

MORRISTIMES

Over a Century of Service

January E-Newsletter

Lots of Exciting Things Coming SOON!

With the moving of the Annual Meeting to January, there are a number of things we usually announce in the January <u>Morristimes</u> that haven't "happened" yet, so we want to give you a hint of what to be looking for in your Morristimes **next month**!

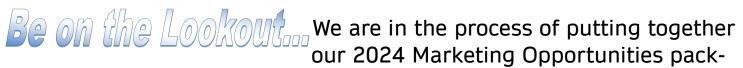
Announcement of the New Board Chairman and Board Members

Winner of the Ambassador of the Year Award

Winner of the R. Jack Fishman Community Service Award

Announcement of the Graduates of the 2023 Leadership Morristown Program

If you still have not purchased tickets to the 113th Annual Meeting, there's still time. See the flier on page 3 for details





age. This material will help our members decide what programs, events and activities they would like to support through sponsorships and service. Our target is to have this in our members hands before the end of February. Be watching your e-mail for more information.



From the President's Desk --Marshall Ramsey

Reacting to a Stressful Situation

What is your reaction to a stressful situation? Do you shut down or do you respond? Can you improve or change your action based on preparation.

I think our community experienced the definition of "stressful situation" as our downtown experienced a landscape changing fire that will alter how I and many others view and appreciate our community's emergency services. I think that the result we saw was the preparation and planning for potential events like this and that situational planning saved the entirety of our downtown. Emergency services aren't something we ever think about until our community needs them and are often overlooked, but when they are needed, our fire and police quickly showed their value.

We are so pleased with our downtown building owners and their efforts in development and redevelopment of many of our properties and with David Silverstein's recent purchase of the former Belk block, we are confident he will find a way to overcome this setback. David is community and history minded and will likely do everything in his power to maintain the consistency of the structure's appearance to the outside, but we are so fortunate to have thoughtful owners like David downtown.

This incident is never the way you want to test the training and knowledge of the community's emergency services, but the results were nothing short of spectacular. None the less amazing was the police work that had an arrest in around 24 hours with a confession. We take all of this for granted, but these pieces of Morristown and Hamblen County's puzzle is why our community thrives in the face of challenge all around us!

Transportation Survey Open for Input

The Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization has started the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) process. As before, they are doing an online survey to help determine the transportation needs in the region. Please take the survey and answer some questions, or use the interactive map to show what transportation issues or needs are within the LAMTPO region. Please keep in mind this is not jus for roadways. This study will be a full multimodal transportation study, thus need to know about roadways issues, bicycle and pedestrian needs, bridges, movement of people and freight, etc.

The 2050 MTP survey can be found here:

2050 MTP: Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning | QuestionPro Survey

The 2050 MTP Interactive Map can be found here:

<u> Lakeway TPO - 2050 MTP Update (arcgis.com)</u>

Additional information of the 2050 MTP can be found at www.lamtpoforward.com.



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MORRISTOWN LANDING

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

6:30PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6:00

SPEAKER

Hear from a local legend and survivor of Pakistan's deadliest hiking season. Quillen peaked the highest point on earth in 2013, left alone to reflect on all the loss and gain of this journey. Join us at the 2024 Annual Meeting and hear of his experience and the takeaways that still guide him today.

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Cornbread Stuffed Chicken, Slow Roasted Beef Sirloin, Mixed Greens Salad, Garlic & Chives Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Assorted Desserts, Tea and Water Catered by Morristown Landing's Catering Staff

TICKETS ON SALE NOW | \$75 PER PERSON

To make reservations, contact Debra Williams at 423-586-6382 or manager@morristownchamber.com







Hope you'll be with us another year!



The Chamber will again be offering our Women in Business program, focusing on the professional and personal growth of Lakeway Area women. Each month we offer a roundtable topic with a guest discussion leader, Chamber updates and networking opportunities. This program has been a huge success with over 90 women involved during both our inaugural year and last year. We hope you'll want to be a part of our group in 2024.

Breakfast Sessions will be held from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Morristown . Cost for the full year is \$135, payable when you sign up.

Sessions are on Friday. Dates will be:

February 2 March 1 April 5 May 3 June 7

August 2 September 6 October 4 November 1

December 6

To sign up, contact Debra Williams at 423-586-6382 or manager@morristownchamber.com

Welcome New Members!

Morristown Nissan

5496 W AJ Hwy

Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 423-587-2506



www.morristownnissan.com

Jon McConaha, General Manager

Car Sales, New & Used
Automobile Service/Repair

TF Building Solutions

656 Three Springs Rd Russellville, TN 37860

Phone: 423-438-9516

www.tfbuildingsolutions.com

Thomas Frazier, Owner

Contractor—Commercial & Residential

Home Builders

Roofing Contractors

Remodeling

GroveWood Baseball Museum

227 E Morris Blvd

Morristown, TN 37814

Email: info@grovewoodbaseball.com

www.grovewoodbaseball.com

Jamison Pack, Owner

Museum Event Venue

5 Rivers Bike Shop

910 W Main St

Morristown, TN 37814

Phone: 423-616-0122

5riversbike@gmail.com

Tony Mayle, Owner

Bike Sales—New & Used
Bicycle Repair and Service

Bicycle Parts & Accessories

Grace and Goodness

573 Dogwood Ln

Talbott, TN 37877

Phone: 865-230-4278

graceandgoodnessfood@gmail.com

Andre Thomas, Co-Owner

Catering

Bakery

Food Truck

Tashe & Associates Community Insurance

1104 Tusculum Blvd, Ste 316

Greeneville, TN 37745

Phone: 423-638-1422

https://communityinsurancetn.com

Jonathan Dixson, Group Benefits Agent

Insurance—Individual and Commercial

Dental, Vision, Health

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 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.



Times Available for Counseling Sessions at the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce For appointment times call (423) 392-8825











Aundrea Salyer, MBA KOSBE Executive Director

Congratulations! January

Ambassador of the Month



Rhonda Norris-Spencer GAINS Coaching & Consulting

Congratulations! 4th QTR.

Ambassador of the Quarter!



Rhonda Sams Crye*Leike Premier Realty



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.



www.jetspizza.com



www.seiconstruction.com



Carlyle Construction & Carlyle Properties



www.tneye.care



www.tvacreditunion.com



www.tennovamedicalgroup.com



www.collegeparkrx.com



www.howardsrx.com



www.wcrk.com



www.tnmech.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 Stipes, 423.586.6382 or membership@morristownchamber.com

Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, January 15th **Chamber Office Closed**Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 18th

6:30 p.m.

113th Annual Meeting

Morristown Landing – 4355 Durham Landing, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 26th 4:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting – Irby Builders LLC 825 W First North Street – Chamber Board Room

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

www.morristownchamber.com



We had a great Christmas Open Nouse at the Chamber. We hope your Christmas was as merry and your new year as happy as ours!