

MORRISTIMES

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July E-Newsletter







From the President's Desk

--Guest Columnist, Anne Ross, Director of Tourism

"Disc Golf—Its Impact and Importance"

Marshall graciously allowed me to take over his column this month to tell you just a bit about why disc golf has become an important economic driver for Morristown/Hamblen County.

When most people think about tourism and the impact it has on a community, they think about our neighboring counties Sevier and Knox since both have well-known attractions and events bringing hundreds of thousands of visitors every year who leave behind millions of dollars in economic impact. We don't have what our neighbors have, but one activity we do have is a year-round draw for visitors, and that's in addition to Cherokee Lake, Panther Creek State Park, and the other events and activities that attract visitors to Hamblen County.

The recently completed Tennessee Disc Golf Championships brought 563 golfers from 26 states to town May 31- June 2. Here's what a few of them had to say:

This was the most fun I've had at a tournament and the courses were fabulous. Thanks for all the hard work to make this a positive event. I'll be back next year! – Bob Miller, Goodview, VA

Really appreciate the hospitality and all the great things to do in and around Morristown. Hope to see you again next year. —
Robert Russell, Canal Winchester, OH

As always, I thoroughly enjoyed being in Morristown and the surrounding area. This is a must attend event for me for the past 5 years. Thank you! – Scott Stevens, Bethlehem, GA

The tournament was very well run. The players' pack was great. The vendors were awesome. The courses were great; prepared and maintained very well. This is how tournaments should be run, and after meeting people from Tennessee and how nice they were, I guess that's to be expected! - Erik Tribehorn, Yuma, CO

These folks love this tournament and love our courses – and we love them because they and the rest of the participants had an estimated direct economic impact of \$315,300* on Morristown/Hamblen County. That's the money they spent at our hotels, campgrounds, vacation rentals, gas stations, restaurants, coffee houses, shops, etc. while in town.

Tournament weekend isn't the only time disc golfers visit Morristown. According to the scoring app UDISC, an average of 707 players visited one or more of our courses in 2023; the first-time player average was 405. These players came from an average of 30 states as well as Canada, Japan, and United Arab Emirates. During the first quarter of 2024 an average of 154 first timers played our courses+. Additionally, the figures do not include the tournament participants since a different score reporting system is used for the tournament.

We may not have Dollywood, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Sunsphere, or Neyland Stadium, but we've created an attraction/event that has become a consistent economic driver for our county.

*Information compiled from non-local players responding to post-tournament email as well as tourist average daily spending in TN for those traveling over 50 miles as determined by US Travel Association and Tourism Economics for those players not responding to email.

+these figures are for those players using this scoring app; visitation numbers do not include those using a different scoring system.

No Women In Business Meeting in July



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\$500 - 5 AVAILABLE \$350 - 15 AVAILABLE \$195 & \$250

*EARLY BIRD REGISTRANTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES TO 10,000 PEOPLE

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LAUREN AT MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM OR 423-586-6382

LEADERSHIP



Save These Dates!

You are invited to be a part of the Chamber's Leadership Morristown program, designed to familiarize the participants with various aspects of life in community, introduce them to those individuals and organizations responsible for "making things happen", and provide some personal development training. Session dates and topics are listed be-A more complete description of the activities included in each session is on the reverse side of this flyer. We hope you'll join us!

Wednesday, August 14
Team Building/DISC Profile

<u>Tuesday, August 20</u>
Public Safety & Local Government

Wednesday, August 28
Project Visioning

Tuesday, September 10
Social Services

Thursday, September 26
Education—Private Schools & Higher Ed

Thursday, October 3
Healthcare & Senior Services

Tuesday, October 15
Arts & Recreation

Thursday, October 24
Local Economy

Week of Oct 28 or Nov 4
Education—Public K-12
Exact date will be confirmed by July 8

Wednesday, November 13
Public Infrastructure

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Graduation Recognition at
Chamber Annual Meeting
& Class Celebration TBD

Make-Up/Extra Credit Sessions will be scheduled as needed.

Leadership Morristown 2024 Schedule & Program Outline*

Wednesday, August 14— Team Building/DISC Profile (personality assessment tool)—at Walters State Community College. Begins with an 7:30 a.m. Chamber Membership Breakfast.

Tuesday, August 20—This session will include a tour and update on the Hamblen County jail project, WSCC Public Safety facility/training, updates on public safety initiatives/capital projects of the City (fire & police), meeting with City Mayor and Councilmember. Optional attendance at City Council meeting.

Wednesday, August 28—This session will incorporate information on community needs from various groups and allow the class to choose a project(s) they would like to work on during the program.

Tuesday, September 10—Participants will begin the day by attending the annual United Way Kick Off Breakfast. They will spend the day visiting a number of non-profit social service agencies in our area and learning about their activities and the services they provide.

Thursday, September 26 & / Week of October 28 or November 4—Focusing on education, the group will visit local public and private schools and learn about Pre-K—12 education. They will also hear about higher education options, including TCAT and WSCC and the role they play in developing our workforce.

Thursday, October 3—This session will acquaint participants with some of the newest technology and services provided at our local hospital, and learn about services and health care options offered to our senior citizens.

Tuesday, October 15—This session will familiarize participants with arts & recreational opportunities available in our community. The group will visit some of our parks and recreational options and get a first hand look at what's happening with the arts in our community. Class participation will be a TREAT!

Thursday, October 24—Participants will start the day attending the Chamber Industrial Appreciation Breakfast, followed by a meeting with the Chamber's industrial recruiting team. The class will visit Downtown Morristown and learn about the economic impact of rehabilitation of historic buildings and it's impact on tourism. Tours several industries will also be a part of the day.

Wednesday, November 13—The day will begin with a Chamber Membership Breakfast at Morristown Utilities and include the opportunity to learn about what goes on behind the scenes with the infrastructure that makes our community run smoothly. The day will include tours and information on utilities, public works, transportation services, newspaper and our public library.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025—GRADUATION RECOGNITION at the Chamber Annual Meeting. Complimentary tickets for each graduate and their spouse/guest will be provided. There will also be a social gathering for graduates and their guests in a more informal setting. Date TBD.

Most sessions will be held between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Times are subject to adjustment—participants will receive e-mail agenda at least 1 week prior to each session. Additional opportunities may be available as the class progresses. Participants should not miss more than 2 sessions in order to graduate from the program. Tuition is \$800 per person; \$720 for Gold-Star Members and \$425 for non-profit charitable organizations.

For more information, contact Debra Williams:

manager@morristownchamber.com or 423-586-6382

^{*}Specific activities subject to change

Welcome New Members!

Carriage Hill Insurance/Risk Management

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6688 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Talbott, TN 37877 Phone: 423-839-1331

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Cynthia Righter, Owner Salon Suites for rent

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Tech 2 Go LLC

Morristown and Jefferson City

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420 W Morris Blvd, Ste F Morristown, TN 37813 Phone: 865-895-4127

Email: morristown@optimustherapy.com

www.optimustherapy.com Mila Pacia, Practice Manager

Physical Therapy



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Membership Directory at

www.morristownchamber.com

To support the businesses who support our community through their Chamber investment.











Aundrea Salyer, MBA KOSBE Executive Director

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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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Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, July 5th 6:00-9:00 pm

First Friday Concert Series—Copper Ridge

The Green & Farmers Market—Downtown Morristown

Thursday, July 11th 5:00-6:30pm

Business After Hours—G Jill Bruce, Certified Executive Sommelier

The Lilypad on Main (130 W Main St)

Monday, July 15th 10:00am

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting—Freeway Insurance

4357 Erica Greene Circle, Ste 6

Wednesday, July 17th 7:30am

Membership Breakfast—Clayton Homes & Lux Doors

5649 E Morris Blvd

Thursday, July 18th 9:30 am

Ribbon Cutting—Storage PUP of Morristown

2784 Morningside Dr

Thursday, July 25th 4:30 pm

Ribbon Cutting—Allegra Printing (formerly Acme)

1100 E Main St

Friday, July 26th 7:00-9:00 pm

HYPE Pool Party—The Country Club

1686 Doyal Dr

Friday, August 2nd 6:00-9:00 pm

First Friday Concert Series—AllSkate

The Great Lawn @ Fulton Hill Park—345 E 6th North St

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

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New Member Orientation

- 1-Hour Orientation to all things "Chamber of Commerce."
- Learn about how to make the most of your Chamber Membership.
- Receive your Welcome Packet that contains your membership plaque, decal, + more!

RSVP: macc@morristownchamber.com



FRIDAY

AUGUST 30th

8:30 AM 825 W First North Street Chamber Board Room