

Welcome to Morrystown

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Welcome to Our Community

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Morrystown. You will find some interesting information enclosed that should be helpful. We encourage you to take a moment to read this newsletter and we hope that it will serve as a great resource as you get acquainted with our community. Feel free to call our office at 888-6370 or stop in if you have questions and we will try to send you in the right direction. We look forward to meeting you.

Morrystown at a Glance

Morrystown is a rural town of more than 5,000 people (5,227 according to the 2010 census) located in the center of Lamoille County and serves as the region's center for commerce, services and industries. It is situated in a valley along the winding Lamoille River and is nestled among the Green Mountain and Worcester mountain ranges. The famous Long Trail traverses the mountain ranges located here. Morrystown is located 45 miles northeast of Burlington, Vermont's largest city and 30 miles northwest of Montpelier, the State Capital.



Many people often ask the difference between Morrisville and Morrystown. Morrisville is a village located within the Town of Morrystown. Located within the Village limits are various amenities including the local schools, Municipal Offices and Copley Hospital. Mail in Morrystown is actually delivered to Morrisville addresses because the Post Office is located within

2017 Community Events

March 8	Annual Town Meeting
May 5	Green Up Day
May 29	Memorial Day Parade
June 24	Lacing Up for Cancer Walk
June 24	Firefly Festival
July 4	4th of July Festivities
July 9	Music in the Park
June 14– Aug 23	Wednesday Night Live music
Aug 23	Community Corn Roast
Sept 3	Oxbow Musicfest
Sept 30	Rocktoberfest
Dec 2	Festival of Lights

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Courtesy of the Morrystown Town Clerk's Office



Morristown Municipal Offices



Town Clerk's Office: Provides various services to the public including free notary service, registering voters, registering dogs, issuing marriage licenses, certifying copies of vital records, recording and storing land records. Other services provided include: issuing land postings, DMV registration renewals and Green Mountain Passports.

Administration Office: Responsible for the Town's general operation and serves as the liaison to the Selectboard and the Town road crews. Contact the Administration office with concerns regarding roads and sidewalks, the annual budget, ambulance billing or general Selectboard questions. The Selectboard meets every other Monday at 6:30PM at the Municipal Building.

Listers' Office: Assesses all personal and real properties subject to taxation in Morristown, prepares the grand list and conducts grievance hearings. Morristown properties were reappraised in 2007 and before that in 2003. The CLA as of January 1, 2017 was 102.48%.

Zoning & Planning Office: Manages all permitting, zoning, development and planning issues in Morristown. Permits are required for all structures, changes of use and land subdivisions.

Community Development Coordinator: Works with municipal boards, commissions, community groups and businesses to identify and implement Town enhancements. Coordinates and assists with groups and individual community events.

Emergency Medical Services Department: Is a BLS & ALS ambulance organization comprised of volunteers and paid staff, serving the residents of Morristown and surrounding communities. EMS is highly dependent on volunteers and always looking for more.

Fire Department: Serves the community with dedicated members that protects lives and property since July 13, 1890.

Police Department: Is a 24 hour full service Department responsible for all safety & emergencies in the Town.

OFFICE HOURS

ADMINISTRATION

Monday-Friday 8:00 - 4:00

TOWN CLERK & ZONING

Monday-Thursday 8:00 - 4:00

Friday 8:00 - 1:00

LISTERS

Monday-Friday 8:00 - 12:30

MUNICIPAL EMAILS

Administration

eallen@morristownvt.org

Community Development

tfollert@morristownvt.org

Emergency Medical Service

npicard@morristownvt.org

Lister

cmcarthur@morristownvt.org

Town Clerk

shaskins@morristownvt.org

Zoning

tthomas@morristownvt.org

Elections



REGISTER TO VOTE:

There are new changes to Vermont Election Laws that went into effect on January 1, 2017. As of that date:

- Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day;
- Registration will be available at the Town Clerk's Office on any day prior to the election during normal business hours;
- Registration will be available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open.

To register to vote you can come to the Town Clerk's Office at 43 Portland Street. You may also apply through the Department of Motor Vehicles or you may now register to vote online at:

<https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>.

ELECTIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the polling location is the **Morristown Municipal Building** at 43 Portland Street and polling hours are **8:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

- * **Annual Elmore Morristown Unified Union School District Meeting (Floor Vote):** Thursday immediately preceding Annual Town Meeting on the first Tuesday in March; floor vote on warned school articles. Starts at 6:00 PM at the **Peoples Academy High School Auditorium** at 202 Copley Ave.
- * **Annual Town Meeting (Floor Vote):** First Tuesday in March; floor vote on Town budget, Town officials & other warned articles. Starts at 9:00 AM at the **Peoples Academy High School gym** at 202 Copley Ave.
- * **Annual Town & School Meeting (Australian Ballots):** First Tuesday in March; Australian ballot votes for Town Selectboard and School Board members & School budget. Coincides with Annual Town Meeting election.
- * **Presidential Primary:** First Tuesday in March every four years; vote for party nominations for United States President. Coincides with Town Meeting election.
- * **Annual Village Meeting:** Second Monday in April at 6:30 PM, vote for Village officials and warned articles.
- * **Vermont State Primary:** Forth Tuesday in August every even year; vote for party nominations for State officials.
- * **General Election:** First Tuesday in November every even year; vote for State officials, Justices of the Peace. Every four years vote for US President & members of Congress.



To learn more about elections in Vermont go online to:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections>



Tax Billing

By law, taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date of July 1st. Tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Listers' Office. If all or a part of the taxed property is sold, it is the seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner. **Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer of responsibility to pay the property taxes, interest or penalties when they become due to the Town of Morristown.**

Please notify the Town Clerk's Office of any address changes at 888-6370 or m Fleming@morristownvt.org.

Bills are sent out from the Town Treasurer at least 30 days before the first installment is due on November 15, 2017. You will receive only one bill for the current tax year, and it will include coupons for the first and second installments of your Morristown tax bills. The bill that you receive will also include applicable Village taxes. **You will NOT receive a second notice of payment due for the second installment due on May 15, 2018.**

First Installment – Due November 15, 2017

Time Period: July 1 – December 31, 2017 plus Village time period January 1– December 31, 2017

Interest charges of 1% per month for the first 3 months and 1 1/2 % per month thereafter as provided in 32 V.S.A Section 5136, will be added to the unpaid first installment of taxes after the close of business on November 15, 2017. **Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be considered timely. Post-dated checks will be returned.** After May 15, 2018 any unpaid balance of this first installment will be delinquent and subject to an 8% penalty, 1 1/2% interest per month, and all collection costs.

Second Installment – Due May 15, 2018

Time Period: January 1– June 30, 2018

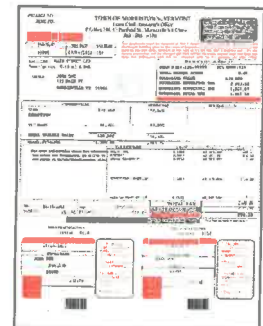
An 8% penalty on the entire unpaid tax due plus collector's costs and interest charges of 1% per month for the first 3 months and 1 1/2 % per month thereafter as provided in 32 V.S.A. Section 5136, if payment is not received in the office at the close of business on May 15, 2018. **Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be considered timely. Post-dated checks will be returned.**

Payment Methods:

The Town of Morristown offers choices for paying your property tax bill. Contact us for more information at 888-6370 or shaskins@morristownvt.org.

- * Direct Debit
- * Power Pay™
- * Cash
- * Check
- * Credit/Debit Card (convenience fees apply)

IMPORTANT: You can pay property taxes more frequently than the two installments. Our system is capable of receiving tax payments weekly, monthly, quarterly or whatever way accommodates your budget, as long as the taxes are paid in full by the due dates.



Escrow

If a property owner has his/her property taxes held in escrow by a mortgage company, the Town will no longer forward a copy to the institution without a written request. The property taxpayer must contact the escrow service with all the information included on the property tax bills.

Homestead Information



Homestead Declaration

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration **annually** by the April 18, 2017 filing deadline. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. All property is considered **non-residential**, unless it is declared as a **homestead**. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements: you are a Vermont resident and you own and occupy a homestead more than 182 days as your domicile as of April 1, 2017. Declare your homestead with the Vermont Tax Department by filing Form HS-122.

Property Tax Adjustment Claim

The Vermont Property Tax Adjustment assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet **all** of the following eligibility requirements:

- Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a [Homestead Declaration](#) for the 2016 grand list
- You were [domiciled](#) in Vermont for the full prior calendar year
- You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer
- You have the property as your homestead as of April 1; and
- You meet the household income criteria (see form for current year income limit).

Property Tax Adjustment Claims are made to the Department of Taxes by filing Form HS-122, Section B. Visit the Department of Taxes website at www.tax.vermont.gov or call 1-866-828-2865 for more information.

Vermont Current Use Value Appraisal Program

Owners of agricultural and forest land may be eligible to have land taxed at the lower "use value" rate by enrolling in the Current Use Program. To qualify, parcels must contain at least 25 acres that will be enrolled and be managed according to a forest management plan approved by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Applications are due by Sept 1 in order to enroll for the following tax year. For additional information, see <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use>

Veterans Exemption

In Morristown, the first \$40,000 of appraised value of the established residence of a qualifying veteran, his or her surviving spouse or child is exempt if:

- the residence is owned in fee simple by one or jointly and;
- written application for the exemption is filed with the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs (VOVA) before May 1.

For questions regarding the application process and eligibility contact the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs at (802) 828-3379.



Veteran's Monument erected 2012 in Academy Park

Grievances

Property owners may grieve the assessed value of their property by submitting a written notice of appeal to the Board of Listers on or before the date that grievance hearings are held - sometime after April 1st. Call 888-6371 for the specific date. If your property has been improved (with an addition, for example) or if the town has conducted a town-wide reappraisal, you will receive a "change of appraisal" notice. The date for grievance hearings will be specified in the change of appraisal notice. Please note that you may grieve your assessment even if you do not receive a change of appraisal notice. Mail your notice of appeal to: Board of Listers; Town of Morristown; PO Box 748, Morrisville, VT 05661. The written notice of appeal should include the name, mailing address, and phone number of the property owner, the parcel ID # of the property that is the subject of the appeal and the reason for the appeal.

Address Changes

Please notify us at (802) 888-6370 or m Fleming@morristownvt.org of any address changes so that you may receive timely information from our office regarding your tax bills, voting, dog licensing, or other Town business.



Dog Licensing/ DMV Renewals/Green Mountain Passports

Dog Licensing

By law, all dogs and wolf hybrids six months of age or older must be licensed by April 1st each year in the town where the dog resides. Licenses are only available through the Town Clerk's Office and may be purchased in person or by mail if there is a current rabies certificate on file. Licenses are available after mid January each year. Morristown does not currently license cats.

In order to license your dog you must present the following items:

- A copy of a valid rabies certificate (unless one is already on file).
- Proof of Spay/Neuter certificate (if applicable)
- Cash or a check made payable to "Town of Morristown"



FEES:

Before April 1st:

Neutered/ Spayed: \$4.00 + \$5.00 state = \$ 9.00

Male/ Female: \$8.00 + \$5.00 state = \$13.00

April 1st:

Neutered/ Spayed: \$ 6.00 + \$5.00 state = \$11.00

Male/ Female: \$12.00 + \$5.00 state = \$17.00

DMV Renewals

Our office is able to issue temporary vehicle registration renewals. The receipt and sticker that are given out at the Clerk's office are only temporary and within a few weeks after paying, the state will send the appropriate stickers to you. You can also renew your registration online at:

<https://secure.vermont.gov/dmv/express>



In order to renew your registration you need the following:

- A preprinted renewal form from the DMV.
- The renewal form must be for current month or the previous two month period.
- A check or money order made payable to DMV. **(NO cash or credit cards accepted)**
- A separate \$3.00 processing fee paid directly to the Town for each renewal. **(Cash accepted)**

Green Mountain Passports

The Green Mountain Passport Program was started in 1973 by an Act of the Vermont General Assembly. Use your passport for free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other fees are excluded), Vermont State Historical Sites and events which are fully State sponsored.

To be eligible for a passport you must be a resident of Vermont AND:

- 62 years old or older or
- A veteran of the uniformed services



Come to the Town Clerks office and pick your card up today!

MACC membership/ Reflective 911 Signs



The Morristown Alliance for Culture and Commerce mission is to help ensure a strong and viable community. MACC serves the community by building upon our historic past, recognizing our existing assets and utilizing local knowledge, skills and resources. When you donate or become a member, you help work with property owners, businesses and community organizations to keep our town's inviting hometown atmosphere and bring new life to our commercial districts. Learn more at: www.morrisvillevt.org

MACC

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Join Us!

Memberships are for the calendar year and are fully tax deductible.

- Sponsor \$250
- Business, Corporation, Professional \$100
- Non-Profit \$50
- Family \$35
- Individual \$20

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please complete this form and mail with a check payable to: MACC, P.O. Box 748, Morrisville, VT 05661



MORRISTOWN ALLIANCE FOR CULTURE & COMMERCE

Morristown Rescue Squad Reflective 911 Address Number Marker Form

**If we CANT find you
We CANT help you!**

Sign: \$15.00 Sign & Post: \$20.00

- Sign is green in color
- Size is 6" x 18"
- Post is 5 feet

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address Number Request

Note: If your address is fewer than 5 digits please X those boxes not used.

Circle one: Vertical Horizontal

Circle one: Sign Sign & Post



Please complete this form and mail with a check payable to:
Morristown Rescue
PO Box 424
Morrisville, VT 05661

Questions: Contact EMS Department (802) 888-5628



History/Important Contact Numbers



History of Morristown

On November 6, 1780, the General Assembly of the Independent Republic of Vermont granted Dr. Moses Morse his petition to establish a land grant in the north central part of the State. On August 24, 1781 Governor Thomas Chittenden issued the Town's Charter. By 1791, there were ten inhabitants that had moved from New York and Massachusetts and two Native American Indians from the St. Regis Tribe. By 1795, there were enough settlers to establish a tavern that held the first school, a town house and a brick church. It is the only town in the county that has gained in population by every census but one since it was created. In the late 19th century, much of the growth was directly related to the arrival of the railroad that also helped to create the unique style of architecture seen about town. The hospital and one of the country clubs located in Town are named after Alexander Copley, a philanthropist who donated much of the money for their construction. Copley also donated a large sum of money for the construction of the Town's high school that is currently called Peoples Academy. The Town Clerk's Office sells Morristown history books if you would like to learn more about our history. We also encourage you to visit the Noyes House Museum located in the historic village of Morrisville. Since 1952, the Morristown Historical Society has leased the Noyes House to house their growing collection of Morristown and Lamoille County artifacts, documents and historic images. Learn more about it at: <http://noyeshousemuseum.org>

Stay Informed

Radio: 93.9 WLVB

Newspaper: News & Citizen

Town Website:
www.morristownvt.org

Email Group:
Front Porch Forum

Facebook:
Town of Morristown

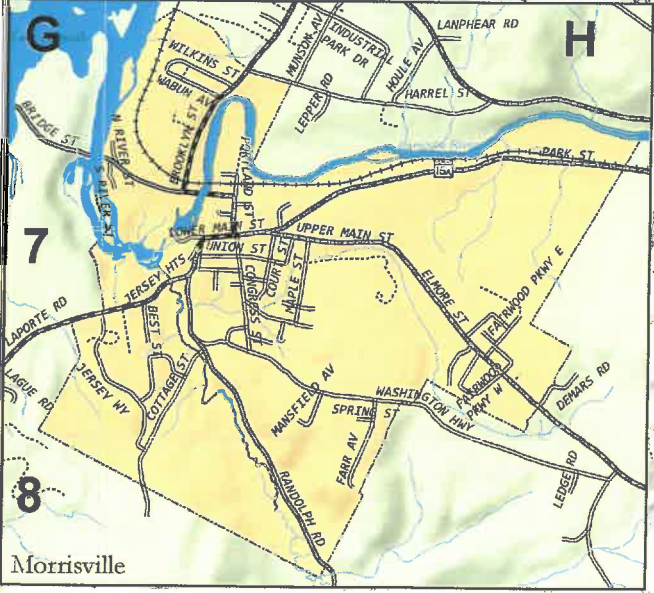
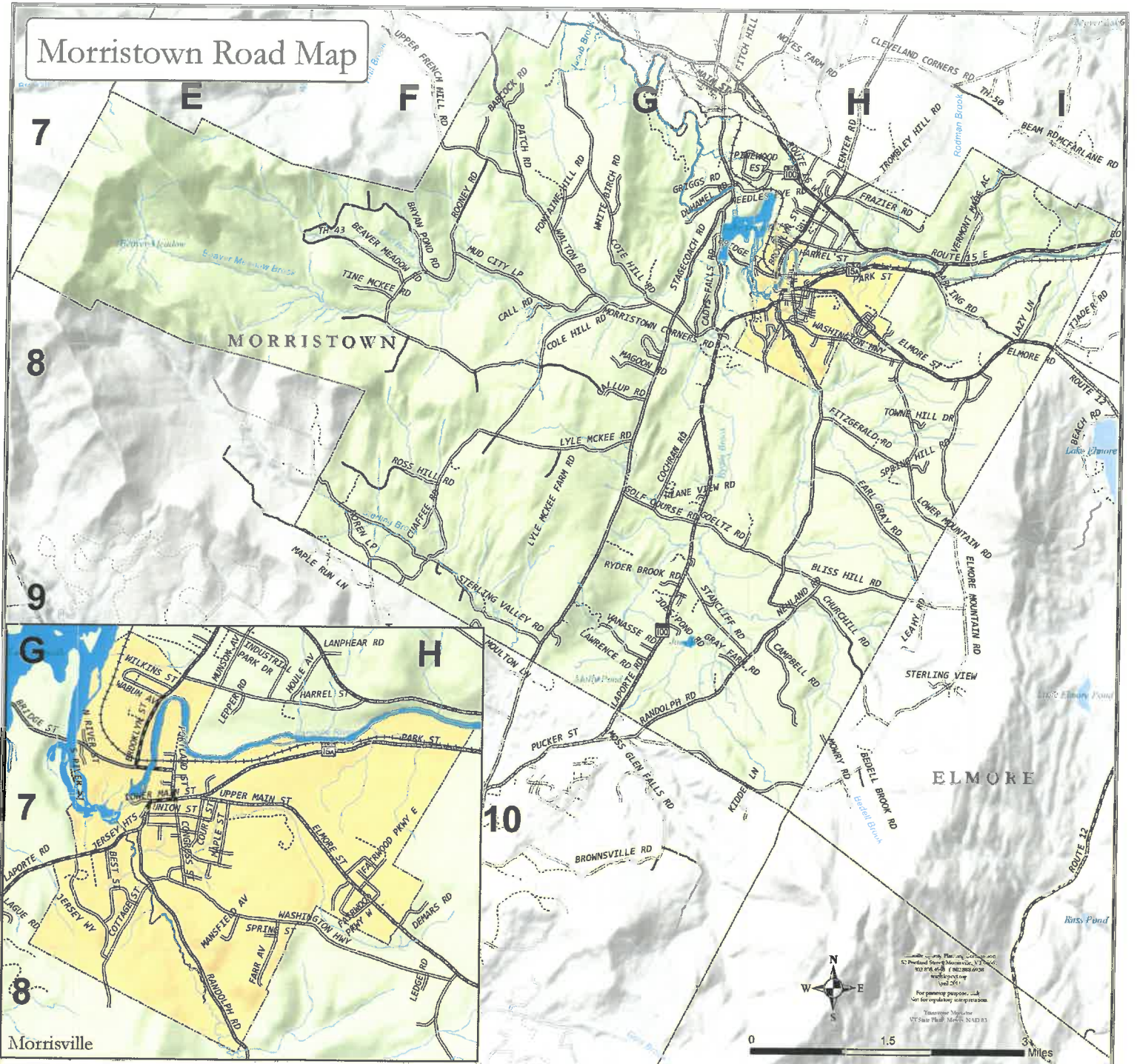
Twitter: @morristownvt



Important Contact Numbers

Animal Control Officer	888-5629	Lamoille County Sheriff's Department	888-3502
Capstone	888-7993	Morristown Police Department	888-4211
Community Garden	224-6097	Morrisville Fire Department	888-3575
Copley Hospital	888-8888	Burn Permits (Pager)	826-2626
Department of Motor Vehicles	828-2000	Morristown EMS Department	888-5628
Green Mountain Transit Agency	223-7287	Morrisville Post Office	888-3557
Lamoille Family Center	888-5229	Town Administrator	888-5147
Lamoille Region Chamber of Commerce	888-7607	Town Clerk's Office	888-6370
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District	888-7317	Town Lister's Office	888-6371
Casella Waste Management	888-3627	Town Zoning Office	888-6373
Lamoille Trash Services	888-2469	Town Fiscal Office	888-6374
Hillside Trash	888-7567	Community Coordinator	888-6669 x231
Lamoille South Supervisory Union	888-4541	Town Highway Department	888-6369
Elementary School	888-3101	Village Street Department	888-3398
Middle Level	888-1401	Water & Light Department	888-3348
Peoples Academy High School	888-4600	Morristown Centennial Library	888-3853
Rural Community Transportation	888-6200	Game Warden	888-2964

Morristown Road Map



Legend

- Railroad
- State Highway
- Class 2 Town Highway
- Class 3 Town Highway
- Class 4 Town Highway
- State Forest Highway
- Private Road

Road Name Index

BACOCK RD F6	CONVERSE ST H7	GRAY FARM RD G9	MAIN ST H7	PLANE VIEW RD G8	TRADER RD I7
BEAUCH RD I8	COTTE HILL RD G7	GRIGGS RD G7	MANSFIELD AV H9	PLEASANT ST H7	TOWNE HILL DR H6
BEAM RD I7	COURT ST H7	HARRIS ST H7	MAPLE RUN LN F8	PORTLAND ST H7	TROSBRY HILL RD H7
BEAVER MEADOW RD F7	DARLINGS RD H7	INDUSTRIAL PARK DR H7	MAPLE ST H7	PUCKER ST H7	UNION ST H7
BEDELL BROOK RD H9	DEMARIS RD H7	JERSEY VHS H7	MAYFAIR RD H7	RANDOLPH RD G3	UPPER FRENCH HILL RD F6
BEST ST H7	DUNHAM RD G7	JERSEY WY H7	MORRISTOWN H7	RICHARD WOODCLIFF RD I7	UPPER MAIN ST H7
BLISS HILL RD H6-H9	EARL GRAY RD H9	JOES FOND RD G9	MORRISTOWN CORNERS RD G7	ROONEY RD F7	VANASSE RD G9
BROOKVIEW ST H7	ELMORE MOUNTAIN RD H8	KUCKER LN G9	MOSS GLEN FALLS RD G7	ROSS HILL RD F8	VT 100 G6
BROWNVILLE RD G9-G10	ELMORE ST H7	MARSH RD G2	MURKIN H7	ROUTE 12 G10	VT 156 H6
BROOKSHIRE RD F9-F10	FAIRWOOD PKWY E H7	MORRISTOWN H7	MOWRY RD H5	ROUTE 15 W H7	VT 158 W G6
BRYAN POND RD I7	FAIRWOOD PKWY W H7	LAWRENCE RD G9	MUD CITY LP G9	ROUTE 15 E H7	WAEUN AV H7
CADYS FALLS RD G7	FARR AV H7	LAWRENCE RD G9	MUD CITY LP G9	ROUTE 15 E H7	WALTON RD G7
CAMPBELL RD H9	FITCH HILL RD G6	LEAHY RD H9	MUD CITY LP G9	ROUTE 15 E H7	WASHINGTON HWY H8
CENTER RD H6-H7	FITZGERALD RD H8	LEWIS RD H7	MULLAND RD H9	ROUTE 15 E H7	WHITE BRICK RD G7
CHARFEE RD F8	FONTAINE HILL RD G7	LEWIS RD H7	NOTES FARM RD H7	ROUTE 15 E H7	WILKINS ST H7
CHURCH HILL RD G9	FRAZIER RD H7	LOWERY MOUNTAIN RD H8	OLIVE ST H7	ROUTE 15 E H7	
CLEVELAND CORNERS RD H6	GALLER RD G8	THE MCKEE FARM RD G8	PARK ST H7	ROUTE 15 E H7	
COCHRAN RD G9	GALETTA RD G8	THE MCKEE RD G8	PATCH RD H7	ROUTE 15 E H7	
COLE HILL RD F6	GOLF COURSE RD G8	MAGDOON RD G8	PINEWOOD EST H7	ROUTE 15 E H7	

