

# MORRISTIMES

### Over a Century of Service

### **February Edition**

### **Scenes From the 114th Annual Meeting**



Chamber President Marshall Ramsey presents 2024 Board Chair Jim Price with a clock to thank him for his year of service and leadership



Susie Cox, President of TCAT Morristown will serve the Chamber as Board Chair in 2025.

Tribune

Adam Ivy with First Horizon is recognized as the 2024 Ambassador of the Year. His award is presented by Board Chair Jim Price and 2023 Ambassador of the Year, Lisa Grooms with the Citizen



Dr. Dale Henry entertains the audience with his humor and inspirational words.



Former Hamblen County Mayor Bill Brittain received the 2024 R. Jack Fishman Community Service Award, presented by Board Chair Jim Price and Mike Fishman, President of Lakeway Publishers.



# A Message from the President

... Marshall Ramsey



### Let the Chamber Help You Market...Through Sponsorships

As spring approaches, so does the Chamber's planning for this year's events. It is shaping up to be a busy year with several major events. We will be having 5 Concerts on the Green this year spanning May-October excluding July 4<sup>th</sup> as Cherokee Park and Hamblen County will be having their annual event on that Friday. We do have a few sponsorships left for this series and if you have attended a concert recently, you can see the attendance ranges between 200-500 per concert. Concert goers range from retirees to young families. We have something for everyone.

With all of our sponsorships, we can give you a feel for attendance and audience age, and, as with any marketing, it is important to appeal to your target audience. I think we can all agree that while Facebook marketing is free and can reach a large audience,...is it your audience?! Participation in sponsorships provides the benefit of having that spot on social media, but it CERTAINLY isn't limited to that.... All of our events also allow you not to just sponsor but to be involved—invite customers and employees, show off your services and products, and make it an interactive experience. We would honestly ask that you do be involved as the return on your investment can be more measured this way rather than paying a price and praying for results.

The Small Business Awards and the Business Showcase are also very popular events and supporting these events help to honor and promote small business which is the majority of business in our community. Again, these are opportunities to be present. Yes, you can be on a banner, but be there in person, shake hands and do business face to face.

The Industrial Appreciation Breakfast is also very popular with over 200 attendees each year and sponsorships selling out early. This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with industry professionals, many who may use the services that your business offers. This event is not open to the general membership, so a sponsorship is a way to secure your place at this "invitation only" event.

Our Golf Tournament, Annual Meeting and Christmas Parade are other ways you can help support the Chamber by marketing your business through a sponsorship. Continue to check the Chamber Newsletter for other opportunities and be on the lookout for a comprehensive lists of Chamber events to partner with in the coming year!

In case you missed our 114th Annual Meeting, celebrating the accomplishments of 2024, we invite you to view the video at this link that highlights all the best moments of the year.

Also, please see the "Year in Review" factsheet on page 3.

Dropbox Link

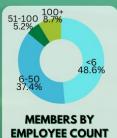


# 2024 Gear in Review



























71 MEMBERS 10 EVENTS

500+ ATTENDEES AT BUSINESS SHOWCASE



2 GRANTS FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT \$800,000



8 FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS



21 FARMERS MARKET VENDORS 2,000+ VISITORS



60 EVENTS AT THE FARMERS MARKET



140+ BUSINESSES IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE



25,000 VISITORS GUIDES DISTRIBUTED



15 COMMUNITY EVENTS 15,000 ATTENDEES



2 MONTHLY E-PUBLICATIONS 2,000 SUBSCRIBERS EACH



103 EVENT SPONSORS



7 MEMBERSHIP BREAKFASTS



25 INDUSTRIES RECOGNIZED



GOLF TOURNAMENT 100+ ATTENDEES



INVESTMENT



\$1.4 BILLION IN RETAIL SALES



\$101.8 MILLION IN TOURISM REVENUE



780 NEW JOBS CREATED



660 VOLUNTEER HOURS



11 SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS 36,000+ FOLLOWERS 300M+ IMPRESSIONS

### Future Ready Expo helps students 'Unlock their Future'



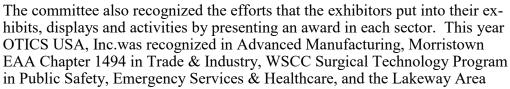
For the sixth year, the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Hamblen County School System, HC\*Excell and Walters State Community College to host the Future Ready Expo on January 15 at the Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center. While the snowy and cold weather in the Lakeway area disrupted many school schedules, more than 1,000 8th-grade students from Hamblen and Greene counties enjoyed a day of networking with businesses and industries representing sectors in Advanced Manufacturing; Trade & Industry; Public Safety, Emergency Services & Healthcare; and Business, IT, Retail & Hospitality Services.

Over 80 exhibitors from Morristown and the surrounding area participated to offer hands-on, interactive activities such as decorating cupcakes, flying a plane or painting a vehicle on simulators, making toothpaste, practicing CPR, walking through a food truck, and so much more. Workforce Development continues to be a focus for the Chamber and this event allows these students to further explore career opportunities that exist in their hometown, which hopefully inspires them as they prepare to choose classes for high school.

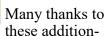


Prior to the event, a con-

test was held for high school students to design a logo using this year's event them – *Unlock Your Future*. The logo chosen was designed by Kishi Truong in Mrs. Kerry Gatlin's Digital Arts & Design class at West High School.



Association of Realtor in Business, IT, Retail & Hospitality Services.



al contributors that assisted in making the event a success – MAHLE Engine Components, Morristown Utilities, Lakeway Area Association of Realtors, Carlyle Capital, Food City, English Mountain





TACTICAL RESPONSE

MOR TOWN

Eastman Credit Union, TCAT Morristown, Morristown Hamblen EMA, Team Technologies and Morristown Landing. And a Special Thanks to all the businesses, industries and organizations that exhibited and interacted with the students.







# Save The Date

# 23RD ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Tuesday | April 22nd | 11:30am First Presbyterian Church of Morristown

### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

### **Media Sponsor**

- Name/Logo on all promo material
- Onstage thank you and introduction
- Special nametags for company reps
- Media exposure
- Two complimentary tickets

### **Event Sponsor**

- Name/logo on promotional material
- Name/logo on tent card & program
- Onstage thank you and intro
- Special nametags for company reps
- · Media Exposure, photo with all award winners
- Two complimentary tickets

### **Award Sponsor**

- Name/logo on tent card and program
- · Media exposure, photo with one winner
- Special nametag for company reps
- Onstage recognition
- One complimentary ticket



## Nomination Form on Page 6.

For more information or to sponsor the Small Business Awards of Excellence, contact Lauren at membership@morristownchamber.com or call 423–586-6382

# 23RD ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE





#### 2024 Winners

Finance/Insurance/Real Estate

Commercial Bank

Service Based Award

ACME Printing

**Nonprofit Based Award** 

Hamblen County Substance Abuse Coalition

Hospitality/Leisure Based Award

1907 Brewing Company

**Retail Based Award** 

Big M Janitorial

**Healthcare Based Award** 

Sav Fit

Horizon Award

Sidney's Bark n' Bath

2024 Small Business of the Year

HC\*Excell



## Tuesday | April 22nd | 11:30am First Presbyterian Church of Morristown

### **Nomination Form**

All nominees must be a small business (less than 50 employees), and current members in good standing with the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce.

A business only needs to be nominated one time to qualify. To participate, Nominees will fill out an application. Nominees will be judged based on the information in their application, which evaluates their business in the following categories:

- Staying Power
- Innovation of Product or Service
- Response to Adversity

- Growth
- Chamber Involvement
- Community Involvement

Submit your nominations to the Chamber no later than Monday, February 24th.

Email: membership@morristownchamber.com

Mail: Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 9, Morristown, TN 37815

Fax: 423-586-6576

<sup>\*</sup>You may nominate more than two businesses.



February 7th

BRANDING YOURSELF Goal Setting, Vision Boards

April 4th

**HEALTH & WELLNESS** Physical, Mental, & Nutritional Stress Management

May 2nd

FINDING FINANCIAL STABILITY In Every Area of Life

June 6th

RESOLVING WORKPLACE CONFLICT

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GROWING WORKFORCE SKILLS

Manufacturing Related, Workforce Development

COMMUNITY RESOURCES For Loved Ones Young and Old

()ctober 3rd

WOMEN'S HEALTH OVERVIEW From a Panel of Experts

Vovember 7th

TOURISM IN MORRISTOWN And East Tennessee

**HOLIDAY PARTY** 

Shop Local with Women-Owned Businesses

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

NAME/LOGO ON ALL MARKETING

 SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY COST TO JOIN:

\$500

\$135









MORRISTOWN

(membership@morristownchamber.com) or call 423-586-





Hosted by



MORRISTOWN LANDING

4355 Durham Landing Thursday, February 20th 5:00pm



RSVP to macc@morristownchamber.com or call 423-586-6382

# **Upcoming HYPE Events**



# Welcome New Members!

#### **Statemint Morristown**

Morristown, TN

Phone: 865-216-6546 Email: statemintmorris-

town@gmail.com

https://statemintconsignment.com/

morristown/

Cayla Beard, Owner

Pop Up Consignment Store

### The Grounds Guys of Morristown & Pigeon Forge

Jefferson City, TN Phone: 423-714-0865

Email: morris-

town.owner@groundsguys.com/ https://www.groundsguys.com/

morristown-pigeon-forge/

Ronn Tritto, President/Owner Lawn Care Services, Holiday Lighting

Installation

### LuxRally Travel—Bob Vick

Morristown, TN

Phone: 423-277-1516

Email: Rob-

ert.vick@LuxRallyTravel.com

Bob Vick, Luxury Travel Advisor

Travel Agency, Vacations, Corporate

**Rewards Trips** 

#### Hot & Cold Air Co.

Morristown, TN

Phone: 865-321-0152

Email: info@hotandcoldairco.com

https://hotandcoldairco.com/

Tristan Kanthack, Owner

Kaelyn Kanthack, Office Manager
HVAC Installation and Service

### **Guzman Construction**

675 Witt Rd

Morristown, TN 37813

Phone: 423-317-6555

Email: info@guzmansub.com https://guzmanconstruction.co/

Israel Guzman, CEO Jorge Guzman, COO

Lee Shepard, General Manager

Construction—Commercial and Resi-

dential

### **The Hemp Connection**

3606 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Ste 11

Morristown, TN 37814 Phone: 423-748-6838 Email: <u>thehempconnectiontn.@gmail.com</u> https://www.the-hemp-

connection.net/
Will Kaizer, Owner
Cannabis Store

#### **Redline Media Solutions**

Morristown, TN

Phone: 423-254-7284

Email:

chava@redlinemediasolutions.com

redlinemediasolutions.com

Autumn Smith, Owner

Chava Trentham, Director of Sales Full-Service Marketing Agency

#### **Johnson Controls**

1820 Midpark Rd, Ste A Knoxville, TN 37921 Phone: 865-292-5963

Email: jason.laster@jci.com www.johnsoncontrols.com

Jason Laster, Service Account Rep Fire Security and Restoration

HVAC—Industrial, Commercial & Resi-

dential

Security Systems

### **Soundtrax Records**

5251 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Morristown, TN 37814 Phone: 865-250-2644

Email: soundtraxtn@gmail.com

www.soundtraxrecords.com

David Price, Owner Vinyl Records Store

### **Lumify Printing and Marketing**

4120 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Morristown, TN 37814 Phone: 865-320-0006

Email: <a href="mailto:leandroc@cc-ind.com">leandroc@cc-ind.com</a>

<u>lumifyprinting.com</u>

Leandro Cores, Owner

Abigail Altenberger, Graphic Designer

Promotional Products

Screen Printing

Advertising/Marketing

### **RedRush Digital**

Morristown, TN

Phone: 214-218-8188

Email: adam@redrushdigital.com

https://redrushdigital.com/

Adam Rushlow, Owner

Full-Service Marketing Agency

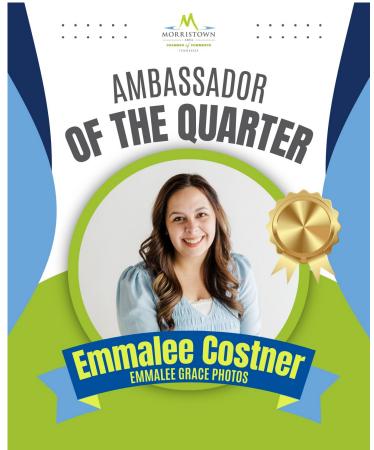
### When you are Looking for a product or service

Don't forget to use our on line Membership Directory at

www.morristownchamber.com

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







### **Featured Gold Star Members**



The Chamber boasts over 110 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, these special investors. Below are some of our NEWEST GS Members



www.1907brewingcompany.com



www.mymorristown.com



www.morristownlanding.com



www.tvacreditunion.com



www.mahle.com



www.seiconstruction.com



www.andrewjohnsonbank.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 Lauren Seaver, 423.586.6382 or <a href="membership@morristownchamber.com">membership@morristownchamber.com</a>

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting - J Tilden's Art Gallery 12:00pm

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

164 W Main Street

8:00am

**Women in Business** 

TCAT Morristown, 821 W Lousie Ave

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00am

**Ribbon Cutting - Soundtrax Records** 

5251 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am

HYPE Rise n' Shine - 60 Beans Coffee

275 E Morris Blvd

Thursday, February 20th **Business After Hours - Morristown Landing** 

5:00-6:30pm

4355 Durham Landing

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00am

Ribbon Cutting - Strate Insurance Group, A Main Street Insurance Company

1750 W Andrew Johnson Hwy

### **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** 

**MARCH** 

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