

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER CHAMBER COFFEE HOST Downtown Paris Association



The Downtown Paris Association has been an active part of our downtown for more than 50 years. It began as the Downtown Merchants Association in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The name was changed in the 1980's to the Downtown Business Association. Then in April 2006, the name was changed again to the Downtown Paris Association, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation with a 501C3 tax status. In 2010, downtown Paris was designated as a Tennessee Downtown. Then in 2016, through the Downtown Paris Association, our

**Help us welcome
our new
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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

President: Gary McEntire,
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Kevin Buie, K and B Supplies
for Success

Treasurer: Randy Geiger,
Foundation Bank

downtown was designated as a Tennessee Main Street Community.

Our mission is to promote prosperous business activity and community involvement while encouraging preservation of the downtown area. With that mission, the DPA hosts events downtown 125 days out of 365. The DPA has 32 committees of volunteers to accomplish our many tasks and events. We have developed great partnerships with other nonprofit organizations also.

DPA is governed by an Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board includes Randy Scholes as Chairman, John Etheridge, Travis McLeese, Susan Jones, Mike Key, Jackie Jones, with Vicky Muzzall as Secretary-Treasurer and Kathy Ray as Executive Director of DPA. The officers of DPA include Gaines Hedges, President, Vickey Roberts as Vice President, and Vicky Muzzall as Secretary-Treasurer. We currently have 125 DPA members.

In 2015 and 2016, the Downtown Paris brochure was approved by the Tennessee Tourist Development Welcome Center Division to place our brochures in the Welcome Centers across the State of Tennessee. We distributed 20,000 brochures in 2016.

In September of 2016, the DPA launched the Downtown Paris Association Mobile phone app. It is an exciting tool for those in our community as well as those who live outside the area. The SITES section provides information read by our own Cherry Jones, who donated her time to the DPA project. The LIVE section is the community calendar that is linked to the Chamber, City and County calendars as well as the DPA calendar. We are very proud of this FREE app and encourage everyone to download it.

Farmers Market has been downtown for the past two years. DPA has been successful with improving the market with more vendors and more buyers. The vendors have grown in number from two to ten to twenty over the past three years. We have received two grants for Farmers Market for promotional activities. The market is Tuesdays and Fridays in June, July and August.

The DPA either hosts or partners in the following events:

VP Tourism Development:
Michele Atkins, Henry County Extension

VP Membership Development and Training:
Scott Morrison, FirstBank

VP Community Development:
Donna Craig, Henry County Clerk

Past President: Tony Lawrence, Paris Parks and Recreation

Board of Directors

Tory Daugherty, Gayle Griffith, Mandy Hamlin, Sam McDaniel, Justin Oliver, April Perry, Kathy Ray, Jennifer Starks, Jeremy Stone, Terry Wimberley

Ex-Officio

Kim Foster, Carlton Gerrell, Brent Greer, Michael Gross, David Varner, Matthew McClure

Chamber Executive Director:

Chamber Executive Assistant:
Monica Smith

Henry County Alliance CEO:
David Hamilton

Henry County Alliance Administrative Coordinator:
Tara Wilson

The mission of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce is to improve the economy and quality of life in our community.

The Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and the Paris-Henry County Industrial Committee, a cooperative effort of the city and county, work jointly as the Henry County Alliance to achieve the economic development goals of Henry County.

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Downtown Cruise Ins are the 4th Tuesday in April, May, June, August, and September. Downtown Paris Week is the first full week in June which is June 4-10, 2017.

Chalk Crawl for Kids in April

Fashion Luncheons in April and August

Ice Cream Social & Antique Car Show, the last Saturday in July

Noon on the Square "drinks for donations" each Friday in September

Eye Full of Paris Weekend, the last full weekend in September

Spooktacular, last Saturday before Halloween

Candlelight Christmas Open House, first weekend in November

North Pole Family Fun Day, Friday after Thanksgiving

Elf on a Shelf

Candlelight Advent Walk

Chamber Coffee at the Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees

Downtown Christmas Festival

Christmas Sketch Crawl

Holly Jolly Electric Christmas Parade

The Downtown Paris Association believes downtown Paris belongs to everyone in this community. We encourage you to support the DPA with your membership in an effort to maintain an alive and vibrant downtown. Join us on Facebook, Phone app, Website at

www.VistDowntownParis.com, email

DowntownParis@outlook.com, and visit our office in the Vicky Muzzall Tax Service Building at 203 N. Fentress Street. If you would like to


be a volunteer at any of our many events, please call Kathy Ray at 731-653-PARIS (7274).

Please Join Us!


December 6th, 8 am

110 W. Washington

Paris, TN 38242

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December Calendar of Opportunity

December 6 / Chamber Coffee / Downtown Paris Association
Opening of Festival of Trees / 110 W. Washington / 8 am

December 10 / Over the River Race-Tennessee Running Tour / Paris
Landing State Park / 11 am

December 14 / Ribbon Cutting & Open House / Jackson State Community College at Central School Building / 3 pm-7 pm

December 15 / Executive Committee Meeting / Chamber of Commerce / 8 am

December 15 / Chamber Christmas Open House / 2 pm-4 pm

December 20 / Eiffel Tower Lighting Ceremony / Eiffel Tower Park / 5:30 pm

December 22 / Chamber Board Meeting / Chamber of Commerce / 8 am

Eight Mile Run Planned at Paris Landing State Park

Paris Landing State Park will once again be featured in the State Parks Running Tour, with the eight mile "Over the River" race planned for 11 am on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at the Park.

Special awards will be given for the top overall male and female.

For more information or to volunteer to help work the race, call the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce at 731.642.3431.

For additional information and to register please go to: [Tennessee Running Tour](#)

Eiffel Tower Lighting Ceremony

On Tuesday evening December 20th 2016 at 5:30 PM there will be a ceremony to showcase the new lighting project of Paris' signature landmark, the Eiffel Tower, located in Eiffel Tower Park off Volunteer Drive.

The lighting project has been an ongoing project of the Paris - Henry County Chamber of Commerce for the past several months. The lights are being paid for through a collaborative effort from the City of Paris, Board of Public Utilities, Henry County Tourism Authority, Chamber of Commerce and multiple individual and corporate donors. The lights that are currently being installed are LED and can produce an unlimited number of colors and color options that can be changed to celebrate any holidays, special occasions or specific needs. The lights will be controlled remotely and will even will change and move to music if desired.

The official lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 PM, with a short presentation of donors, a demonstration of the many light colors that can be created and there will also be a short performance by the Henry County High School Madrigals to demonstrate the musical dancing effect of the new lights.

"The Eiffel Tower brings in countless number of visitors to our community each year, lighting it for nighttime viewing will only increase the opportunities for people to visit our community. Besides Kentucky Lake it is our number one tourist attraction" says Mayor Carlton Gerrell.