



# MORRIS

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in Morris



**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

1st Morris City Council 6:00PM

15th Morris City Council 6:00PM

### January

12th Morris City Council 6:00PM

### February

2nd Morris City Council 6:00PM

17th Morris City Council 6:00PM  
(Tuesday, due to Presidents' Day)

### Closed for the following Holidays:

**Christmas** Thursday, December 25th

**New Years Day** Thursday, January 1st

**MLK Jr. Day** Monday, January 19th

**Presidents' Day** Monday, February 16th

## 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

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### Alex Clubb

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### Jim Black

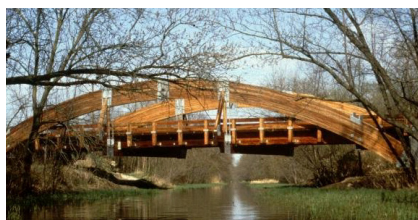
#### Fourth Ward

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### Sarah Mettille

#### Fourth Ward

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

As we look ahead to 2026, I'm excited to share with you the path we're charting together, a path of growth, improvement, and community-first

service. Our city is thriving, our local economy is strong, and our future is brighter than ever.

One of the most significant moves we have made recently will not only impact Morris in 2026, but it will carry us for many years into the future. The hiring of our new Public Works Director, Josh Holman, fills a critical role which will carry us forward with a new vision of leadership for our public works teams. The Public Works Director oversees all our essential services, from maintaining streets, parks, and public facilities to managing our water and sewer systems. With Josh joining our team, the City of Morris is better positioned to plan for the future, implement infrastructure improvements, and position Morris so we may keep pace with the growth of the city and the expansion of vital services.

Investing in strong leadership for public works is more than filling a job posting, it is a commitment to maintaining and expanding on the foundation that has been established by our retiring Public Works Director, Mike Day. Josh will have big shoes to fill and we know he is up to the task, but we also know we

owe a debt of gratitude to Mike and the 26+ years of service he gave to our community. His leadership and expertise have served this community well and we wish him the very best as he enters this new phase of life.

Fiscally, the City of Morris has never been stronger. I am proud to report more than halfway through our fiscal year, we have a solid financial foundation thanks to sensible budgeting, responsible spending, and strategic planning, Morris finds itself on a pace to have a record general fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

This strong financial position ensures that the city can maintain high-quality services, continue investing in improved infrastructure projects, and pursue opportunities that improve quality of life for all residents. As I say this, I can also say our city council remains committed to continuing on the path of accountability and making sure every dollar is spent wisely and responsibly to benefit Morris.

Finally, on behalf of the City of Morris, I want to wish all of our residents a joyful and warm holiday season. May this special time be filled with happiness, peace, and cherished moments with family and friends. Thank you for making our community such a wonderful place to live.



## 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:

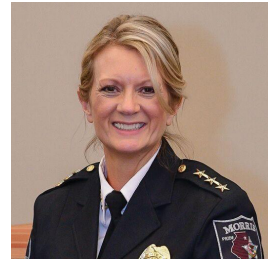
1. Turn off your faucet
2. Slowly apply heat to the frozen area, but don't use an open flame! Hair dryers can work with patience
3. Continue to apply heat until full water pressure is restored
4. Prevent the pipes from freezing again

## CHIEF CHAT

The Morris Police Department is proud to announce a new partnership with Crossroads Counseling Center to enhance the department's ability to respond to community members experiencing crisis. This collaboration will strengthen the department's efforts to provide compassionate, effective support to individuals and families impacted by mental health concerns, substance use, trauma, and domestic violence.

Through this partnership, officers will be able to refer Morris residents to a designated Crossroads case manager for Crisis Intervention services. The Crossroads representative will assist officers in the field when appropriate, offer referrals to counseling and community resources, and provide victim advocacy and short-term counseling. The program also includes case management and follow-up support for individuals who have frequent interactions with law enforcement due to ongoing mental health issues or substance use challenges.

Angela Solis, Director of Crossroads Counseling Center, has been instrumental in helping us develop this program and obtaining a grant for the initial funding. We look forward to working with Crossroads to ensure residents receive the right kind of care and support, not just in the moment of crisis, but in the days and weeks that follow.



*Alicia Steffes*  
Police Chief

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS



*Tracey Steffes*  
Fire Chief/Marshall

As temperatures drop and we spend more time indoors, the risk of home fires and carbon monoxide (CO) incidents goes up. On behalf of the Morris Fire Department & Ambulance Protection District, I'm sharing a few practical steps every household can take to keep this winter warm and safe.

### Heating your home

**Space heaters:** Keep a 3-foot "kid- and pet-free zone" around heaters. Plug them directly into a wall outlet (never a power strip), place them on a hard, level surface, and turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep. Look for models with tip-over and overheat protection.

**Furnaces & boilers:** Have them professionally inspected annually. Replace filters as recommended. If you smell gas or your CO alarm activates, go outside immediately and call 9-1-1 from a safe location.

**Fireplaces & wood stoves:** Burn only dry, seasoned wood. Use a sturdy screen or glass doors. Cool ashes in a metal container with a tight lid, stored outside and at least 10 feet from buildings.

### Prevent carbon monoxide incidents

CO is invisible and odorless. The only warning comes from a working CO alarm.

- Install CO alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- Test alarms monthly, replace batteries when needed, and replace the entire unit per the manufacturer's date (often 5–7 years).

- Never use ovens or ranges to heat your home. Never run generators, grills, or vehicles in a garage, even with the door open.

### Cook with care (and stay close)

Cooking remains a leading cause of home fires.

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, broiling, or grilling. If you need to step away, turn the burner off.
- Keep anything that can burn, like oven mitts, towels, and packaging at least 3 feet from the stove.
- Use a lid to smother small grease fires; turn off the heat and keep the lid on until cool. Do not use water on grease.

### Clear the way outside

- After snowfalls, please adopt a hydrant near your home: clear 3 feet around it and a path to the street so we can find and use it quickly.
- Keep exterior vents and meters clear of snow and ice to prevent CO buildup and equipment damage.

### Alarms, exits, and nighttime safety

- Smoke alarms: Install in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level (including the basement). Test monthly. Replace after 10 years (check the date on the back).
- Plan two ways out of every room and practice your home escape plan with everyone in the household. Choose a family meeting place outdoors.
- Close before you doze: Sleeping with bedroom doors closed can slow fire and smoke, buying crucial time.

**Let's work together for a safe season in Morris.**

**Stay warm and stay safe!**



# Meet Me in Morris for Home for the Holidays!

Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Events are free to attend unless otherwise noted. All are located in the Morris Downtown Shopping and Dining district. ([Map](#))

## Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

**10AM – 5PM** 40+ boutiques, stores, bars and restaurants open for holiday sipping, dining, and shopping.

**10AM – 7PM** Festival of Trees and bake sale at the Grundy County History Museum. Bid at [bidluckyauctions.com](http://bidluckyauctions.com).

**3PM– 7PM** Free horse-drawn Carriage Rides. Board at the corner of Washington & Liberty Streets.

**4PM** Madrigal singers will carol throughout shops and restaurants.

**4– 5:30PM** Hot cocoa for sale, benefitting the charitable mission of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. 120 Liberty Street.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lighted Holiday Parade - 5:30 pm

Join local businesses and organizations in this magical tradition! Parade concludes with Santa & Mrs. Claus' arrival for the season. The City of Morris provides lighted giveaways. No parking along parade route after 3PM.

**6:00PM** Celebrate the Lighting of Chapin Park! Follow the parade to Chapin Park for the ceremonial lighting. Cocoa courtesy of Morris Cub Scouts. Horse-drawn wagon rides and caroling continue.

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

**10AM-12PM** Winter Carnival at the American Legion, 212 W. Washington St. featuring kids' games and fun prizes.

**10AM-1PM** Climb aboard the sleigh and share your wishes with Santa! Pet a real reindeer and chat with his elf on the courthouse lawn. A magical photo op!

**10AM- 1PM** Enjoy free cider and cookies courtesy of SOCU on the courthouse lawn.


### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holly Jolly Sip & Stroll!

10AM-5PM

Get a limited-edition collector's mug for a \$20 donation to provide scholarships for high school students excelling in service. Sample warm holiday beverages while you shop. 21 and over please. Mugs and samples available at Downtown Morris Restaurant & Retail Association member stores. Hosted in partnership with City of Morris.

**10AM – 5PM** Festival of Trees continues. Auction ends and raffle drawing at 6PM.

**11AM-1PM** Horse-drawn carriage rides continue. Board at the courthouse.

 **New!** 11AM-1PM Toast s'mores with local heroes! Morris Police officers will be stationed on the courthouse lawn with cookers and supplies. Hosted by Morris Police Benevolent Society.

## THE PLAZA on Wauponsee

If *Home Alone for the holidays* is more your style, check out *The Plaza* in the 200 block of Wauponsee Street.



Food truck court:

Patti Wagon – Chicago-style dogs and beef sandwiches  
Cousins Maine Lobster- classic lobster rolls and dishes  
Pierogi Rig – Sausages, pierogis, and more.



Polka King Eddie Karosa, Jr. from *Home Alone* will entertain from 2-5PM at Keg Grove Brewing Co.



See reverse for more.



## **ROUTE 6 WATER TOWER WORK COMPLETED**

The City of Morris is happy to announce the completion of the repainting and refurbishment of the Route 6 Water Tower. After months of preparation and careful work, the project has wrapped up successfully, giving the tower a refreshed look and ensuring its continued reliability for years to come. The refurbishment included complete cleaning and repainting of the structure, and interior maintenance to meet current industry standards. The fresh coat of paint not only looks great with the new Morris logo, but it also provides vital protection for the steel structure against weather and corrosion. The project was completed on schedule and within budget, thanks to the coordinated efforts of the city's water department and USG Water Solutions.



## **NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMPLETED — A MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR MORRIS**

The City of Morris is pleased to announce the completion of the new Public Works building, marking an exciting milestone in improving city operations and service to the community. Located at the corner of Ashley Road and Gun Club Road, the new facility brings together several Public Works divisions under one roof, creating a modern,

efficient workspace designed to better support Morris' infrastructure needs. The building includes expanded vehicle storage, maintenance bays, administrative offices, training room, and secure areas for equipment and materials, all designed with functionality, safety, and long-term sustainability in mind. Construction began in October 2023, and the project was completed in August on time and within budget thanks to the hard work of local contractors, engineers, and city staff. With the completion of this project, the City of Morris continues to strengthen its infrastructure, invest in its employees, and plan responsibly for the city's growing needs.

## **MORRIS OFFICIALS ATTEND INAUGURAL IRCTI CONFERENCE**

The City of Morris proudly joined mayors, administrators, and civic leaders from across the Illinois River Valley at the first-ever Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative (IRCTI) Conference, held November 5–6 in Peoria. The two-day gathering brought together representatives from riverfront communities stretching from Ottawa to Alton, uniting around shared goals of economic growth, environmental stewardship, and infrastructure renewal along the Illinois River corridor. Hosted at Peoria's Gateway Building and the Peoria Riverfront Museum, the event marked a milestone in regional collaboration focused on the vitality of Illinois' historic waterways. Morris' participation was highlighted during a key session titled *"Riverfront Revitalization & Resilience: Success Stories from Illinois River Communities."* Community Affairs Director Stan Knudson delivered a presentation entitled *"Building a Stronger Morris: The Impact of Grants on Our Community,"* showcasing how targeted state and federal funding has strengthened local infrastructure, supported flood mitigation efforts, and enhanced the city's riverfront development initiatives.



The IRCTI was formed to unite municipalities along the Illinois River in addressing shared challenges—such as water quality, transportation, climate resilience, and workforce development—while positioning the region for greater access to federal investment.

## MORRIS IS ON THE MOVE: PARKING, PEDESTRIANS, AND PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP



Julie Wilkinson  
Business Development  
Director

The City of Morris is taking the first comprehensive look at existing bicycle, pedestrian, and downtown parking infrastructures. This effort draws on safety and crash data, law enforcement records, and significant community input. The study is funded by an Illinois Department of

Transportation Planning & Research Grant, with no local match. It will help shape a safer, more connected, and user-friendly transportation network for residents, visitors, and the local workforce. It builds on years of local and countywide planning efforts, including the Morris Comprehensive Plan (2024), the Grundy County Multimodal Plan, the Parks Assessment Plan (2022), the Downtown Plan (2020), and the Morris Code of Ordinances.

As of mid-October, the assessment phase is complete, and the consultant is now creating recommendations



built through public input and staff support. You can access the full report and take the parking and trails survey [www.movingmorris.com](http://www.movingmorris.com).

Upon completion in the spring of 2026, the study will outline a plan reflecting local voices. It's likely the results will affirm connecting city parks, schools, and neighborhoods east and west of State Route 47 while improving downtown parking management, access, and distribution. The data-driven recommendations can be packaged for future federal and state grant requests.

There is growing public support for investments in bicycling, walking, and parking modernization. This is evidenced most recently by a regional transportation plan with a dozen other entities that focuses on travel in Northeast Grundy County. In the survey, respondents who live and work in Morris prioritized trail planning and bike/pedestrian safety among their top priorities for improving transportation. It was affirming to hear.

Morris has a track record for successful grant requests that are data-driven. Since May of 2021, the city has been awarded more than \$34 million in state and



*As one of seven points of public engagement in the project thus far, a temporary painted crosswalk was added downtown this summer. Feedback on a nearby QR code, in-person, and by surveys were generally positive, with suggestions to alter the color scheme and engage kids in future tactics.*

deferral grant awards, funding capital improvements at the airport and in city parks, infrastructure, tourism, utilities, and more. We are confident that the downtown parking and community-wide trials plan will result in a playbook of initiatives that can be funded by grants and existing resources. In time, acting on those findings will raise the tide of our quality of life, enabling kids to access schools and parks more safely, better leveraging assets like the Illinois Rive, and I&M Canal, enabling neighbors to feel connected, and providing recreational opportunities for all.

There are many quality of life initiatives like this underway in our community- all with the goal of making Morris an even better place to work, live, and play. You're invited to subscribe to City of Morris news at <https://morrisil.org/subscribe/>. You can also follow City of Morris, IL and Visit Morris, IL on Facebook for updates, events, and public workshops.



Behind our special community visitors adore and residents enjoy are a whole lot of people who care. Thanks to all who've taken the surveys, provided time and shared experiences, and shared in the lifting. It takes a village- or a city in our case- and ours is exceptional.

# 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 28th - 30th  
Home for the Holidays - Downtown Morris

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

📅 29th Small Business Saturday Downtown Morris

## December

📅 12th Late Night Shopping Event Downtown Morris

📅 13th Holiday in the Park West Side Park

📅 14th Winterfest Market Downtown Morris

## SHOP, DINE, SUPPORT LOCAL

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

[www.morrisil.org/business-directory](http://www.morrisil.org/business-directory)



Celebrate with us at the  
*Home for the Holidays Celebration*

November 28 - 30th, 2025



## BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/25/2025	Lemont	Home
12/2/2025	Braidwood RC & Princeton	Home
12/4/2025	LaSalle Peru & Dwight	Home
12/5/2025	E-Rab "Giardini" Invitational (Rockford East)	Away
12/6/2025	E-Rab "Giardini" Invitational (Rockford East)	Away
12/10/2025	Ottawa	Home
12/13/2025	Antioch Invitational	Away
12/18/2025	Coal City & Bishop Macnamara	Away
12/20/2025	Beast of the East (Univ. of Delaware)	Away
12/21/2025	Beast of the East (Univ. of Delaware)	Away
12/27/2025	Huntley Mega Quad	Away
1/3/2026	Dixon Duals	Away
1/8/2026	Rochelle & Sandwich	Away
1/10/2026	Morris Quad	Home
1/15/2026	Kaneland	Away
1/17/2026	Marty Williams Invitational (Mahomet Seymour)	Away
1/21/2026	Plainfield South	Home
1/22/2026	Sycamore & Seneca	Home
1/24/2026	Oak Park & River Forest Invite	Away
1/31/2026	IHSA Regionals	Home
2/13/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/14/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/19/2026	IHSA State Championships State Farm Center (U of I)	Away
2/20/2026	IHSA State Championships State Farm Center (U of I)	Away
2/21/2026	IHSA State Championships State Farm Center (U of I)	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/25/2025	Lemont	Home
11/26/2025	Minooka Invitational	Away
11/29/2025	Normal Community High Invite	Away
12/4/2025	LaSalle Peru & Dwight	Home
12/20/2025	Morris Wrestling Invitational	Home
12/30/2025	Ottawa Girls Invite	Away
1/3/2026	Kaneland Invite	Away
1/8/2026	Rochelle & Sandwich	Away
1/12/2026	Geneseo Scramble	Away
1/16/2026	Marty Williams Invitational (Mahomet Seymour)	Away
1/21/2026	Plainfield South	Home
1/22/2026	Sycamore & Seneca	Home
1/24/2026	I8 Conference Tournament (LaSalle Peru)	Away
2/6/2026	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/7/2026	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/13/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/14/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/27/2026	IHSA State Finals Grossinger Arena (ISU)	Away
2/28/2026	IHSA State Finals Grossinger Arena (ISU)	Away

## GIRLS CHEERLEADING VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
12/11/2025	Pontiac	Away
12/16/2025	LaSalle Peru	Away
12/20/2025	Joliet Invite	Away
1/8/2026	Joliet West	Home
1/13/2026	West Aurora	Home
1/16/2026	Riverside Brookfield - Diving	Away
1/17/2026	Riverside Brookfield	Away
1/20/2026	Bolingbrook	Home
1/22/2026	LaSalle Peru Pentathlon	Away
1/24/2026	IMSAs Invite	Away
1/27/2026	Oswego East	Away
2/3/2026	LaSalle Peru	Home
2/5/2026	Kankakee	Away
2/7/2026	SPC Meet	Away
2/21/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/28/2025	Wildcat Invite	Away
12/1/2025	St. Bede Academy	Away
12/3/2025	LaSalle Peru	Home
12/8/2025	Ottawa	Home
12/10/2025	Rochelle	Away
12/15/2025	Kaneland	Away
12/20/2025	Lockport Invitational	Away
1/5/2026	Yorkville	Away
1/7/2026	Plainfield East	Away
1/10/2026	Cougar Invite	Away
1/14/2026	Sycamore	Home
1/15/2026	LaSalle Peru	Away
1/17/2026	Charles Butterfield Invite	Home
1/20/2026	Ottawa	Away
1/21/2026	Rochelle	Home
1/26/2026	Sycamore	Away
1/28/2026	Kaneland	Home
2/2/2026	I8 Conference Tournament	Home
2/4/2026	Streator	Away
2/7/2026	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/7/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away

## GIRLS CHEERLEADING VARSITY

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
12/21/2025	Cheer Fest - Joliet West	Away
1/10/2026	Lakes Cheer Invite - Lakes H.S.	Away
1/11/2026	Bison Invite - Buffalo Grove	Away
1/14/2026	I8 Conference Competition	Home
1/23/2026	Grayslake Central	Away
1/24/2026	Fremd Showdown	Away
1/31/2026	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/6/2026	IHSA State - Peoria	Away
2/7/2026	IHSA State - Peoria	Away

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/24-25/2025	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/28-29/2025	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
12/5/2025	LaSalle Peru	Home
12/11/2025	Morris Grade School Night	Home
12/12/2025	Ottawa	Away
12/13/2025	Streator	Away
12/26-27/2025	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/29-30/2025	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
1/3/2026	Sandwich	Home
1/6/2026	Manteno	Away
1/8/2026	Plano	Home
1/10/2026	Rochelle	Home
1/13/2026	Pontiac	Home
1/16/2026	Kaneland	Home
1/17/2026	Seneca Shootout	Away
1/20/2026	Sycamore	Away
1/23/2026	LaSalle Peru	Away
1/24/2026	Wilmington	Away
1/26/2026	Newark	Home
1/28/2026	Plainfield South	Away
2/3/2026	Ottawa	Home
2/7/2026	Rochelle	Away
2/10/2026	Coal City	Away
2/13/2026	Kaneland	Away
2/14/2026	IC Shootout	Away
2/17/2026	Seneca	Away
2/20/2026	Sycamore	Home
2/25/2026	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/27/2026	IHSA Regionals	Away

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/17/2025	Lockport	Home
11/19/2025	Plainfield Central	Away
11/24/2025	Streator	Away
11/28-29/2025	Morton Thanksgiving Tourn.	Away
12/5/2025	LaSalle Peru	Home
12/6/2025	Princeton	Home
12/9/2025	Ottawa	Away
12/12/2025	Rochelle	Home
12/18/2025	Coal City	Away
12/20/2025	Minooka	Away
12/22-23/2025	Batavia/Geneva Holiday Tourn.	Away
12/26-27/2025	Batavia/Geneva Holiday Tourn.	Away
1/3/2026	Dixon	Home
1/9/2026	Kaneland	Home
1/13/2026	Sycamore	Away
1/17/2026	Ottawa	Home
1/23/2026	LaSalle Peru	Away
1/24/2026	Pontiac	Away
1/27/2026	Kankakee	Away
1/31/2026	Rochelle	Away
2/2/2026	Serena	Home
2/3/2026	Tinley Park Andrews	Away
2/6/2026	Kaneland	Away
2/7/2026	Wilmington	Home
2/10/2026	Sycamore	Home
2/12/2026	Manteno	Home

# Go Morris!



## **CITY SUBMITS GRANT APPLICATION FOR FIELDS OF SARATOGA PARK**

The City of Morris recently submitted an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This highly competitive grant program supports local communities in developing and enhancing outdoor recreation areas. If awarded, the funding will help the city move forward with exciting improvements at Fields of Saratoga Park, including upgraded playground equipment, walking paths, fishing stations, new landscaping, and other amenities designed to make the park more accessible and enjoyable for residents of all ages. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Morris City Hall at which approximately 30 people offered their feedback regarding the proposed plans for the park. There is no date set for when the awards will be announced, but the city is hoping it will be sometime in the late winter or early spring of 2026.



## **GOVERNOR PRITZKER VISITS MORRIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR RUNWAY GROUNDBREAKING**

Governor JB Pritzker recently visited the Morris Municipal Airport to celebrate the groundbreaking of the long-anticipated Crosswind Runway project. The new runway marks a major investment in local infrastructure, safety, and economic development for the region. The project, made possible through state and federal funding, will provide pilots with safer landing options during varying wind conditions and help accommodate

more air traffic to support the local economy. Mayor Chris Brown welcomed the Governor and thanked state and local partners for their support in bringing the project to life. Construction on the new runway is expected to begin soon, with completion anticipated in the coming year. The City of Morris extends its appreciation to all those who contributed to making this project a reality.

## **MORRIS BARBEQUE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS ILLINOIS VALLEY INDUSTRIES WITH GENEROUS DONATION**

The City of Morris is proud to recognize the Morris Barbeque Association for its recent donation to Illinois Valley Industries (IVI). The contribution reflects the Association's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community and supporting organizations that make a difference in the lives of local residents. Illinois Valley Industries provides opportunities and resources that empower individuals with developmental

disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. The Morris Barbeque Association's donation will help IVI continue offering valuable programs, training, and community engagement initiatives. "The Morris Barbeque Association has always been about more than great food, it's about supporting our community," said Greg Redford, President of the Association. "We're proud to support IVI and the important work they do for so many families in our area." The city extends its gratitude to both the Morris Barbeque Association and Illinois Valley Industries for their dedication to making Morris a stronger, more connected community. The Morris Rhythm & BBQ Festival will return to Goold Park on Saturday, June 20, 2026.



Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

12PM-3PM- Kris Kringle Market at Montage Wine Bar & Spirits, feat. 20+ small businesses. 307 Liberty St.

*Downtown shops, pubs, and boutiques are open on Sunday for holiday shopping and dining!*

1PM-3PM – Visit Santa in his house at 111 E. Illinois Ave. Bring your camera. Each child receives a candy cane and may select a trinket. A Morris tradition!



Events are subject to change. Visit [morrissil.org/home-for-the-holidays/](http://morrissil.org/home-for-the-holidays/) or follow [Visit Morris, IL](#) on Facebook.

*Meet me in Morris  
for these upcoming events!*

*December 12<sup>th</sup> - Midnight in Morris*  
Extended shopping hours until 12AM, with restaurant specials and holiday sips at pubs.

*December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday in the Park*  
Free community ice rink opens (weather permitting) in Goold Park, with Santa hearing holiday wishes. An old-fashioned outdoor Christmas event.

*December 14<sup>th</sup> – Winterfest Market*  
Shop 70+ small business vendors in the heart of Downtown Morris. Liberty Street will close to traffic and transform into an enchanting holiday market.

*Visit Santa in his House – 111 E. Washington Street, Morris.*  
Santa visits are free, and each child receives a candy cane and trinket to take home while they last.

- ❖ Saturday 12/6 – 10AM-1PM
- ❖ Sunday 12/7 – 1-3PM
- ❖ Sunday, 12/14 1-3PM
- ❖ Saturday, 12/20 10AM-1PM
- ❖ Sunday, 12/21 1-3PM

**There's More to Morris!**  
Open your dream in our thriving downtown. Retail and restaurant spaces are available, including two unique city-owned properties.

The City of Morris is offering grants for new and expanding restaurants. Contact Julie Wilkinson, Business Development Director, at (815) 941-3685 or [jwilkinson@morrissil.org](mailto:jwilkinson@morrissil.org).

