

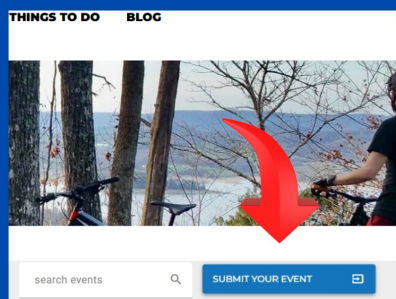
## Leadership Morristown Applications Now Available

The Chamber is preparing to kick off the 2025 Leadership Morristown Program on August 12. Application forms are now available and may be requested by contacting Debra Williams at [manager@morristownchamber.com](mailto:manager@morristownchamber.com). Deadline to return a completed application is July 28, 2025. Participation in the 2025 class will be limited to 20 individuals. Tuition rates are included on the application.

Leadership Morristown was established in 1984 as a program of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce. Its purpose is to identify individuals who have been put in positions of leadership or who have the potential to become community leaders and provide them with the contacts, training, and encouragement to achieve and excel in leadership roles. To date, over 325 individuals have graduated from the program and have gone on to serve the community in various roles in government, business and non-profit leadership.

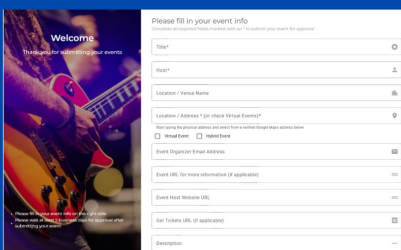
*Get Noticed!!*

If your business or organization hosts community events, be sure to submit them for inclusion in the calendar of events section of [visitmorristowntn.com](http://visitmorristowntn.com).



Go to the Things To Do page on [visitmorristowntn.com](http://visitmorristowntn.com). Click submit your event.

Complete the form and click submit event button. Be sure to include a photo.



The schedule will include 11 sessions covering various aspects of the community. Sessions are very “hands-on” and include tours of industries, schools, medical facilities and other organizations, meetings with elected officials and community leaders, participation in arts and recreational activities, and more. A complete schedule of sessions is listed on page 3 of this issue of the Morristimes.

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
CONCERT SERIES  
& NIGHT MARKET  
6-9PM, HEADLINER AT 7PM

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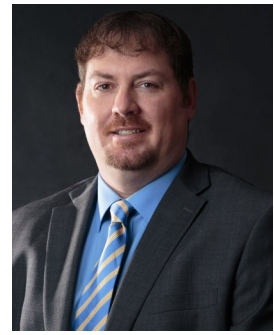
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**JULY 18**

THE ROBERTS SISTERS

@THE GREEN  
AT THE FARMERS MARKET

# *A Message from the President ...Marshall Ramsey*



## **Higher Education Goals to Consider**

This can't be an exciting time for kids as they will be returning to school in just a few short weeks. It seems odd to be getting to mid summer, but having to back to school shop already. It is easy to talk about the value of shopping local, but that is too easy so lets focus on the value of education in whole.

We have just seen new federal bills limiting student loans, yet unfortunately, we will still see kids going to a 4 year school and taking the max amount of loans for a degree or career path of jobs that are not in demand. Yeah, I get it, jobs should be enjoyable, but encourage young individuals to focus on fun careers that actually have an end goal or in demand career path as a cap stone. Can you imagine being \$150,000 in debt the day of graduation then taking a job that will likely take you until you are 50 to pay that loan off?

You could easily go to Walters State or TCAT and get a 2 year degree today that will start your career in that \$60,000-80,000 per year range without the student loan burden. One thing we can be assured of is that 4 year universities are such a big business, they are going NOWHERE. Why rush to borrow that money if you aren't sure what you truly want to do? There is no more of a defeated feeling than seeing your friends with a 2 year degree owning their own business making 150,000 per year while you are in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of a 4 year degree program to finish and hopefully start at \$30,000 per year then needing a part time job on top of that to pay those loans off.

Have those hard discussions with students in your life. We live in a world where 80% of the jobs require less than a 4 year degree yet we still try to push 90% of students into these programs. Have the students failed or have the adults advising students on potential careers failed?

*Women*  
IN BUSINESS

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**AUGUST 1ST**

**8:00AM | TCAT MORRISTOWN**

**821 W LOUISE AVE**

**Workforce Development  
in Hamblen County**

Session Partners:



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**What is Our Community Doing to Ensure  
We Retain a Strong Workforce?**

Interested in joining? It's not too late! Contact Debra ([manager@morristownchamber.com](mailto:manager@morristownchamber.com))  
or Lauren ([membership@morristownchamber.com](mailto:membership@morristownchamber.com)) today.



**Save These Dates!**

*You are invited to apply to participate in the Chamber's Leadership Morristown program, designed to familiarize the participants with various aspects of life in our community and introduce them to those individuals and organizations responsible for "making things happen."*

*Session dates and topics are listed here. A more complete description of the activities included in each session is on the reverse side of this flyer, along with tuition costs.*

*Participation is limited to 20 individuals.*

*To request an application, please contact Debra Williams at the Chamber, manager@morristownchamber.com.*

**Tuesday, August 12**  
Team Building/DISC Profile

**Tuesday, August 26**  
Social Services

**Tuesday, September 2**  
Local Gov't & Public Safety—City

**Wednesday, September 10**  
Project Visioning

**Tuesday, September 23**  
Education—Public Education K-12

**Tuesday, September 30**  
Arts & Recreation

**Wednesday, October 22**  
Education—Higher Ed & Private Schools

**Tuesday, October 28**  
Local Economy

**Thursday, November 6**  
Healthcare & Senior Services

**Wednesday, November 12**  
Public Infrastructure

**Thursday, November 20**  
Local Gov't & Public Safety—County

**Graduation & Recognition for the class will be held during the Chamber Annual Meeting —TBD**

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



# BUSINESS SHOWCASE



SEPTEMBER 11TH | 3PM-6PM | 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 600 W MAIN STREET

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\$500 - 3 MORE AVAILABLE

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## STANDARD BOOTH

- BOOTH AT SHOWCASE

\$195 - EARLY BIRD (DEADLINE: AUG 15TH)

\$250 AFTER AUG 15TH

\$350 - NON-MEMBERS

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT LAUREN AT [MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM](mailto:MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM) OR 423-586-6382



# MARKETING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES SEMINAR

\$25

**BRANDING  
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**AI TOOLS &  
AUTOMATION**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> | 9AM-1PM**

**825 W FIRST NORTH STREET, CHAMBER BOARD ROOM**

**\$25, LUNCH INCLUDED**

REGISTER WITH LAUREN AT [MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM](mailto:MEMBERSHIP@MORRISTOWNCHAMBER.COM)  
OR 423-586-6382. DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 18TH

# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



**FREE  
OPEN TO ALL  
MEMBERS**



**2103 Morningside Drive  
Thursday, July 31st  
5:00pm**

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *HYPE Young Pros*

\$75/YEAR | AGES 20-45



**JULY 17TH**

**Papa's**

**STEAKHOUSE**

12pm  
Networking Lunch  
Papa's Steakhouse  
494 Crockett Trace Dr



**KICKBALL**

Games begin July 8th.  
Come cheer the team  
on!

For more information about HYPE or to RSVP for any of these events, contact Lauren at [membership@morristownchamber.com](mailto:membership@morristownchamber.com) or 423-586-6382.



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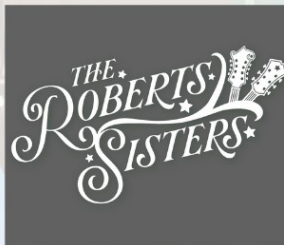
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AUGUST 1



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SEPTEMBER 5



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OCTOBER 3



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



# Welcome New Members!

## Rock Star Roofing

1670 Bays Mountain Rd  
New Market, TN 37820  
Phone: 865-422-3366

Email: [rockstar-roofingtn@gmail.com](mailto:rockstar-roofingtn@gmail.com)  
[rockstarroofingtn.com/](http://rockstarroofingtn.com/)

Mick Sacco, Owner  
*Roofing Contractor*

## Edward Jones Investments—

### Carlee Rose

1018 W First North St  
Morristown, TN 37816  
Phone: 423-587-0675

Email: [carlee.rose@edwardjones.com](mailto:carlee.rose@edwardjones.com)  
<https://www.edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/carlee-rose>

Carlee Rose, Financial Advisor  
*Investment Planning*

## Commonwealth Pain & Spine

325 W Morris Blvd  
Morristown, TN 37813  
Phone: 423-438-3401

Email: [info@mypainsolution.com](mailto:info@mypainsolution.com)  
[www.mypainsolution.com](http://www.mypainsolution.com)

Haeli Spears, Marketing Manager  
Sabrina Hughes, Practice Administrator

*Healthcare Services*

*Pain Management*

## Wright Customs LLC

1380 W First North St  
Morristown, TN 37814  
Phone: 865-246-9323

Email: [heather@wrightcustoms.com](mailto:heather@wrightcustoms.com)  
<https://wrightcustoms.com/>

Heather Wright, Co-Owner  
Jim Wright, Project Manager & Co-Owner

*Manufacturing & Industrial Related*



Don't forget to go traveling this summer!  
Use your Boutique Passport for exclusive deals!

Stop by the Chamber office for your passport or one of the participating shops (click here).





## 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 our GS Members for this month.*



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[www.kramer-rayson.com](http://www.kramer-rayson.com)



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



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



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



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



[www.musfiber.com](http://www.musfiber.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 [membership@morristownchamber.com](mailto:membership@morristownchamber.com)*



# Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>HYPE Networking Lunch – Papa's Steakhouse</b> 494 Crockett Trace Dr	12:00pm
Friday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rescheduled First Friday Concert – The Roberts Sisters</b> The Green at the Farmers Market	6-9pm
Wednesday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Marketing for Small Businesses Seminar</b> Chamber Board Room, 825 W First North Street	9am-1pm
Friday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>New Member Orientation</b> Chamber Board Room, 825 W First North Street	8:30am
Thursday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>Business After Hours – Advertising Expressions</b> 2103 Morningside Drive	5:00pm
Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Women in Business – Workforce Development</b> TCAT Morristown	8:00am
Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>First Friday Concert Series – Nathan Morgan</b> The Green at the Farmers Market	6-9pm

## 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](mailto:macc@morristownchamber.com)



**FRIDAY**

**JULY  
25<sup>th</sup>**

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

## SBA Launches Portal to Boost Made in America Manufacturing Initiative

As part of its "Made in America Manufacturing Initiative," the U.S. Small Business Administration has introduced a new online tool designed to connect American manufacturers, suppliers, and producers with businesses seeking domestically sourced products and services. Called the Make Onshoring Great Again portal, the initiative grants users free access to three curated databases—Thomasnet, IndustryNet, and Connex—each featuring U.S.-based companies. Developed in partnership with these platforms, the tool is part of the SBA's broader effort to strengthen American manufacturing and supply chain resilience.

Access the portal [here](#).