

COMMUNITY

2025 Senior Games held at City Park



Photos courtesy of Morehead Parks & Rec. Dept. Facebook page



Events included... Corn Hole, Free Throws, Football & Frisbee Toss, Race-walk, and Shuffle-board & Horseshoes. A big thank you to Grand Slam BBQ for providing a delicious lunch!

A Facebook post from the Parks & Rec. Department reads, "We loved seeing the energy, laughter, and community spirit. Can't wait to do it again next year!"

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Morehead invites bids from qualified sporting merchandise supplying contractors for the following: materials (either gymnasium wood flooring OR polysport flooring); the services of the installation of gymnasium wood flooring OR installation of polysports flooring with volleyball sleeves, including three color paint striping; demolition; and installation services of wall protective padding, protective floor covering and Spalding retractable basketball goal system for an indoor athletic facility.

Bids are to be submitted by materials and a per square foot basis to include all materials, supplies, tools, equipment and labor necessary as set forth in the bid specifications.

All bid specifications may be obtained from Helen Smith, City Clerk at hsmith@morehead-ky.gov or 606-784-8505, 314 Bridge Street, Morehead KY 40351. All questions about this Invitation for Bids should be directed to Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Hamilton at mhamilton@cityofmorehead.net or 606-784-8686.

You may submit bids to: Morehead City Hall/Administrative Building, ATTN: City Clerk, Helen Smith, 314 Bridge Street, Morehead KY 40351. Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked "INDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITY".

Bidding will open Friday, June 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM EST. All bids must be received by City Hall no later than Friday, July 11, 2025 at 9:00AM EST. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time in the Conference Meeting Room of City Hall. Late bids will not be accepted.

No bidder may withdraw a bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The successful bidder must have a city occupational license and must be able to furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing general liability, auto liability and workers compensation. The City of Morehead is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

The City of Morehead reserves the right to award or reject bids in part or in whole and on any basis it deems in the best interest of the City.

The bids are being solicited pursuant to KRS 424.260, KRS 424.140, KRS 424.130 and City of Morehead Municipal Order 12:2023.

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Guest Speaker



Saturday,
June 21, 2025

Please come and hear,

Dr. Wendell
McChord

Speaking on
hotels of Blue Lick Springs,
Kentucky before
The Arlington Hotel.
Dr. McChord will be speaking
at the Worthington Center,
downstairs in the
Pavilion Room *
10 am – 11 am.

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(* Change From Previous Fliers)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

At the June 9th City Council meeting, a Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) financial planner shared conversations he had with the mayor and administration staff about investing "extra" city funds with KLC, in lieu of local banks and financial institutions. Mayor White-Brown is a KLC board member. We suggest before investing our tax dollars outside the city, the mayor and council first support local banks and businesses which pay Morehead taxes. Not only do our businesses and financial institutions donate their time and energy to support Morehead, but they are also asked daily to support nonprofits, schools, organizations, etc. We wonder if this is in the taxpayers' best interest or for a future job opportunity?

The City Council packet contained the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, including property taxes, payroll taxes, occupational taxes, insurance taxes, utility taxes, vehicle taxes, etc. As of May 31, the city has collected \$11,752,589 in revenue meaning almost \$1 million more has been collected than the \$10,769,847 projected in the 2024/2025 budget. While we understand taxes are a necessity to provide essential services, with another \$1 million surplus, why can't the mayor and council cut taxes instead of continual increases?

A few of Morehead's numerous professional and service contracts were approved at the June council meeting, including Angie's Buds & Blooms -\$45,000, Airport Board-\$45,000, Downtown Morehead Inc-\$50,000, and the Economic Development Council -\$74,000. The discussion about contract procedures included Councilwoman Edna Schack asking, "Can we give a summary about how we go about selecting these?" Mayor White-Brown replied, "Some of these are done by statue, some of these are contractual services. These are groups that receive funding out of our general fund each year." Councilman Darrell Littleton asked, "What's the limit on a contract before it has to be let for bids and restrictions for procurement?" The mayor answered, "\$48,000 now."

However, according to the general bidding statute (KRS 424.260) and the Kentucky Model Procurement Code (KRS 45A.385), a city is required to publish an advertisement for bids when making a contract, lease, or other agreement over \$40,000 for materials, supplies, equipment or contractual services other than professional. KRS 413.245 defines professional services as any service rendered in a profession required to be licensed, administered and regulated by the state. We are unclear which KRS Mayor White-Brown's \$48,000 limit is referring to?

A growing number of citizens are concerned with a pattern of increased tax rates, lack of youth and senior recreation facilities and disrepair of infrastructure and many city streets. We are hopeful the Hinkle bid means that any state blacktop reimbursement money will be spent on neighborhood streets instead of special areas. We routinely hear the frustration that many taxpayers think the current mayor and some council members are not interested in citizens' concerns but instead support special projects and own personal interests. We encourage everyone who lives in the city of Morehead to consider running for mayor or city council in the 2026 election. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have comments, concerns or need advice on how to become more involved. bel.hitch@roadrunner.com.

Belinda Hitch