	Away
12/17/2024	Ottawa Tournament	Away
12/19/2024	Ottawa Tournament	Away
12/20/2024	Ottawa Tournament	Away
12/21/2024	Ottawa Tournament	Away
1/3/2025	Dixon	Away
1/10/2025	Kaneland	Away
1/14/2025	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/17/2025	Manteno	Away
1/18/2025	Ottawa	Away
1/24/2025	<b>LaSalle Peru</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/28/2025	<b>Hall of Distinction Night</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/28/2025	<b>Kankakee</b>	<b>Home</b>
1/30/2025	<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/1/2025	<b>Rochelle</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/4/2025	<b>Tinley Park Andrew</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/6/2025	Lockport	Away
2/7/2025	<b>Kaneland</b>	<b>Home</b>
2/8/2025	Wilmington	Away
2/11/2025	Sycamore	Away
2/13/2025	Serena	Away

## GIRLS CHEERLEADING VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	Location
12/22/2024	Cheer Fest	Joliet West
1/11/2025	Lakes Cheer Invitational	Lakes High School
1/12/2025	Bison Invite	Buffalo Grove
1/18/2025	Porter Frost Invitational	Lockport
1/22/2025	18 Conference Competition	Away
1/24/2025	Grayslake Central	Grayslake Central
2/1/2025	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/7/2025	IHSA State	Peoria
2/8/2025	IHSA State	Peoria

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## **HISTORIC FIRE EQUIPMENT MOVES TO NEW HOME**

There was a historic moment in the midst of the 75th Annual Grundy County Corn Festival celebration this year. The Morris Fire Protection and Ambulance District moved its 1868 Amoskeag Steamer known as “Old Shab” and their 1927 LaFrance fire truck into their new home at the newly constructed Station 1 Fire Museum located at 200 Armstrong Street. The old steamer was pulled through town by two large Percheron horses owned by Morris Fire Board Trustee Brad Baker and Chris Kindelspire drove the LaFrance through town in a ceremonial parade which enjoyed by thousands of people along the route.



## **WEST SIDE PARK RECEIVES FACELIFT**



The heavy work at West Side Park is complete and all we need now is for the grass to grow. Thanks in large part to a \$600,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant the City of Morris received in 2022, West Side Park is looking better than ever. The improvements include a new ball diamond, pickleball courts, “California” style skatepark, play equipment, and walking trails. The park will be reopened fully in 2025. West Side Park was chosen by the City of Morris for their OSLAD application based on factors and findings from the

Morris Parks Master Plan which was adopted in 2022. For more information regarding the plan, please [morrisil.org/parks-recreation/](http://morrisil.org/parks-recreation/).



## **CORN FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Tens of thousands of visitors descended upon Downtown Morris for the 75th Grundy County Corn Festival held on September 25th through the 29th. Festival goers enjoyed live music, dozens of food vendors, fun activities, and of course the big finale – the Sunday parade which was headlined by the Illinois State University Marching Band. A special thanks to the many volunteers that make the event so much fun and have carried on the tradition for so many generations to enjoy year after year. Also,



a special shout out to the Morris Police Department for their tireless efforts to keep the festival a safe place for all to enjoy and to the Morris Public Works teams for their efforts in getting everything setup and for cleaning up after the festival is completed. Bravo!



# Winter Fun in Morris

## Holiday in the Park

Saturday, December 14th

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Lower Goold Park

Enjoy cocoa, festive music, and sweet treats around the city ice rink. Santa will be waiting in the bandshell, ready to hear those last-minute requests before Christmas!



## The City of Morris Ice Rink is Back!

December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 (weather permitting)

Open daily from 6:00 am – 10:00 pm • Lower Goold Park

Bring your own ice skates!



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