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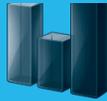
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My Utilities

Did you know that City utility customers can view account information and pay utility bills on the Internet?

Visit the City's website and click the 'My Utilities' link at the top right of the web page to register.



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Connect Online!

We post. We tweet. We syndicate. We share photos and video. And we want you to get connected to the City of Morganton!

You can "Like" us on Facebook; follow us on Twitter; subscribe to our YouTube Channel; and check out images from around the City in our Picasa Galleries.

Visit the City's website at www.ci.morganton.nc.us and look for the social media icons at the top right of the page to connect online!



RSS Feeds



Several pages of information on the City Website is syndicated using RSS feeds. All you need is an RSS Feed Reader and you can subscribe to the City's News and Crime Release pages, Job Openings and Parks and Recreation updates!

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More shops sign on for new shopping center

The new Morganton Heights shopping center on Fleming Drive is still on schedule, and more stores are planning to move into the new location.

City Development and Design Director Lee Anderson said the primary tenants will open this summer starting in July.

"The developers still expect all the primary businesses to open

by late July early August 2013," Anderson said.

The shopping center will have three entrances, and the primary entrance will be named Morganton Heights Blvd. A traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Morganton Heights Blvd. and Fleming Drive to manage traffic into and out of the center.

In addition to the anchor tenants of Walmart and Belk, the following stores have signed on to move into the new center: Cato, Chinese Buffet, Di'Lishi, Dollar Store, G2K Games, GNC, Great Clips, Hallmark, Hibbett Sports Hwy 55, JoAnn's, Kay Jewelers, Mattress Firm, Maurices, Nak

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Check out our YouTube Channel!

Did you know the City of Morganton has a YouTube Channel? That's right. We've been posting City videos since November 2009. The channel was launched in an effort to provide more information in more ways to residents, visitors and folks who may have moved away but want to keep up with their hometown.

And we want to remind residents that if you miss a council meeting or city event,

you can visit our YouTube channel and check out what you missed.

We publish City Council meetings and other board meetings monthly, public service announcements, Art in the Hall videos showcasing local artists, and local events including the Halloween Spooktacular, Plow Day and more! We post links to the

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Manage your accounts hassle free

The City of Morganton offers many ways for residents to pay utility bills and manage account information online!

The easiest and most affordable way to pay a utility account is by setting up an automatic bank draft, which helps customers avoid late fees. The City Business Office offers this service for free.

Residents can simply download and fill out a bank draft form and bring the form and a void check to the Business Office in City Hall.

A Customer Service Specialist will verify the account information and set up an automatic draft to pay utility bills or Compas Cable Television, Internet and Phone bills.

Customers still receive paper bills in the mail so they know when the payment will be drafted. Utility bill payments are drafted on the due date. Cable and internet payments are drafted on the 10th of the month.

Residents who may be uncomfortable with an automatic bank draft can always choose to pay online.

To pay online, visit the City

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THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA

“100 Years of Gospel”
Friday Jan. 18 | 7:30 pm
www.blindboys.com

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

Tuesday Feb. 12 | 7:30 pm
www.sweethoney.com

LEAHY

Saturday March 9 | 7:30 pm
www.leahymusic.com

“BILOXI BLUES”

Montana Repertory Theatre
Friday March 15 | 7:30 pm

“THE SHOW”

Tuesday March 26 | 7:30 pm

Call 433-SHOW or visit
www.commaonline.org!

YouTube

From the front

videos on the City website, www.ci.morganton.nc.us; our Facebook page; and you can subscribe to our channel to stay up to date.

Since 2009, we've uploaded more than 70 videos that have received more than 5,300 views. One of the latest big

events added to the channel is the 2012 Downtown Morganton Christmas Parade. If you missed it Dec. 6, you can watch the entire parade online!

Just visit the City website, and click the YouTube icon at the top right of the page to start watching.



Accounts

From the front

website www.ci.morganton.nc.us and click the 'My Utilities' link at the top right of the page. Follow the instructions to register and add a utility account.

Once customers add their account, they can pay those bills online via Official Payments. Official Payments does charge a service fee to process online payments.

Customers who register through the "My Utilities"

link can also view account information.

Customers can view their current balance, billing history, electric details, water use and more. Customers can compare their consumption per month for the past year and download their account history for the past several years.

Also, customers can see when City staff read their electric or water meters.

Visit the City website at www.ci.morganton.nc.us and search for "Bank Drafts" and "Pay Online" to find out more.

Free Wi-Fi in Downtown Morganton!

The Historic Burke County Courthouse Lawn now offers free, unsecured Wi-Fi service at XGamer speeds of 10 Mbps downstream and 2 Mbps upstream.

If you have a device that can access wireless, then you can get online on the square! Come out and enjoy the free Wi-Fi at your lunch break, during downtown events, or any other time you want!

The service is sponsored by Compas Cable TV, Internet and Phone. Find out more about Compas at www.compascable.net



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From the front

Nik Fashions, PetSmart, Ross, Rue 21, Sally Beauty Supply, Shoe Dept, Shoe Show, Smart Cuts, Staples, T.J. Maxx, Tobacco Shop, and Verizon.

Demolition of the old Henredon plant started in early spring last year, and contractors started grading the site in May 2012. By the time grading is complete, the construction crews will have moved 1.6 million cubic yards of dirt, Anderson said.

The shopping center will cover 140 acres. The Walmart super center alone will include 180,000 square feet of retail space and the total shopping center will contain 455,000 square feet of retail.

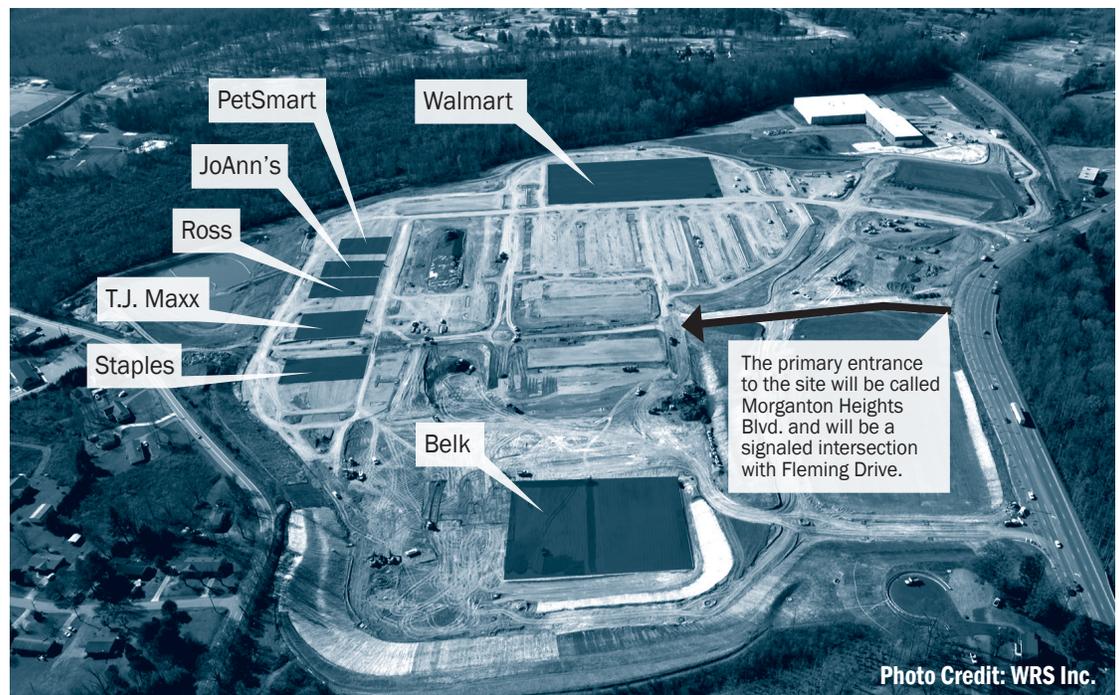


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