

Morrison Fire Department

Plans were made to remodel and repair the inside of the Evergreen Ballroom and build outdoor restrooms at this time. Placing of picnic buildings and re-landscaping the grounds was also planned.

In July 1959, the outdoor restrooms were completed and also the outdoor bandstand. A Band concert was held on July 9, 1959, to celebrate the new buildings.

On September 27, 1959, one of the first dances sponsored by the Fire Department was held to celebrate the new 1959 fire truck delivered on July 26th. The music was by the Jolly Musicians, a home town group consisting of Harry Olp, Robert Pischke, Karl Ihlenfeldt, Carl Hagenow, Paul Falck, James Falck, Paul Krueger and Howard Klug.

In August, 1961 an 8 x 8 x 8 walk-in cooler was built onto the Evergreen Ballroom. In July 1964, a 16 x 54 ft outside bar was completed.

In the summer of 1966 the inside of the Evergreen Ballroom was completely remodeled. Paneling was added to the walls and the bar room was completely changed. In 1970 a building was brought up from Zion Lutheran Church that was used as the kitchen during picnics.

In September 1971 the name Evergreen Ballroom was changed to Morrison Firemen's Hall. In October 1971 the meeting room at the fire house was remodeled. Insulation, paneling, paint and new lighting were added.

In October 1973, it was voted by the Department to add on to the Fireman's Hall. Indoor restrooms along with a meeting room and a small addition to the main bar were to be added. This project was completed one year later with the first Firemen's meeting held on October 7, 1974.



Morrison's first Fire Department Equipment. It was housed at the home of Helmut Ihlenfeldt, Sr. in Morrison in his workshop and in Edwin Groth's harness shop. Edward Sr. and Helmut Ihlenfeldt, Jr. are on the picture, dated around 1910. Unit 1 is the 60 gallon chemical fire engine, charged with acid & soda to pressurize the water. Unit 2 is a horse-drawn hook & ladder wagon.

Fire Chiefs & Officers

The following men have served as fire chief: Wm. H. Behl (1905-1925); Al Falck (1925-1936); Ed A. Quinnette (1936-1940); Clarence Schwartz (1940-1954); Karl Falck (1954-1957); Rudy Falck (1958-1971); Arwed Uecker (1972-1986); Robert Pischke (1986-2004)

2005 Officers are: Bill Lasee, Fire Chief; Dan Uecker, Assistant Fire Chief; Robert Pischke, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; Paul Cappelle, Treasurer; Kerry Ambrose, Secretary.