



The City of Morgantown

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Morgantown Mayor Issues Challenge to Huntington Mayor

Conditions state that the losing University municipality must wear the winner's school colors at the City Council meeting following the game.

MORGANTOWN – In light of this weekend's football game, Morgantown Mayor Jim Manilla is issuing a challenge to Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe: loser has to wear the winner's team shirt at the next City Council meeting.

The September 1st Friends of Coal Bowl is the last of a series of 5 that former Governor Joe Manchin brought to fruition in 2007, pitting WVU against Marshall in the season opener. Mayor Manilla says he is ready to have a little fun with it, and hopefully can spread the fun throughout the 2012 football season by issuing a similar challenge to other home game opponents.

"I thought it would be fun if we could get our new friends in our fellow Big 12 cities involved in a challenge of sorts," said Manilla. "All in the spirit of fun and good sportsmanship."

Immediately following the game, both Mayors will meet at the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) RV, in the Boston Beanery Parking Lot, to exchange team shirts. The shirts are provided by SustainU, and are made in America from recycled materials.

"Hopefully it'll be us handing blue and gold to them, instead of the other way around," said Manilla.

I, Jim Manilla, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, do hereby challenge you, Kim Wolfe, Mayor of the City of Huntington, to the Big XII Mayor's Challenge: to act as municipal authority conducive to the pride and spirit of your home team, willing to wear the Old Gold and Blue in the event that West Virginia University reigns victorious, and provide Green and White just in case Marshall wins, achieving municipal friendship in fun, frivolity, and the spirit of good sportsmanship.

If you would like to schedule an interview with Mayor Jim Manilla, please call him directly at (304) 216-8671.