



# Morristimes

November E-Newsletter

Over a Century of Service!

## 2023-24 Morristown Magazine Has Arrived!

Each year the Chamber partners with Lakeway Publishers to produce a community magazine. The publication is used in newcomer packets and is provided to advertisers, hotels, offices and other organizations for use in promoting our community to visitors, retirees and industrial and commercial business prospects.

The Chamber is proud of this 84 page, glossy, full-color magazine.

We appreciate all those members who advertised in the magazine and say a hearty "thank you" to them for their contribution to the Chamber through their participation in this project. Thanks also to John Gullion, Managing Editor at the *Citizen Tribune* for providing the excellent editorial content and to Mike Walker and Pam Sandidge at Lakeway Publishers for handling the ad sales.

Anyone interested in getting a copy of the Morristown Magazine may contact the Chamber office.



MORRISTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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Christmas  
IN THE CITY

DECEMBER 7 • 7:00PM

The Downtown Morristown Christmas Parade  
A Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce event.

Entry forms are now available

Deadline to enter is NOON

on Thursday, November 16

For more information call

423-586-6832



# *From the President's Desk*

*--Marshall Ramsey*

## **Keep Your Christmas Shopping Tax \$\$\$ Local!**

We are not naïve to think that everyone in our community will shop locally for the holiday season but I think it is important to make that effort.

A large portion of locally collected sales tax goes directly to our school system which directly impacts the workforce our business and industry demand.

This “shop local” push should be a year round effort and not just at the holidays as it is painful to see Hamblen County residents funding school systems in our region with their tax dollars. As a parent, we often wonder how many fees and extra costs and fundraisers our kids do, not to mention how many times a year kids need their picture made now.

As you spend that \$100 on a Target tv, remember, your local stores carry TVs as well. Our local retailers have a wide selection of quality products. There are very few items that can't be bought locally, and if you ask most local retailers, if they don't have what you're looking for, they can order what you need and want, so you can make that purchase locally.



  
*Meeting Reminder*  
*Friday, December 1; 8:00 a.m.*  
*TCAT Morristown*

Join the Women in Business for a joyous celebration social with your business associates and friends as we close out a successful year and find out what's in store for 2024!



# MEMBERSHIP

*Breakfast*



MORRISTOWN  
UTILITIES

433 W FIRST NORTH STREET  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH  
7:30 AM



**RSVP TO:**  
**MACC@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM**  
**OR CALL 423-586-6382**



# Membership BREAKFAST

HOMETRUST BANK  
Wednesday, December 6th | 7:30am  
120 Evans Avenue

*RSVP TO:*

[macc@morristownchamber.com](mailto:macc@morristownchamber.com)  
or 423-586-6382.



# Chamber Recognizes Local Industry

Chamber, community, and elected leaders came together on the morning of Wednesday, October 25 to thank the manufacturing, distribution and industry service companies in Morristown and Hamblen County. The Annual Industrial Appreciation Breakfast held at Walters State Community College in the R. Jack Fishman Library recognized and thanked the local industries for their investment and contributions to our community. Morristown Mayor Gary Chesney and Hamblen County Mayor Bill Brittain both expressed their appreciation to the industries for their contributions to the success of the local economy. Industrial Board Vice Chair James Craine then conveyed his gratitude for the industrial presence in our community. He announced that reported capital investment in land, buildings and equipment by industrial operations totaled over \$160 million in 2023, creating some 250 new jobs. He also recognized those companies celebrating a significant anniversary. The companies recognized during the program were:

**Clayton Supply Company**  
**Colgate Palmolive Company**  
**Colortech, Inc.**  
**Greenworks**  
**HBF Foods**  
**Iatric Manufacturing Solutions**  
**Iconex**  
**Kakou**  
**Kawasaki Tennessee, Inc.**  
**Koch Foods**  
**MaFab LLC**  
**MAHLE Engine Components**  
**Masengill Machinery**  
**McNeilus Steel**  
**OTICS USA, Inc.**  
**Specialty Manufacturing**  
**Tuff Torq Corporation**  
**Wallace Distribution**



The event would not be possible without the support of the following Chamber members that provided sponsorships:

**Major Sponsors:** C & C Millwright Maintenance Co., The Christman Company, Citizens National Bank, Express Employment Professionals, First Horizon Bank, Hale Construction, HC\*EXCELL, HealthStar Physicians, Hodge Engineering Company, Inc., HomeTrust Bank, Joseph Construction Co., Morristown Utilities/FiberNet, Murrell Burglar Alarms, ORNL Federal Credit Union, Strate Insurance Group, Walters State Community College, and Wimberly, Lawson, Wright, Daves & Jones.

**Corporate Sponsors:** Andrew Johnson Bank, Burke Ailey Construction Co., Inc., Citizen Tribune, Commercial Bank, Covenant Health Morristown-Hamblen, Craine Thompson & Jones PC, First Peoples Bank, Lowland Credit Union, Luttrell Staffing Group, MBI Companies Inc., Merrill Lynch, TVA, and WorkNow!, Inc.

Last, but not least, we want to thank those who helped plan and host this year's event. Committee Chair Dr. Erin Dean with Walters State Community College and committee members Austin Pratt and Kateea Manis with Lowland Credit Union, Lisa Grooms with Lakeway Publishers & Morristown-Hamblen Lions Club, Diana Lara-Chavez with Luttrell Staffing Group and Teresa Trent with ORNL Federal Credit Union.



**2023 Downtown Christmas Ornament On Sale Now**  
**LIMITED SUPPLY! Get yours before they sell out!**  
**\$25 each/\$20 each for 5 or more**

## Explore '24 Planned for January 17, 2024

The Chamber is once again assisting the Hamblen County Department of Education in planning the upcoming Future Ready Expo. This year's theme – Explore '24 echoes how the event provides an opportunity for students to explore the various career and job opportunities in Morristown and the Lakeway Area. The event, scheduled for January 17, 2024 at the Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center, allows nearly 2,000 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Hamblen, Jefferson, Grainger, Hancock, Cocke & Hawkins Counties to network with local organizations, businesses and school programs related to Advanced Manufacturing; Public Safety & Emergency Services; Business, IT, Retail & Healthcare Services; and Trade & Industry. The students will be given time to visit each career cluster and participate in hands-on activities provided by the business partners.



The event planning committee is seeking business exhibitors. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide information that could guide students as they begin their high school path of instruction. If you and your business are interested in being an exhibitor at this year's FRE event, please go to <https://www.futurereadyexpo.com> to sign up. Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. For questions, feel free to contact Jodi Barnard at the Chamber office at 423/586-6382.

# Mark Your Calendars!

## Save the Date!

# THURSDAY

# JANUARY 18

*The Annual Meeting is returning to January! Cold weather and snow don't scare us! More details coming soon. Make plans to join us!*

# Small Business Saturday

**NOVEMBER 25TH**

**DOWNTOWN MORRISTOWN:**

**PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**FIRST FIRE TRUCK**

**DONUT NV FOOD TRUCK**

**COFFEE BAR**

- **FIRST 250 SHOPPERS GET A FREE TOTE!**
- **\$1 OFF A BEER AT 1907 BREWING COMPANY WITH PROOF OF DOWNTOWN PURCHASE.**

**REASONS TO SHOP LOCAL:**

- **FUNDS LOCAL SCHOOLS**
- **STRENGTHENS MPD AND FIRE DEPT**
- **SUPPORTS PARKS & REC**





# CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
MAIN STREET  
5PM-8PM

Shop local and enjoy carolers, All Americano Coffee Truck, and Cookies.  
\$1 off a beer at 1907 Brewing Company with proof of same-day Downtown purchase.





# Welcome New Members!

## Diamond Property Group

2320 E Morris Blvd

Morristown, TN 37813

Phone: 423-900-2893

[www.diamondpropertygroup.org](http://www.diamondpropertygroup.org)

Ashley Jackson, Owner

Julian Jackson, Owner

Custom Home Builders, Contractors

## Marivel Villa—Keller Williams

1111 N Northshore Dr

Knoxville, TN 37919

Phone: 423-748-3407

<https://mvilla.kw.com/>

Marivel Villa

Real Estate

Bilingual

## Elizabeth Gibson—Yes Mortgage

2220 Award Winning Way, Suite 200

Knoxville, TN 37932

Phone: 423-312-6471

<https://www.yes.mortgage/loan-officers/egibson>

Elizabeth Gibson

Mortgage Broker

## Kings Collision

119 Pope Rd

Morristown, TN 37813

Phone: 423-307-5333

<https://kings-collision.com/>

Billy King, Owner

Auto Collision and Repair

OEM Certified



## Emily Sexton—Keller Williams

1111 N Northshore Dr

Knoxville, TN 37919

Phone: 423-736-7854

[www.sextongetsitsold.com](http://www.sextongetsitsold.com)

Emily Sexton

Real Estate

## Transworld Business Advisors of NE TN

1025 Panther Creek Rd

Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 423-312-9119

<https://www.tworld.com/locations/ne-tennessee/>

Barry Beddor, Owner

Kimberly Beddor, Owner

Commercial Broker,

Business Advisor Services

## Byte Tek Solutions

9111 Cross Park Dr, Suite D 200

Knoxville, TN 37923

Phone: 865-315-7946

<https://www.byteteksolutions.com>

Elisha Jachna, Owner

James Ritchie, Owner

IT Support Service, Cybersecurity

## YOUR NAME COULD BE

**LISTED HERE !** If you know of someone who should be a member of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, please contact Lauren Stipes, Director of Sales and Marketing at:

[membership@morristownchamber.com](mailto:membership@morristownchamber.com)

or call 423-586-6382.



Shop Local  
This Holiday Season



Congratulations!  
November  
Ambassador of the Month



Rachel Westra  
City of Morristown

Congratulations!  
3rd QTR.  
Ambassador of the Quarter!



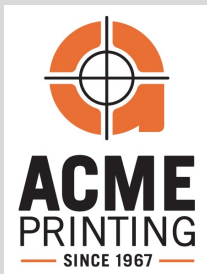
Lisa Grooms  
Morristown Hamblen Lions Club



Featured Gold Star Members



*The Chamber boasts over 100 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, these special investors.*



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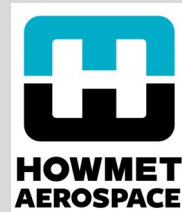
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[www.firstbank.com](http://www.firstbank.com)



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[www.howmet.com](http://www.howmet.com)



[www.poshmedicalspa.com](http://www.poshmedicalspa.com)



*The Gold Star designation is for members who support the mission and program of work of the Chamber through increased financial investment. Gold Star members receive special recognitions and benefits throughout the year in return for this increased investment. If your company would like more information on becoming a Gold Star member, please contact Pat*

*Seaver, 423.586.6382 or [membership@morristownchamber.com](mailto:membership@morristownchamber.com)*

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Wednesday, November 15th

7:30 a.m.

**Membership Breakfast—Morristown Utilities**

433 W First North Street

Thursday, November 23rd—Friday, November 24th

**Thanksgiving Holiday—Chamber office closed**

Saturday, November 25th

**Small Business Saturday**

Friday, December 1st

10:00 a.m.

**Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting—Tommy Gun Warehouse**

2847 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Friday, December 1st

1:30 p.m.

**Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting—Morristown Nissan**

5496 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Wednesday, December 6th

7:30 a.m.

**Membership Breakfast—HomeTrust Bank co-hosted with Covenant Health**

120 Evans Avenue

Thursday, December 7th

7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Parade**

Main Street

Friday, December 8th

5:00—8:00 p.m.

**Candlelight Christmas Market**

Main Street

We encourage you to reach out to us here at the Chamber if you need assistance 423-586-6382.

[www.morristownchamber.com](http://www.morristownchamber.com)

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## IMPACT



- 207 loans obtained by TSBDC clients in 2022
- \$78,740,850 obtained in loans by TSBDC clients in 2022
- \$24,255,215 in SBA-backed loans obtained by clients in 2022