Industrial Appreciation On-Line

The Chamber’s annual focus on appreciating local industry for all they do for our community—providing jobs, investing dollars, supporting community projects—is going virtual in 2020.

In prior years, with the support of sponsors, the Chamber has hosted a breakfast for our industrial community to recognize their successes. With the restrictions of COVID this year, it wasn’t possible for us to gather for this celebration. Instead, through the work of Industrial Appreciation Chair Becky Rehorn of Vaughn & Melton and her committee, along with the support of Chamber Business Development Specialist, Jodi Barnard, the entire month of December will be the time to focus on appreciating our local industry.

To do this, a website has been created, www.morristownindustrialappreciation.com which features videos or profiles of all our manufacturing and distribution industries, along with recognition of the sponsors who made the project possible. We encourage all our members to visit the site throughout December and learn more about our valuable industrial partners.


IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE HAMBLEN CO. HEALTH DEPT.

Beginning on December 14, COVID 19 testing times at the Hamblen County Health Department will change to:

Testing on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 AM -3:30 PM (please be in line by 3:30)
Testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM (please be in line by 12).
Reflection on a Unique Year

I believe now is as good a time as ever to reflect on what will probably end up as one of the most unique years our country has ever experienced. The Chamber adapted many events to follow local, state and national guidelines and while they were vastly different than most in person events of the past, all have turned out to be very successful.

Our Small Business Awards of Excellence and Virtual Business Showcase allowed many companies to bolster their online presence and become more aware of new ways to market their products and services. The industrial appreciation celebration will change to a online, permanent exhibition that will allow us to utilize our creation for workforce development purposes. Our annual meeting will also be changing to a virtual event with an announcement forthcoming on its setup. About the only “regular” events we had this year were our golf and disc golf tournaments. Maybe these revelations of what is allowable will lead us to more outdoor events in the future.

While we are unsure what 2021 will hold, one thing is for sure, it won’t be worse that 2020. Morristown/Hamblen County has and will always lead our region while others struggle. We lead with jobs, retail, healthcare and housing. This diversity allows us to weather storms unlike any other surrounding county. While others complain and struggle, we push forward. While others moan and look for reasons to quit, we work harder to ensure future success for our community. In the words of Toni Sorenson, “Strength comes from struggle. When you learn to see your struggles as opportunities to become stronger, better, wiser, then your thinking shifts from 'I can't do this' to 'I must do this.'” 2021 will likely see more of the same in terms of virtual events early in the year. I’ll leave this with the same thing I leave my children with every morning, “make good decisions today.”

One element of the Chamber’s success over the years is the excellent working relationship we have with our partners at the City of Morristown and Hamblen County. Without their support and cooperation, it would be difficult for the Chamber to accomplish our mission. For the past several years, the City of Morristown has conducted an on-line citizen survey to help them set goals and determine direction. Information gained from this survey can not only help the City, but provides information the Chamber can use to help us as we develop our business plan. We encourage our members to complete this survey and participate in determining our future direction.

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2020 Morristown Citizen Survey

A few minutes can make a big difference!

Find online survey here:

Please take the online survey to voice your opinions on your community. Results from the survey help your local government make decisions for the future of Morristown.

Deadline to take online survey is Dec. 11, 2020
Left: Cynthia Ewing with Elite Realty is our first place winner of $100 in the Virtual Business Showcase cash prize give away by providing the most comments and shares of the businesses in the Chamber of Commerce virtual Business Showcase on Facebook.

Right: Brenda Eagle with Stepping Out and Nicole Atkins with Elwood Staffing each won $50 in the cash prize drawing.

HYPE will not be having a Friday Coffee or Happy Hour in December. Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and we look forward to a bright and promising 2021.

The Chamber staff will not be hosting our annual Christmas Open House this year. We will miss seeing everyone, and we extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members.
Why Shop Local?

- Fosters more entrepreneurship
- Money stays in local economy
- Creates student jobs
- Small business owners volunteer and donate
- Keep people from moving away from their families to work

SUPPORT LOCAL BECAUSE IT MAKES CENTS FOR US ALL

Pay local taxes which helps pay for infrastructure.

Rent and spending of business go back into local economy.

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AK Pawn
1335 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Morristown, TN  37814
Phone:  423-616-0715
Autumn Smith, Partner
Kelly Williamson, Partner
Pawn Shop
Title Loans
Gold Buyers
Jewelry
Jewelry Repair
Jewelry Consignment

InstaCare PLLC
1532 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.
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Heather Mullins, Practice Manager
Urgent Healthcare
Healthcare Services
Physicals—Sports, DOT, & School
COVID Rapid Testing

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 Pat Seaver, Director of Sales and Marketing at: membership@morristownchamber.com or call 423-586-6382.

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.

It’s that time of year again and Santa is stopping by to remind everyone of the importance of shopping local for the holidays!
Congratulations! December Ambassador of the Month

Mary Kathryn Coffman
South Marketing Group

Congratulations! 3rd Qtr. Ambassador of the Quarter!

Brenda Eagle
Stepping Out, Inc.

Featured Gold Star Members

The Chamber boasts over 85 member businesses designated as Gold Star Members. Each month we are proud to feature, on a rotating basis, six of these special investors.

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

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www.mymorristown.com
www.morristownutilities.org

www.statefarmkimottinger.com
www.ornlfcu.com
www.georgeewart.com
Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, December 8th                                                                 2:00 p.m.
Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting — Family Fun Zone
2550 Morris Blvd. in the Mall

Thursday, December 10th                                                              1:00 p.m.
Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting — AK Pawn
1335 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.

Thursday & Friday, December 24th & 25th
Chamber Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Friday, January 1st
Chamber Office Closed for New Year’s Day

We encourage you to reach out to us here at the Chamber if you need assistance.

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