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Enjoy the Ice Rink in Goold Park!
Hours: 6AM-10PM

Coffee with the Mayor
February 8th from 9-10AM



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

- 5th Morris City Council 7:00PM
- 19th Morris City Council 7:00PM

January

- 3rd Morris City Council 7:00PM
- 17th Morris City Council 7:00PM

February

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

Closed for the following Holidays:

- Monday, December 26th - Christmas
- Monday, January 2nd - New Year's Day
- Monday, January 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 20th - Presidents' Day

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

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of 2022, but here we are ready to change the calendar over to a brand-new year. With the end of the year upon us, it means that winter weather is a part of our lives again. The City of Morris has a new plan for snow removal, which we hope will be more effective and efficient while making our streets drivable and safe. With our borders growing to the east, west, and north, there are many more miles of roads and streets for our public works employees to clear. With that in mind, the Morris City Council recently took action to help with snow removal by contracting with a private contractor. CuttinEdge Landscaping will be responsible for snow removal on our downtown area streets, public parking lots, and certain sidewalks in the business district.

By employing the help of a third party, we will have our downtown cleared and open for business much quicker than in the past. Previously, our public works crews have done an outstanding job of getting our streets cleared with limited resources. Because they are responsible for the entire community, we have not been able to dedicate the resources necessary to clear the downtown immediately. With this major section of Morris no longer on their to-do list, this will free them up to focus on our primary streets and secondary roads much faster. This is a big win for our businesses and all of our residents.

Now, not all ice and slick surfaces are a bad thing. One place where we are looking forward to having ice is in Goold Park. It is great to see our city ice rink, which made its debut last year, installed and

ready for use by local skaters. Thank you to our public works team and the Morris Fire Department for their help in getting the rink up and running for the season. I look forward to skating myself and watching our residents enjoy this wonderful addition to our park system. We will also be hosting our inaugural “Holiday in the Park” event at the ice rink on December 17th. It will be an evening filled with holiday music, sweet treats, hot cocoa, and Santa will be ready to hear any last-minute requests before Christmas. We hope to see you there!

While I am on the topic of parks, I am so very pleased that our city council has recently adopted and approved our 2022 Parks Master Plan as our guide to improvements in our city parks. Some of the findings and recommendations are updated park amenities, improved accessibility, addition of trails, and improved communications just to name a few. Our work will not be easy, nor will it happen overnight, but we have begun, and we look forward to making improvements that will make a difference in our community. For starters, our Parks & Annexation Committee and City Council have approved three master plans to be created for Goodwill, McKinley, and Chapin Parks. These parks will be our initial focus, but make no mistake, other parks need attention as well. Making the necessary improvements across our parks system will take time.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Christmas is a season of joy and a time for remembering the past and hoping for the future. I want to wish you and your families a season filled with peace and love throughout. Merry Christmas and blessings for a Happy New Year from myself, my family, and everybody at the City of Morris!

Coffee Q&A with the Mayor

Mayor Brown would like to invite Morris’s residents to his first “Coffee Q&A with the Mayor” on February 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. It is open to the public and will be held in the Community Room inside the Morris Municipal Services Building located at 700 N. Division Street. It is an opportunity to learn more about what’s happening around town and ask questions you may have regarding city business. We hope to see you there!



PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

Junk Truck Service

Morris Public Works provides a valuable service by picking up large items for residents with the “junk” truck.

Please know and understand that this service is not available to contractors doing work in your home or for do-it-yourself construction/restoration debris. Thank you for understanding.



Snow Removal

The City of Morris Public Works crews begin an all-out plowing effort when the snow accumulation is greater than 2 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.



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 City of Morris Building and Zoning Office to see if permits are necessary for your projects. Building permits are required for all new residences, building additions, decks, fences, sheds, gazebos, porches, signs, commercial remodeling, and demolition of buildings. Prior to hiring a contractor, it is important to confirm that the contractor is registered with the city. All city-registered contractors are required to provide evidence of bonding and insurance which serves as protection for you as a homeowner before anybody begins work on your property. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions or concerns about home improvements you are planning. Building and Zoning Officer Bill Martin can be reached at 815-942-1855.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Keep your holidays happy and bright by making fire safety a priority during this festive season. From holiday candles to Christmas trees, dangling garlands and fireplaces, seasonal decorations can often be hazardous if not properly put up with care, or if it's placed next to a potentially dangerous item. Follow this simple advice to keep the holidays safe for you, your family, and guests.

Before heading out or going to bed, turn off all light strings and decorations and remember to blow out lit candles when you leave the room for an extended period of time. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles and more than 40% of decoration fires happen due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source. Following these safety tips during the holiday season, and all year long, will help keep your home and family safe from numerous fires hazards.

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or fire retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Space heaters should only be used as temporary heating and they should be plugged into a 20-amp circuit and never used with extension cords.
- Some lights are for only indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- Replace light strings with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows or doors.



*Tracey Steffes
Fire Chief/Marshall*

CHIEF CHAT

It's a great time to be Morris Police! As we continue to grow, we continue to hire! We are undergoing an aggressive recruiting program right now and want to encourage anyone interested in law enforcement to apply. Applications for our eligibility test are being taken now through January 30, 2023. Go to <https://www.theblueline.com/findAJob/view/17033> for the online application. The mandatory orientation and test will be on February 11, 2023.

If you are already certified and have completed at least 3 years of full-time experience as a police officer in another jurisdiction within the 2 years prior to your hire date, you will advance to the "Over 2 years" step of the wage scale after the successful completion of Field Training, or 90 days, whichever is longer.

We are proud of what the Morris Police Department has to offer: competitive pay and benefits, top of the line building and equipment, and the **strong support of our city government and community**. As of May 1, 2023 starting pay is \$70,965 and we top out after 8 years at \$93,363. We offer fully paid family medical, dental and eye insurance, generous holiday/vacation/personal/sick time, a yearly uniform allowance, night-shift stipend, and take-home squads for those living within the city limits. Employees are required to live within 20 miles of the Morris Police Department within 18 months of hire.

If you are interested in joining our family (or if you'd just like to learn more about our department), please scan the QR Code. It will lead you to a booklet of information that includes details about our benefits, working conditions/equipment, photos and contact information. If you're interested in applying and would like to speak with a recruiter about a possible ride along or PD tour, please contact Officer Mark Vanderploeg at 815-942-2131 ext 2. We look forward to meeting you!



*Alicia Steffes
Police Chief*



SHELF LIFE

Looking for some fun this fall? The Morris Area Public Library has a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Here are some of the upcoming events that they have in store.




Kids' Craft

Wednesdays - 10:45am

To Register
Call 815.942.6880
or stop at the front desk

Check in at the front desk upon arrival



HOMEBOUND
pick up and delivery

Tuesday Afternoons

To schedule a pick up or delivery:
Call 815.942.6880



WHITE ELEPHANT

BINGO

BRING A WRAPPED
"WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT"
AS A PRIZE & PLAY TO WIN!

1st Tuesday of Every Month
1pm | Auditorium | For Adults 18+

To Register
Call 815.942.6880
or stop at the front desk

Check in at the front desk upon arrival



LET'S PLAY

CHESS
Family/All Ages

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Every Month
3:30pm - 5:00pm | Auditorium

To Register
Call 815.942.6880
or stop at the front desk

Check in at the front desk upon arrival

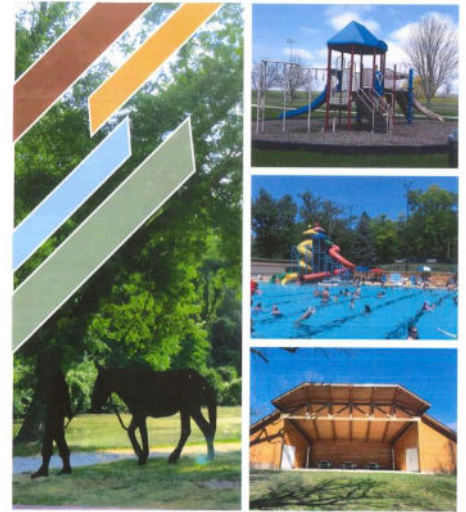
These are just some of the various activities we've chosen to highlight. All are encouraged to explore the library's website to discover more of the upcoming events they have to offer!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parks Master Plan

The City of Morris recently made their first ever parks comprehensive plan available on their website. TRIA Architecture along with JSD Professional Services conducted tours of existing park sites for the City of Morris to observe and become familiar with current park conditions, patterns of use, park operations, and maintenance concerns of each site and facility. The study includes assessments of everything from site infrastructure to vegetation and accessibility. The Parks Master Plan will be a valuable tool for the city as it develops plans for improvements to individual park sites and also looks forward to the addition of new amenities, such as trails and bike paths. Along with the tours that were conducted, TRIA and JSD also conducted meetings with focus groups, the general public and gathered information from an online survey which was conducted over a two-week period in July. Additionally, TRIA and JSD have also been contracted to develop master plans for Goodwill, McKinley, and Chapin Parks. With the plan in place, we are looking forward to making our parks more attractive, accessible, and inclusive for all of our residents. You can find the plan at <https://morrisil.org/parks-recreation/>.



City of Morris
2022 Parks Master Plan



Morris Welcomes Newest Police Officer

Mayor Chris Brown had the honor of swearing in the newest member of the Morris Police Department at the Morris City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2022. Congrats to Officer Anthony Montiel. Welcome to the City of Morris Family.



Lithium Battery Fire Update

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed a time-critical cleanup at the Morris Lithium Battery site. Since resuming the active cleanup efforts in April 2022, EPA has consolidated and shipped over 388,000 pounds of batteries off-site for disposal in accordance with federal regulations. The EPA also brought in an industrial vacuum unit to the site to remove the remaining soot and debris from the floor of the building. Workers removed over 700 cubic yards of fire debris that was also shipped for disposal off-site. Throughout the cleanup, EPA crews performed daily air monitoring around and inside the building during the site work hours.

The City of Morris would like to thank the U.S. EPA and Environmental Restoration for their efforts in cleaning up the site and for keeping our residents safe while doing so.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT

As we close out a year of many firsts and bests, the City of Morris is enjoying a successful fourth quarter for local businesses and a time of memory-making for residents and visitors. There's more to come in 2023!



Home for the Holidays kicked off the holiday season in November, showcasing our community, and encouraging shopping in our Downtown Historic District. The event began with the 17th Annual Lighted Holiday Parade, where thousands lined Liberty and Washington Streets. Special thanks to the many volunteers, sponsors, Public Works, Grundy County EMA, Morris Police Department, and Morris Fire Department for helping ensure a successful event to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to our community. After the parade, the community gathered for the traditional countdown to light up Chapin Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus then met with hundreds of excited kids beneath the snowflake lights.

Throughout the weekend, horse-drawn carriages carried guests throughout our Downtown and madrigal singers filling the streets. Santa reappeared for visits at the Morris Area Public Library as well as on the



Courthouse Lawn with his reindeer, and kids enjoyed a winter carnival at the American Legion. Residents and guests experienced the magic of Christmas in Morris, set against a backdrop of our charming Downtown.

December shopping events are always a draw for visitors, with the Morris Retail Association's annual Midnight in Morris and the return of the Winterfest Market. With such a successful season behind them, Morris Cruise Night invited car enthusiasts to return Downtown for the inaugural Shop and Cruise, with entry fee set as an unwrapped toy to be donated. Meanwhile, Santa remained busy in his house on Illinois Avenue, offering free visits on weekends until Christmas.

In its second season, the City ice rink in Gould Park is a great option for outdoor fun, and provides a perfect setting for events. "Holiday in the Park" debuted December 17th featuring Santa visits in the bandshell, along with food and beverage trucks. The ice rink and City of Morris winter events are made possible by many generous business sponsors.

Throughout 2022, city officials worked closely with partners like the Morris Retail Association, Grundy County Chamber, business community, and nonprofit organizations to drive activities and events that solidify Morris as a destination. Combined with enhanced city marketing, billboards, print advertising, and social media, our community is growing in popularity as a place for work and play. The impact being felt at our local hotels tells the story. Occupancy and average daily rates are extraordinarily high, resulting in an increase in tax dollars available in the Hotel and Motel Fund. These funds will be reinvested in 2023 for events, initiatives, and improvements.

We're setting the stage for another amazing year for Morris!

There's More to Morris!

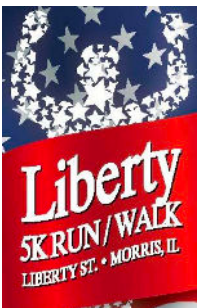
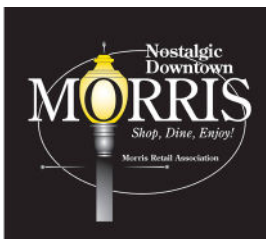


Julie Wilkinson
Business Development
Director

SHOP, DINE, SUPPORT LOCAL

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

www.morrisil.org/business-directory



Save the Date

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



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

Every 2nd Saturday (May-November)
3 French Hens Country Market - 555 Gore Road

Sept. 27th - Oct. 1st
Grundy County Corn Festival
Locations throughout Morris

April

- 1st Rough Road 100 Bike Race
Start/finish in Downtown Morris
- 15th Superhero Run
Start/finish in Downtown Morris

May

- 5th Girls Night Out
Downtown Morris

June

- 3rd fForest Fest
Goold Park
- 10-11th Dulcimer Festival
Goold Park
- 17th Rhythm & BBQ Festival
Goold Park

July

- 1st Liberty 5K
Start/finish in Downtown Morris
- 3rd Fireworks Extravaganza
Grundy Co. Fairgrounds



MCHS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS SWIMMING VARSITY

09/01/22 5:00 PM vs. Joliet West @Inwood Athletic Club
09/06/22 5:00 PM vs. Lasalle-Peru @Morris
09/08/22 5:00 PM vs. Pontiac @Pontiac
09/13/22 5:00 PM vs. Plainfield Co-op @Morris
09/17/22 10:00 AM LaSalle Peru Pentathlon @LaSalle Peru
09/22/22 5:00 PM vs. West Aurora @Morris
10/01/22 8:00 AM IMSA Invite @LaSalle Peru H.S.
10/06/22 5:00 PM vs. Lasalle Peru @LaSalle Peru H.S.
10/11/22 5:00 PM vs. Riverside-Brookfield @Morris
10/18/22 5:00 PM vs. Kankakee @Morris
10/22/22 9:00 AM Conference Meet @Oswego East
11/05/22 9:00 AM IHSA Sectionals @Lockport

BOYS SWIMMING VARSITY

09/01/22 5:00 PM vs. Joliet West @Inwood Athletic Club
09/06/22 5:00 PM vs. Lasalle Peru @Morris
09/08/22 5:00 PM vs. Pontiac @Pontiac
09/13/22 5:00 PM vs. Plainfield Co-op @Morris
09/17/22 10:00 AM LaSalle H.S. Pentathlon @LaSalle Peru
09/22/22 5:00 PM vs. West Aurora @Morris
10/01/22 8:00 AM IMSA Invite
10/06/22 5:00 PM vs. Lasalle Peru H.S. @LaSalle Peru H.S.
10/11/22 5:00 PM vs. Riverside-Brookfield @Morris
10/18/22 5:00 PM vs. Kankakee @Morris
10/22/22 9:00 AM Conference Meet @Oswego East
11/05/22 9:00 AM IHSA Sectionals @Lockport

GIRLS WRESTLING VARSITY

11/26/22 9:30 AM Normal H.S. Invite @Normal H.S.
12/09/22 4:30 PM vs. Pontiac @Pontiac
12/27/22 9:00 AM Ottawa Girls Invite @Ottawa
02/01/23 5:00 PM JT Scramble @Joliet Central

BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY

11/21/22 TBA Coaler Turkey Tournament
11/22/22 TBA Coaler Turkey Tournament
11/25/22 TBA Coaler Turkey Tournament
11/26/22 TBA Coaler Turkey Tournament
11/29/22 7:00 PM vs. Seneca @Morris
12/02/22 7:00 PM vs. Ottawa @Ottawa
12/06/22 7:00 PM vs. Sandwich @Morris
12/10/22 1:30 PM vs. Wilmington @Wilmington
12/16/22 7:00 PM vs. Rochelle @Rochelle
12/17/22 1:00 PM Morris Grade School Night
12/20/22 7:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Morris
12/27/22 TBD Plano Christmas Classic
12/28/22 TBD Plano Christmas Classic
12/29/22 TBD Plano Christmas Classic
12/30/22 TBD Plano Christmas Classic
01/03/23 7:00 PM vs. Kaneland @Morris
01/06/23 7:00 PM vs. Plano @Plano
01/07/23 7:00 PM vs. Coal City @Morris
01/10/23 7:00 PM vs. Pontiac Away Pontiac
01/13/23 7:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru @LaSalle Peru
01/14/23 5:30 PM vs. Streator @Streator
01/17/23 7:00 PM vs. Ottawa @Morris
01/20/23 7:00 PM vs. Rochelle @Morris
01/21/23 6:00 PM vs. Oak Forest @Morris
01/23/23 7:00 PM vs. Newark @Newark
01/26/23 7:00 PM vs. Providence Cath. @Morris
01/28/23 3:00 PM vs. Sandwich @Sandwich
02/03/23 7:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Sycamore
02/07/23 7:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru @Morris
02/10/23 7:00 PM vs. Plano @Morris
02/11/23 TBA IC Shootout @Indian Creek
02/14/23 7:00 PM vs. Kaneland @Kaneland
02/22/23 TBA IHSA Regionals
02/24/23 TBA IHSA Regionals

GIRLS BASKETBALL VARSITY

11/15/22 6:30 PM Braidwood Turkey Tourney
11/16/22 6:30 PM Braidwood Turkey Tourney
11/17/22 5:00 PM Braidwood Turkey Tourney
11/19/22 TBA Braidwood Turkey Tourney
11/21/22 7:00 PM vs. Streator @Morris
11/22/22 7:00 PM vs. Flanagan @Flanagan
11/28/22 7:00 PM vs. Newark @Morris
12/02/22 7:00 PM vs. Coal City @Morris
12/03/22 2:30 PM vs. Ottawa @Ottawa
12/05/22 5:30 PM vs. Illinois Math & Science Academy @Aurora
12/07/22 7:00 PM vs. Plano @Plano
12/09/22 7:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru @LaSalle Peru
12/10/22 12:30 PM vs. Princeton @Princeton
12/13/22 7:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Morris
12/15/22 7:00 PM vs. Manteno @Manteno
12/17/22 TBA Ottawa Tournament
12/20/22 TBA Ottawa Tournament
12/21/22 TBA Ottawa Tournament
12/22/22 TBA Ottawa Tournament
01/04/23 7:00 PM vs. Rochelle @Rochelle
01/06/23 7:00 PM vs. Hinckley Big Rock @Morris
01/07/23 3:30 PM vs. Sandwich @Morris
01/10/23 7:00 PM vs. Kaneland @Morris
01/14/23 2:30 PM vs. Ottawa @Morris
01/18/23 7:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru @Morris
01/21/23 2:30 PM vs. Rochelle @Morris
01/24/23 7:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Sycamore
01/27/23 7:00 PM vs. Plano @Morris
01/31/23 7:00 PM vs. Sandwich @Sandwich
02/04/23 12:30 PM vs. Wilmington @Wilmington
02/07/23 7:00 PM vs. @ Kaneland @Kaneland

BOYS WRESTLING VARSITY

1/22/22 5:30 PM vs. Tinley Park/Manteno/Princeton @Tinley Park
11/29/22 5:30 PM vs. Princeton & Braidwood @Princeton
12/01/22 5:30 PM vs. Sandwich and Seneca @Morris
12/03/22 9:00 AM Plainfield North Tournament @Plainfield
12/08/22 5:30 PM vs. Kaneland & Bartlett @Kaneland & Bartlett
12/10/22 9:00 AM Rex Lewis Invite @Buffalo Grove
12/15/22 6:30 PM vs. Sycamore @Sycamore
12/17/22 9:00 AM Metamora Tournament @Metamora
12/22/22 12:00 PM vs. Rochelle & LaSalle Peru @LaSalle Peru
01/05/23 5:30 PM vs. Ottawa @Morris
01/07/23 9:00 AM vs. Morris Quad @Morris
01/11/23 5:00 PM @ Plainfield South @Plainfield South
01/12/23 5:30 PM vs. Plano @Morris
01/13/23 5:00 PM Illini Classic @Lincoln Way Central
01/14/23 9:00 AM Illini Classic @Lincoln Way Central
01/21/23 9:00 AM 18 Varsity Tournament @Sycamore
01/26/23 5:30 PM vs. Dwight @Dwight
01/28/23 9:00 AM vs. Yorkville Christian & Plainfield East @Yorkville Christian
02/04/23 TBD IHSA Regionals
02/10/23 TBD IHSA Sectionals
02/11/23 TBD IHSA Sectionals @State Farm Center
02/16/23 TBA State Championships @State Farm Center
02/17/23 TBD State Championships @State Farm Center
02/18/23 TBD State Championships @State Farm Center

GIRLS CHEERLEADING VARSITY

12/18/22 TBA Cheer Fest @Joliet West
01/07/23 12:00 PM Lakes Cheer Invitational @Lakes H.S.
01/08/23 8:00 AM Bison Invite @Buffalo Grove
01/14/23 8:00 AM Porter Frost Invitational @Lockport
01/18/23 6:00 PM I8 Conference Competition @Sycamore
01/20/23 TBA Grayslake Central @Grayslake Central
01/28/23 TBA IHSA Sectionals
02/03/23 TBA IHSA State @Peoria
02/04/23 TBA IHSA State @Peoria



GIRLS BOWLING VARSITY

11/25/22 9:00 AM Wildcat Invite @Town & Country Lanes Joliet
11/28/22 4:00 PM vs. St. Bede Academy @Echo Lanes
11/30/22 4:00 PM vs. Kaneland Home Echo Lanes
12/01/22 4:00 PM vs. Rochelle @Rochelle
12/05/22 4:00 PM vs. Ottawa @Echo Lanes
12/08/22 4:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Mardi Gras Lanes Dekalb
12/12/22 4:00 PM vs. Yorkville Home Echo Lanes
12/13/22 4:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru Away @Illinois Valley Super Bowl
12/17/22 9:00 AM Lockport Invitational @Strike & Spare - Joliet
01/03/23 4:00 PM vs. Kaneland @Mardi Gras Lanes
01/04/23 4:00 PM vs. Plainfield North @Bowlero - Romeoville
01/09/23 4:00 PM vs. Rochelle @Echo Lanes Dettore's Downtown
01/10/23 4:00 PM vs. Ottawa @Echo Lanes
01/14/23 9:00 AM Charles Butterfield Invite @Echo Lanes
01/18/23 4:00 PM vs. Sycamore @Echo Lanes
01/21/23 9:00 AM Minooka Invitational @Channahon Lanes
01/23/23 4:00 PM vs. LaSalle Peru @Echo Lanes
01/25/23 4:00 PM vs. Streator @Echo Lanes
01/30/23 1:00 PM I8 Conference Tournament @Rochelle
02/04/23 TBD @ IHSA Regionals Away IHSA Regionals
02/11/23 TBD @ IHSA Sectionals Away Ihsa Sectionals
02/17/23 TBD @ IHSA State Finals Away Ihsa State Finals
02/18/23 TBD @ IHSA State Finals Away Ihsa State Finals



AROUND THE TOWN

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The new public restrooms recently opened up just in time for Corn Festival. Public restrooms have long been a priority for the downtown area and now they're a reality. They are located in the fire department building on Wauponsee Street and are accessible on the southwest corner of the building.



DARIA LYNES

Daria Lynes was recognized at the Morris City Council meeting held on October 3, 2022. She recently retired from her position as Deputy Treasurer. Daria was presented with a certificate of recognition and a gift in honor of her 52 years as a dedicated City of Morris employee. Good luck and all the best in your retirement Daria!



PATROLMAN CLARENCE ROSELAND MEMORIAL ROAD

On September 7, 2022, a ceremony was held dedicating Route 47 from Pine Bluff Road to Washington Street as Patrolman Clarence Roseland Memorial Road. State officials, Mayor Chris Brown, past and present local law enforcement, and members of the Roseland family were in attendance. Clarence Roseland died in the line of duty on February 3, 1935.



ICE RINK

The ice rink in Goold Park is back for its second season. The rink is open during normal park hours, which are from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. A complete set of rules are posted at the site. We ask that skaters abide by them and show respect for other skaters while using the rink. A special thank you to Iron Sleek and Morris Public Works for all their hard work getting it set up!



DESTINATION MORRIS

The new Destination Morris sign looks great on Division Street directly across from the municipal services building. Gifted by the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, the sign has already played host to travel bloggers, local school classes, athletic teams, and even a special elf seeking photo opportunities! You may recognize the streetlamps that were donated by the late Ken Sereno for another project years ago. They received a new coat of paint and a new purpose, shining a light on this community gathering place.





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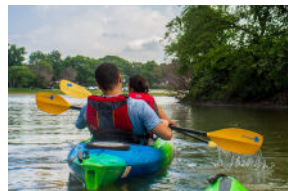
MORRIS HISTORY

The I&M Canal was one of Morris' greatest assets in its early growing years. Grants from the government began construction in 1836, and the 96-mile length took twelve years to complete. Beginning in Chicago and ending in LaSalle, it was the first link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. Immediately, grain prices tripled in value as this became the primary mode

of transportation for farmers. Five years later, the influence of the canal was replaced by the train and Morris grew to the north near the tracks. The last boat passed through in 1914.



EVENTS



RECREATION



SHOPPING



DINING

"There's More to Morris"