



CITY PRIDE

MORGANTON, NC



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City Disc Golf

The City maintains two disc golf courses in Morganton. You can play 9-holes at Bethel Park, or you can throw 18-holes at Catawba Meadows Park.

Visit the City website and search for 'disc golf' for more information and to download disc golf maps and score cards!



Are you letting GG get into your drains?

The Greasy Gremlin wants to clog drains and fill the City's sewer lines with gunk. Help keep GG and his greasy grime above ground. Never pour grease down the drain! Learn more on the City's website!



Did you know?

The City of Morganton provides a recycling center for residents at Shuey Park. At the Shuey Park site, residents can recycle aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, glass, mixed paper, newsprint and plastics 1 and 2.

Visit the City's web site and search for "recycling" for more information.



Morganton City Council

- Mel Cohen, Mayor
- Dr. Alfred Hamer Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
- John H. Cantrell
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Main Street receives awards

The City of Morganton Main Street Department received two awards from the North Carolina Main Street program for excellence in downtown revitalization efforts.

Commerce Secretary J. Keith Crisco presented the awards to Morganton and 20 other participants during the N.C. Main Street Program conference in January.

The City Main Street Department's Development Incentive Grant (DIG) Challenge was recognized for Best Business Retention, Expansion or Recruitment Effort, and the Kaleidoscope project in downtown was recognized as Best Outdoor Space Improvement.

The DIG program was funded with a \$271,000 grant, and the Main Street Dept. used



that funding to award grants to downtown property owners and give loans to downtown businesses including Diva Strands, Grind Café, Kalā Gallery, Murrays Restaurant, Root and Vine Restaurant, West

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Compas updates website

Compas Cable TV, Internet and Phone has upgraded the Compas website and added new features for television customers!

By visiting the new Compas website, customers can see what's playing on iNDEMAND, access web mail, change e-mail and voice account settings, contact 24-hour customer support, and download a channel guide.

The latest feature added to the Compas website is *Zap 2 it*.

Zap 2 it is an online programming guide that shows what's playing on Compas tonight, this weekend or next month! Just click on the *Zap 2 it* link to check out the program guide, channel summaries, or search for your favorite show.

In addition to the *Zap 2 it*, Compas customers can now follow Compas Cable TV on Twitter. Visit the Compas website and click the Twitter link or search Twitter for "compascabletv."

Compas will use Twitter to send out news and announcements, programming updates and other useful information for customers.

Call 438-5353 or visit www.compascable.net to learn more and get connected!

Settlemyer retires

Steve Settlemyer provided counsel during his last City Council meeting in February, after serving as the City attorney for more than 30 years.

During the Council meeting, Morganton Mayor Mel Cohen presented Settlemyer with a resolution honoring his service and said that Settlemyer will be missed by the Council and staff.

"You have been a blessing. You have been a tremendous asset to this community and the region," Cohen said. "I'm overwhelmed to know all that you have done to contribute to the betterment of our community. I want to say Godspeed and God bless you."

Settlemyer moved his family to Morganton in 1973, and started working as the City of Morganton

attorney in 1978. Settlemyer guided the Council through many projects including the establishment of the Compas Cable TV and the development of the current City Hall.

Settlemyer said he has never regretted moving to Morganton, which has been a great place to work and raise his family.

"Blessings aren't always seen, but somehow, someone led me down Interstate 75 from



Settlemyer

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Television • Internet • Phone
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ZAP 2 it
WHAT TO WATCH. WHERE TO WATCH IT.

Are you ready for some chili?



Friday March 9, 2012 · 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Come to the Community House Friday March 9 to enjoy chili and basketball during the 18th Annual ACC Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Morganton Downtown Development Association. Enjoy all-you-can-eat chili with all the fixins, plus corn bread, salad, dessert and drink for just \$6.00!

To enter the cook-off, bring

your chili, in a crock-pot, and \$10.00 to the Community House between 7:30 and 9:00 am Friday.

Proceeds from this event go to sponsor various projects supported by the DDA such as the Christmas Parade, Halloween Spooktacular and TGIF Concerts. Call 438-5252 for more details.

Settlemyer

From the front

Detroit, MI, and told me to take a left in Knoxville," Settlemyer said. "When we reached the Tennessee/North Carolina line, Marilyn looked over at me and said, 'We're home.'"

Settlemyer said that he has enjoyed working with various

Council's during his career as well as the City staff who do their best to serve the citizens of Morganton.

"This has been a great place to work and great people to work with," Settlemyer said. "I've made great friends here at the City. I'm not going to miss the work so much, but I am going to miss the people a whole lot."

Main Street

From the front

Consultants and Gianni's Family Restaurant.

"The Main Street Dept. was able to help many businesses downtown, and create or retain more than 60 jobs," said Main

Street Director Sharon Jablonski.

The Kaleidoscope project, a partnership between the Main Street Dept. and the Historic Morganton Festival, includes two alleyway renovations and the Kaleidoscope park on the 100 block of N. Sterling Street.



Kaleidoscope Park, 100 Block N. Sterling St.

Art in the Park

May 19, 2012 - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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Catawba Meadows Park

The second annual "Art in the Park" will be Saturday May 19 at Catawba Meadows Park. Admission is free, so come check out fine arts, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and metal work while you listen to live music and entertainment by local performers.

Interested artists and vendors should submit an application by May 7, 2012. To download an artist/vendor application, visit the City website at www.ci.morganton.nc.us and search for "Art in the Park," call Park Superintendent Daniel Stines at (828) 438-5384, (828) 413-0862 or e-mail dstines@ci.morganton.nc.us.



Women of Ireland

Thurs. March 15 • 7:30 pm

The Women of Ireland bring such an splendid array of heritage, pride, and musicality to every performance. In this full-stage concert performance, audiences are swept away to the old world and will never want to return.

"Stuart Little"

Thurs. March 29 • 7:00 pm

As Stuart Little tries to cope in a "real person's" world, he professes that size is not important. It's temperament and ability that counts.

James Gregory

Sat. March 31 • 7:30 pm

James Gregory does storytelling at its best. Pull up a rocking chair and listen in... "It could be a law, I don't know."

"Clifford the Big Red Dog"

Monday April 16 at 7:00

Celebrate the timeless values of Clifford's BIG Ideas. With memorable songs and choreography - there will be even more of him to love in this ALL NEW musical - sure to delight the entire family!

Hank and my Honky Tonk Heros

Friday April 20 • 7:30 pm

Audiences were taken back by Jason Petty's amazing acting ability in his portrayal of Hank Williams. The NY Post stated it best, "At times it seems as if Petty is not just offering an impersonation of Williams, but channeling his ghost." HANK AND MY HONKY TONK HEROES is guaranteed to warm 'yore cheatin' heart.'

Hotel California A Salute to the Eagles

Friday May 4 • 7:30 pm

Blending their extraordinary vocal and musical talents, HOTEL CALIFORNIA faithfully and accurately reproduces the sound of The Eagles, while recreating a classic sound which undeniably transcends the boundaries of Rock, R&B, and Country. Hotel California's great reputation and audience acclaim stamp this as the ultimate salute.

Kevin Spencer-Theatre of Illusion

Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00

Kevin and Cindy Spencer present a big, high-tech stage show that combines drama, comedy, romance and suspense with elaborate stage illusions. You won't believe your eyes!

Call 433-SHOW!