

## City Calendar

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### November - January

#### Art in the Hall

#### Exploring Joara Exhibit

8 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri @ City Hall

#### Monday, 11/7

#### City Council Meeting

6 pm @ City Hall

#### Thursday, 11/10

#### Recreation Advisory

#### Commission Meeting

5:30 pm @ Community House

#### Friday, 11/11 • City Hall

#### Closed for Veterans Day

#### Saturday, 11/12

#### Steppin' Out with Ben Vereen

7:30 pm @ CoMMA

#### Monday, 11/14

#### Holiday Bucks

#### Give Away Starts!

<http://bit.ly/2ekzpyA>

#### Thursday, 11/17

#### MLK Jr. Memorial Park

#### Community Meeting

6 pm @ Mtn. View Recreation

#### Saturday, 11/19

#### Holiday Farmers Market

11 am - 3 pm

@ 111 N. Green St.

#### Saturday, 11/19

#### Memorial Tree Lighting

#### Winter Carnival

5:30 - 8 pm @ Historic Burke

County Courthouse Square

#### Thursday, 11/24, Friday, 11/25

#### City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday's garbage route will be collected Wednesday.

#### Friday, 12/2

#### THE TEXAS TENORS

7:30 pm @ CoMMA

## Council approves renovations to the Community House

The Morganton Community House will receive some much needed renovations next year thanks to the City Council.

During the October meeting, the Council unanimously approved the project and approved borrowing an estimated \$1.4 million to fund the Phase 2 renovations.

The plan is to renovate the lobby and possibly add a fireplace; renovate the ceilings and add new lighting and chandeliers in the Cobb and Connelly rooms; install new wood floors; build new, accessible restrooms; create a bridal suite/green room; renovate and build two meetings rooms and

accessible restrooms in the basement; and add an elevator.

"These renovations to the Community House will put a much needed polish on what everyone agrees is one of the jewels of Morganton," Main Street Director Sharon Jablonski said. "We are very thankful for all the private donations to help fund these improvements. We're extremely thankful for the Johnson (Phifer) family and the Bridges family who donated \$75,000 each to fund the new courtyard. And we're grateful to the City Council who chose to make this project a priority and approve funding for the

final phase."

The new courtyard and many infrastructure improvements were completed last year at the Community House.

The infrastructure upgrades included improvements to plumbing, electrical service, HVAC, kitchen basement entry and access, air conditioning to the kitchen, and noise reduction around the kitchen.

City staff will work to set up financing this year, and construction should start in January next year.

"When we're finished, this facility will be a state-of-the-art venue for our residents and for visitors," Jablonski said.



This rendering of the Cobb Room shows a coffered ceiling, new lights, and new wood floors.

## Leaf Pickup

The City will collect leaves October through January.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT LIMBS OR OTHER DEBRIS IN LEAF PILES!**

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**Monday, 12/5**  
**City Council Meeting**  
6 pm @ City Hall

**Thursday, 12/8**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting**  
5:30 pm @ Community House

**Friday, 12/9 - Sunday, 12/11**  
**Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Presents "Home Alone"**  
Show times vary @ CoMMA

**Saturday, 12/10**  
**Holiday Farmers Market**  
11 am - 3 pm  
@ 111 N. Green St.

**Thursday, 12/15**  
**Christmas Parade**  
6 pm @ Downtown Morganton

**Friday, 12/15**  
**RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER - THE MUSICAL**  
7:30 pm @ CoMMA

**Friday, 12/23, Monday, 12/26**  
**City Hall Closed for Christmas Holiday**  
Garbage collection will be on a one-day delay Dec. 26 - 30.

**Monday, 1/2/2017**  
**City Hall Closed for New Year's Day**  
Garbage collection will be on a one-day delay all week.

# City hires Development and Design Services Dept. Director

The City of Morganton is pleased to announce that Phillip Lookadoo will be Morganton's new Development and Design Services Director.

Lookadoo comes to Morganton from Florence, S.C., where he has spent the past 11 years serving in a very similar position.

Since 2005, Lookadoo has served as the Director of Planning, Research, and Development for Florence, S.C. He also served as the Executive Director of the Florence Downtown Development Corporation for six of those years.

City Manager Sally Sandy said she is pleased to have Lookadoo come on board.

"The Management Team completed an extensive search and selection process that included nearly 50 applicants from around the country," Sandy said. "Phillip's broad

base of experience overseeing multi-disciplinary departments, his involvement in economic development, and his skill at project management make him an ideal fit for the City."

Lookadoo and his wife Kelly have two children, Jacob and Penelope. They enjoy the outdoors and look forward to doing a lot of running, hiking, and mountain biking here in Nature's Playground.

Lookadoo's first day on the job will be Monday, Oct. 31.

Full story online at <http://bit.ly/2cFrkka>.



**Phillip Lookadoo**  
Director



## CITY SKATE PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Parks and Recreation Director Rob Winkler held a community meeting Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, to get input on the planned City skate park. During the meeting, Winkler discussed the budget and the proposed location for the park. The plan is to build the skate park on the lower baseball field behind Collett Street Recreation Center in downtown. More than 30 local and regional skaters attended the meeting and discussed what features they would like to see in the park. Winkler plans to hold a second meeting in December to unveil proposed designs for public review and comment. The City's 2016-2017 budget includes funding for the skate park.

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