

July

Golf Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 19
1 - 2 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Business After Hours
Tuesday, August 14
5:30 - 7 pm
Extended Stay Hotel
4919 S. Miami Boulevard, Durham



BizTalk
Wednesday, August 15
12 noon - 1:30 pm
N.C. Wesleyan College
2000 Perimeter Park Drive,
Morrisville

Golf Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 23
1 - 2 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Economic Development Forum
Tuesday, August 28
8 - 10 am
Embassy Suites RDU Airport
201 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary

Ambassadors Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 6
12 - 1 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Golf Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 6
1 - 2 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Business After Hours
Tuesday, September 11
5:30 - 7 pm
Lenovo
1009 Think Place, Morrisville



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 12
7:30 am
Morrisville Chamber

BizTalk
Wednesday, September 19
12 - 1:30 pm
N.C. Wesleyan College
2000 Perimeter Park Drive,
Morrisville

September

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 5
7:30 am
Morrisville Chamber

Please RSVP to all events by calling the Chamber at (919) 463-7150 or emailing chamber@morrisvillenc.com

We look forward to seeing you soon!

August

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 1
7:30 am
Morrisville Chamber

Ambassadors Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 2
12 - 1 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 8
7:30 am
Morrisville Chamber

Golf Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 9
1 - 2 pm
Morrisville Chamber

Morrisville Chamber Bids Farewell to Its Biggest Champion

June 30, 2007 marked the last official day of Jodi Ann LaFreniere's tenure as President of the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce.

For more than seven years, Jodi was an ally to and a tireless advocate of the Morrisville business community. She led the Chamber with energy and zest.

Jim Huggins, owner of AlphaGraphics Cary and 1999-2000 Morrisville Chamber Board Chairman, credits Jodi with a job very well done:

"It's certainly not an overstatement to say that the day we hired Jodi as President of the Chamber in February of 2000 was one of the most significant days in the history of the Chamber. We were looking for leadership to take us to that proverbial 'next level' and Jodi has exceeded all of our expectations. Her professionalism, drive and 'can do' attitude has fueled the entire organization to become a valuable resource for the Morrisville business community. We will miss her terribly; but one of the key measures of her success has been the infrastructure she has built to sustain a vibrant Chamber going forward."

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Jim Huggins
1999-2000 Chairman

In conjunction with the board and staff, Jodi worked to significantly grow the organization by means of more than doubling the annual operating budget, executing a successful capital campaign and constructing the new Chamber building.

In 2005, the Triangle Business Journal recognized Jodi as a recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award as well as a SPACE Award recipient for her role in the recruitment of an \$84 million corporate campus for Lenovo,

currently Morrisville's largest employer.

Jodi will receive her Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) designation on August 3 in Sacramento from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The only national certification for chamber professionals, the CCE designation represents commitment to the chamber of commerce profession; dedication to managerial excellence; and leadership in state/regional/national chamber professional associations.



Jodi Ann LaFreniere

Prior to her post in Morrisville, Jodi served for nearly six years as president of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce in her native Connecticut. And, this month, she will accept her newest position as Executive Director of the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce.

Hearon Dickson, VP/General Manager of xpedx and current Chairman of the Board, shared the following:

"Jodi has done an outstanding job as our President, working to grow our Chamber from a very small organization to its current status as one of the best Chambers in the State of North Carolina. (see LAFRENIERE pg. 3)

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Coming Soon...



October 1, 2007

Governors Club, Chapel Hill

Support the Morrisville Chamber's largest fundraising event and gain valuable name recognition for your business by participating in the annual fall tournament on Monday, October 1st.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available with levels of support ranging from Individual Participant (\$150) to Driving Range Sponsor (\$1,500). See the registration form inside this newsletter for a complete list of opportunities.

About Governors Club:

Jack Nicklaus personally designed Governors Club 27-hole golf course to combine challenge and beauty. The layout follows the natural contours of Edwards Mountain, skirting serene lakes and quiet woodlands while winding through the neighborhoods of Governors Club and wooded valleys of lush Carolina foliage.

Interested in serving on the Golf Committee?

You're invited to attend the first meeting on Thursday, July 19 from 1 - 2 pm at the Chamber. Contact Nadine at 463-7155 with any questions.

Economic Development Forum



Tuesday, August 28
8 - 10 am



Embassy Suites
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd., Cary

Joe Milazzo, Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Alliance, will discuss the current and future state of transportation in Morrisville and the Triangle.

Plus, find out the latest news on a variety of commercial and residential developments in the area.

New businesses to Morrisville and the Chamber will have an opportunity to introduce themselves at the conclusion of the program.

The cost to attend is \$15/person and includes a buffet breakfast. Please RSVP to (919) 463-7150 or chamber@morrisvillenc.com by August 27th.

Business After Hours

Tuesday, August 14



5:30 - 7 pm

4919 S. Miami Boulevard,
Durham

Network poolside and grow your contacts at the Extended Stay Hotel in Durham with other Triangle-area professionals. This Polynesian pool party is one BAH you don't want to miss!

Tuesday, September 11



5:30 - 7 pm

1009 Think Place, Morrisville

Check out Lenovo's state-of-the-art customer service center and find out what all the buzz is about! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks & networking with other professionals in the Morrisville business community.

*Business After Hours are free for Chamber members;
\$10 for not-yet members.*

Please RSVP to (919) 463-7150.

News & Notes

Black Belt World Morrisville is excited to offer its latest self-defense seminars to corporate executives, security officers, law enforcement and executive protection professionals. Visit www.firststrikesystem.com for more information.

William V. Leaming, Jr. has joined **Crescent State Bank** in Cary as senior vice president and director of operations. In this position, Leaming will focus his activities on the bank's loan and deposit operations, as well as oversee the administration of office policies and procedures for Crescent State Bank.

Dinners Ready! celebrated its Grand Opening at 1901 NW Cary Parkway on June 26th with a ribbon cutting, food sampling and demonstration. Dinners Ready! offers busy families a convenient way to enjoy restaurant-quality meals that are cooked at home. Visit www.dinnerready.com to learn more!

Duke Energy announced that it has acquired the wind power development business of Tierra Energy, a leading wind power development company located in Austin, Texas, from Energy Investors Funds for an undisclosed amount. The purchase includes more than 1,000 megawatts of wind assets under development in the Western and Southwestern United States.

J. Fourie & Company, a local insurance company specializing in health insurance for groups and individuals, recently received the 2007 Pinnacle Award for Small Business in the One to Five Employee category, presented by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Lenovo Group will develop a new, state-of-the-art U.S. Fulfillment Center in the town of Whitsett in Guilford County. The new facility will be

approximately 200,000 square feet when completed and will support regional customer requirements. Lenovo will be creating more than 45 new full-time jobs when the U.S. Fulfillment Center becomes operational in January 2008.

In other news, **Lenovo** recently signed an agreement with **Duke Realty Corp.** to construct a third building on its Morrisville campus. Construction of the 101,000-square-foot building will begin in mid-October and is scheduled for completion in January of 2009.

Lulu.com, the Morrisville-based print-on-demand service that lets users self-publish items such as books, brochures and calendars, recently signed a content deal with Universal Press Syndicate. The deal will let Lulu's customers use material from UPS, a newspaper syndicate that distributes comic strips such as "Cathy," "Doonesbury" and "Garfield." Lulu inked a similar deal with Seattle-based Getty Images a few weeks ago.

Manpower is hosting a free webinar on Wednesday, July 18 from 12 - 1 pm entitled "Striking a Balance: Building Work/Life Balance Programs that Benefit Employees and Employers." Rosemary Haefner, Vice President of Human Resources and Senior Career Advisor at CareerBuilder.com, will be the featured speaker. Register by July 17 at www.us.manpower.com/webinars.

The Redwoods Group in Morrisville was a recent runner-up in a contest sponsored by the Work & Money section of The News & Observer called "How Green is Your Office?"

Says the N&O: "This insurance company is another example of a business that stands out for stepping outside its comfort zone and involving employees in its social mission."

In addition, the company has contributed about \$10,000 this year to develop sustainable and renewable energy.

Smith & Associates Cherokee Publishing, a full-service public relations, advertising and custom publishing company, was honored with two Sir Walter Raleigh Awards at a June 26 ceremony at the RBC Center in Raleigh. Presented by the Raleigh Public Relations Society, the Sir Walter Raleigh Awards showcase exemplary work by public relations and communications professionals statewide.

F.J. Ventre joined **Springboard Design Group** in Apex as an art director and graphic designer, and Adrienne Van Luvender joined as director of operations and office manager.

SunTech Medical recently announced that it has received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the SunTech 247™ Diagnostic Station – a modular device that will provide manual and automated blood pressure as well as optional temperature and SpO2 measurements. The SunTech 247™ will launch into global distribution beginning in August.

More than a dozen **TriSure Corporation** employees, representing a third of the firm's workforce, participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's N.C. Triangle Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 9. The team raised more than \$3,000, which includes contributions from TriSure to match all pledges and donations.

Zpizza is now open at 96 Cornerstone Drive (Davis/High House) in Cary. Stop by on Tuesday, July 24 from 6 - 8 pm for a pizza & wine tasting! Chamber members pay just \$8. Learn more at www.zpizzatriangle.com.

Submit your **News & Notes** to jwhite@morrisvillenc.com so we can share your business updates with fellow Chamber members.

Development in Morrisville

Proposed Collaboration Between N.C. Railroad and Town

While Morrisville continues to experience rapid growth and increased traffic congestion, the North Carolina Railroad (NCR) and other railroad corridors across the country are facing pressure from growing urban regions.

A proposed partnership between the Town of Morrisville and the NCRR would create a unique opportunity for the two groups to collaborate on these mutually important issues.

If approved, the Railroad Town Project (RT) will serve as a template and resource for other towns throughout the country that are facing similar challenges.

Founded in 1855 as a means for people and products to move into and out of the state, NCRR is a 317-mile rail corridor stretching from the Port at Morehead City to Charlotte. Morrisville is located at the geographic center of the NCRR line.

The Town of Morrisville got its start in the 1850s when the NCRR sited a depot near Crabtree Creek and for decades remained a small crossroads town. Despite tremendous growth and change, Morrisville planners have developed a Town Center Plan in an effort to preserve and promote the area's historical roots.

The primary goal of the RT Project is to create a blueprint and best practices for safe, smart development that allows the town to fulfill its Town Center Plan while allowing the NCRR to protect its corridor for freight operations, Amtrak passenger service and possibly future commuter rail service.

The following items will be addressed in the initial blueprint:

- Pedestrian walkways that promote safety

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She is a true leader and has done a fantastic job for our community... We will greatly miss Jodi and we wish her all the best in the future."

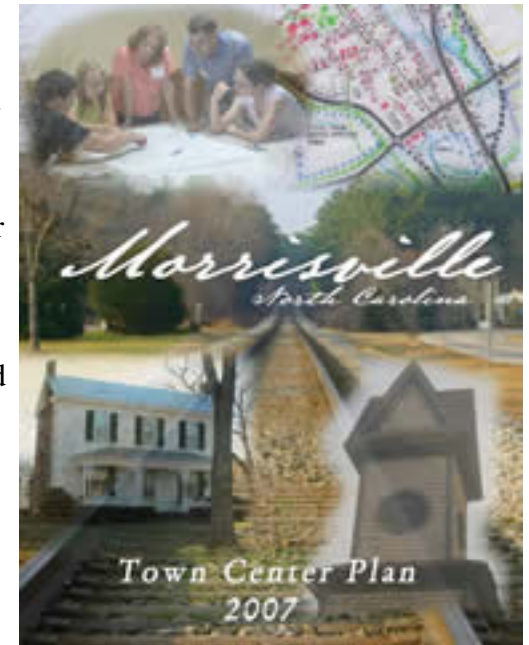
The Executive Committee of the Chamber currently is conducting a formal search process to find a replacement. The committee is interviewing potential candidates and hopes to name a successor by early September.

During this time of transition and always, the board and staff are committed to maintaining the highest level of member service and invite you to be in contact with them regarding any questions or concerns.

- Architecture and landscaping near the corridor that is safe and attractive
- Guidelines for appropriate distances between development and active rail operations
- Emergency vehicle access plans
- Engineering standards for water and gas lines and optimal utility location specifications
- Hazardous materials movement by rail
- Methods to accommodate noise issues
- Standards for a commuter rail station, if proposed
- Safety education programs that deal with pedestrian, vehicle and crossing issues

The secondary goal of the RT Project is to promote understanding between towns and railroads and enhance the procedures used to develop mutually beneficial engineering and planning solutions.

The proposed Railroad Town Project will be voted on by the Morrisville Town Board of Commissioners on July 23, 2007. Visit www.ci.morrisville.nc.us for more information on both the RT Project and the Town Center Plan.



Membership Matters

Welcome New Members!!

Visit the Business Directory on our website for a full listing of Chamber members.

ALLEN TATE COMPANY

3105 Glenwood Avenue, Ste. 302
Raleigh, NC 27612
p: 919.719.2900
Phyllis York Brookshire, Regional Vice President
Real Estate Broker

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO.

977 N. Harrison Avenue
Cary, NC 27513
p: 919.319.4846
www.bbandt.com
Cynthia Duluca, Regional Manager
Financial Institution

CGP, INC.

501 Atkinson Street
Clayton, NC 27520
p: 919.585.0100
www.cgplabels.com
Jason Horner, Account Executive
Printing Company

CHICK-FIL-A

Stone Creek Village
1000 Valleystone Drive
Cary, NC 27519
p: 919.465.0699
www.chick-fil-a.com
Rick Holcombe, Owner
Restaurant & Caterer

DINNERS READY!

1901 NW Cary Parkway
Morrisville, NC 27560
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www.dinnerready.com
Mark Wilson, Franchise Owner
[Food Establishment/Restaurant](#)

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Morrisville, NC 27560
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Software, Ticketing System

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www.morrisvillefamilydentistry.com
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Dentist

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10560 Clubmont Lane
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www.mathnasium.com
Denise McCann, Director
Educational Training

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Rob Mertz, Financial Advisor
Financial Consultants

PROLOGISTIX

100 South Center Court, Ste. 200
Morrisville, NC 27560
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www.prologistix.com
Maria Parham, Administrative Assistant
Staffing

SHEETZ, INC.

3021 S. Miami Boulevard
Durham, NC 27703
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SICEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

3800 Gateway Center Boulevard,
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Morrisville, NC 27560
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Manufacturing

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5000 Falls of Neuse Road, Ste. 400
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Farzad Khoshnoodi, Financial Advisor
Financial Consultant

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Raleigh, NC 27606
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www.webdesignstudio.com
Debra Morris, Sales Manager
Web Design

ZPIZZA

Stone Creek Village
96 Cornerstone Drive
Cary, NC 27519
p: 919.465.9009
www.zpizzatriangle.com
Steven Drotts, Owner
Restaurant & Caterer

◦ 110% Members ◦

The following Chamber members recently contributed an extra 10% over their annual investment in support of the Chamber's Phase II building plan:

Alpheon Corporation
Atlantic Tire & Service
Bobbit Design Build
Boy Scouts of America
Carter Printing & Graphics
Concentra Medical Services
Crosland, LLC
DeltaCom
Duke Realty Corporation
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Incentric Solutions
Lenovo
Life Experiences, Inc.
Lubrano's Restaurant
Mega Force Staffing Group
Merchant Services
Moore & Johnson
Morrisville Partners
Nations Express
Network Comm. Tech
New Age Dermatology
Paragon Commercial Bank
Parsons Brinkerhoff Group
Poythress Homes
Redwood Group
Quizno's Sub
Shea Homes
Triangle Business Journal
Triangle Collision
Triangle Commercial
Wyndham Hotel
York Simpson Underwood

2007 - 08 Business Directory

A limited number of advertising spaces are still available for the 2007-08 Business Directory. The directory will be published this summer and will remain in circulation for one full year. It will contain a comprehensive listing (both alphabetical and categorical) of member businesses. Contact Nadine or Jaclyn at 919.463.7150 to reserve your spot. Visit www.morrisvillenc.com for a list of rates.



At left: Chamber Speed-Racers at RushHour Karting in Garner for a Volunteer Appreciation Outing in June.

Below left: Cary Magazine/ Cherokee Publishing at the 2007 Business Expo

Below right: Cookies By Design at



Thank you again to all the businesses that participated in the 2007 Business Expo on June 5th at the Morrisville Outlet Mall:

ADT Security • Alltel Communications • American Data Technology • Amethyst Chiropractic • AVON • Babymoon Café • Back In Motion • BB&T • BizPay Direct • Boom!Magazine • Business & Professional Women of Raleigh • Capitol Coffee Systems • Carolina Job Finder • The Cary News • Cherokee Publishing • Chirst Community Church • Coastal Federal Credit Union • Cookies By Design • EBMG • ETd, PA & Robbins & Associates • Express Personnel Services • Extended Stay Hotels • Field2Base • Gurkin Construction Group • Honey Baked Ham Company • Imaging Technologies • Initial Tropical Plants • Jani-King of Raleigh-Durham • Keller Williams Realty • Kreative Concepts • Lulu Enterprise • Morrisville Outlet Mall • NC Mobile Advertising • NC Wesleyan College • New Age Dermatology • New York Life Insurance & Securities • One Eleven Place • Party Showcase • PC Medevac • PrePaid Legal Services • PrimePay • Remodel Auction • RushHour Karting • Sheetz • SunTrust • Terraces at Brier Creek • UTI—United States RDU • Wake Tech Community College • Web Design Studio • Williamson House Sauce