



EVEN BETTER NOW

THE REVITALIZATION OF FARRAGUT'S TOWN HALL



Town Hall ... Even Better Now

The time is drawing near when Farragut residents can step into the newly remodeled Town Hall at 11408 Municipal Center Drive.

Town of Farragut staff will host an open house from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, April 14.

“The open house will be a unique opportunity for the public to view all of the renovated space, including interior offices,” a Town press release stated. “Staff members will be present to answer questions and help visitors navigate the new floorplan.”

Town communications manager Wendy Smith said many staff members will be at their desks to meet the public.

“Our plan is to get the new furniture in and then open up all the office space so anybody who wants to come in and see all the work that’s been done can come in,” she said. “Because once the staff is over there and we move all of our personal stuff in, then a lot of the offices will be behind locked doors and you’ll have to have an invitation to get back into an office.”

““ We’re really excited to get back in. I mean, it’s been a long wait, but once you see the place, you’ll see that it was well worth it. I mean, it doesn’t even look like the same building inside.

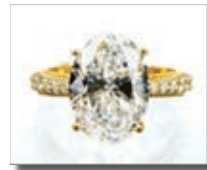
“I think the County Clerk’s office on the first floor will be a big help. It gives them a lot more room. ... And we’re excited to get the museum back open again.”

Overall, “It’s just going to be so much better. ... We’ve had people crammed in closet-type offices; now, everybody will have their own office. They will have meeting rooms all over the building.”

~ **Ron Williams**, Farragut Mayor

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“ I think the customers are going to enjoy seeing a more modern space, something that certainly the Town and the community can be proud of for years and years to come. Overall, I think it’s just going to be a much better, more efficient, more effective Town Hall for the customer.”

~ David Smoak,
Town Administrator

Renovation’s Advantages for Farragut Residents

- **The Knox County Clerk and Trustees office** has been moved downstairs. It is now the first office on the right inside the main Town Hall entrance, allowing convenient accessibility.
- **Most Town offices** will be upstairs. There is one main point of contact in the reception area, allowing better handling of customer issues, questions and concerns.
- **For those attending Board meetings**, the board chambers are easier to access, brighter, and equipped with much better technology.

Unveiling renovations

About \$3.8 million in updates and renovations will be unveiled with the reopening of Farragut Town Hall.

Town staff are chomping at the bit to occupy their new offices and use all the updated technology.

“There are so many things that are just going to make sense now. ... I’m really excited about it,” Town Communications manager Wendy Smith said about returning to Town Hall. “I’m sure everything they did in 1991 made sense at the time, but looking at it now, it doesn’t make sense for us, the current staff.

“But it’s also going to be really beautiful,” she added. “A lot of people have made comments that Town Hall was just fine the way it was, that it didn’t need to be renovated. What I would say is when you go in now and look around, you’ll think, ‘Oh, well this does look much more modern now.’

“We have had so many calls about the closure, and I know the reopening will make many people happy.”

“The entire Town Hall has been completely redesigned,” David Smoak, Town administrator, said. “All the upstairs offices have been redone. The downstairs offices have been redone, either taken away or redesigned.”

Overall, “the improvements of the flow of space cannot be overstated,” Smith said of the updates, which have been overseen by Bud McKelvey, former Town Public Works director who is now Senior Facilities Project manager.

All renovations, as well as new furniture, were paid for with federal American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Initially opening almost 34 years ago, the building was long overdue for upgrades. Mold, leaks, out of date design and re-purposing both the upstairs and downstairs were “much needed,” Smith said.

Town Hall will open for business starting Monday, April 21. The Farragut branch of Knox County Clerk and Trustees Office will reopen the same day in a new location on the first floor of Town Hall.

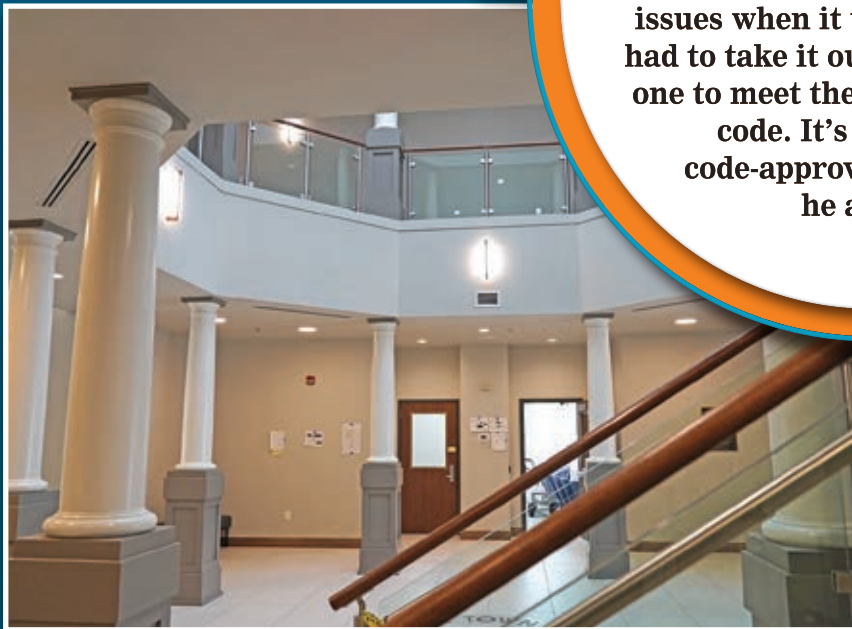
“The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will cut the ribbon on the renovated Town Hall at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 24,” the press release stated. “The ceremony will precede the first board meeting held at Town Hall since meetings were moved to the Farragut Community Center in January 2024.”

Since then, “It has really been great team building to work so closely with everyone (in the Community Center), but everyone is looking forward to having their own space again,” Smith added.

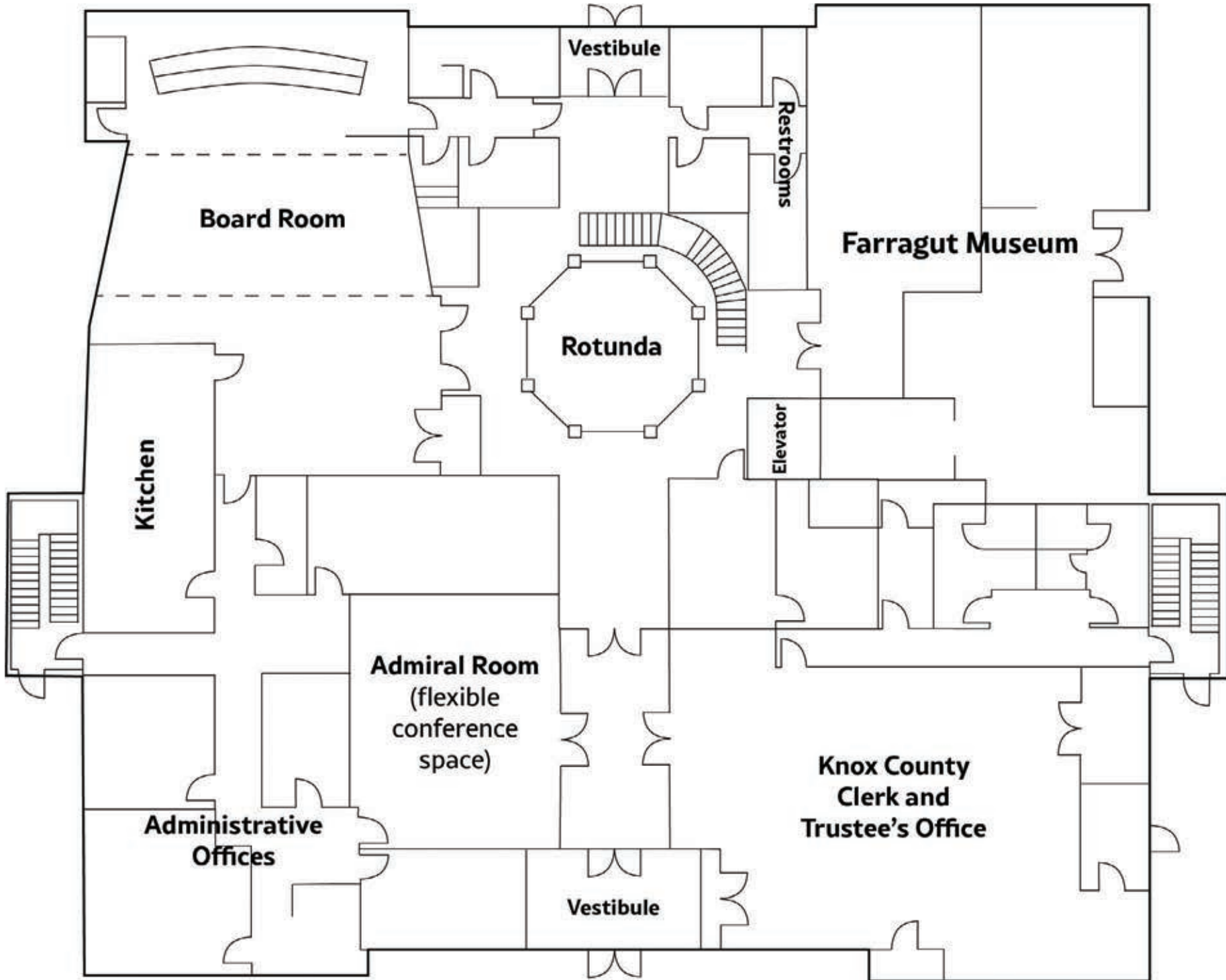


Rotunda and the Staircase

One new Town Hall feature is a new staircase. “The original spiral staircase didn’t meet code,” said Bud McKelvey, Senior Facilities Project manager. “It had a couple of issues when it was built, so they had to take it out and build a new one to meet the current building code. It’s now a safer code-approved staircase,” he added.



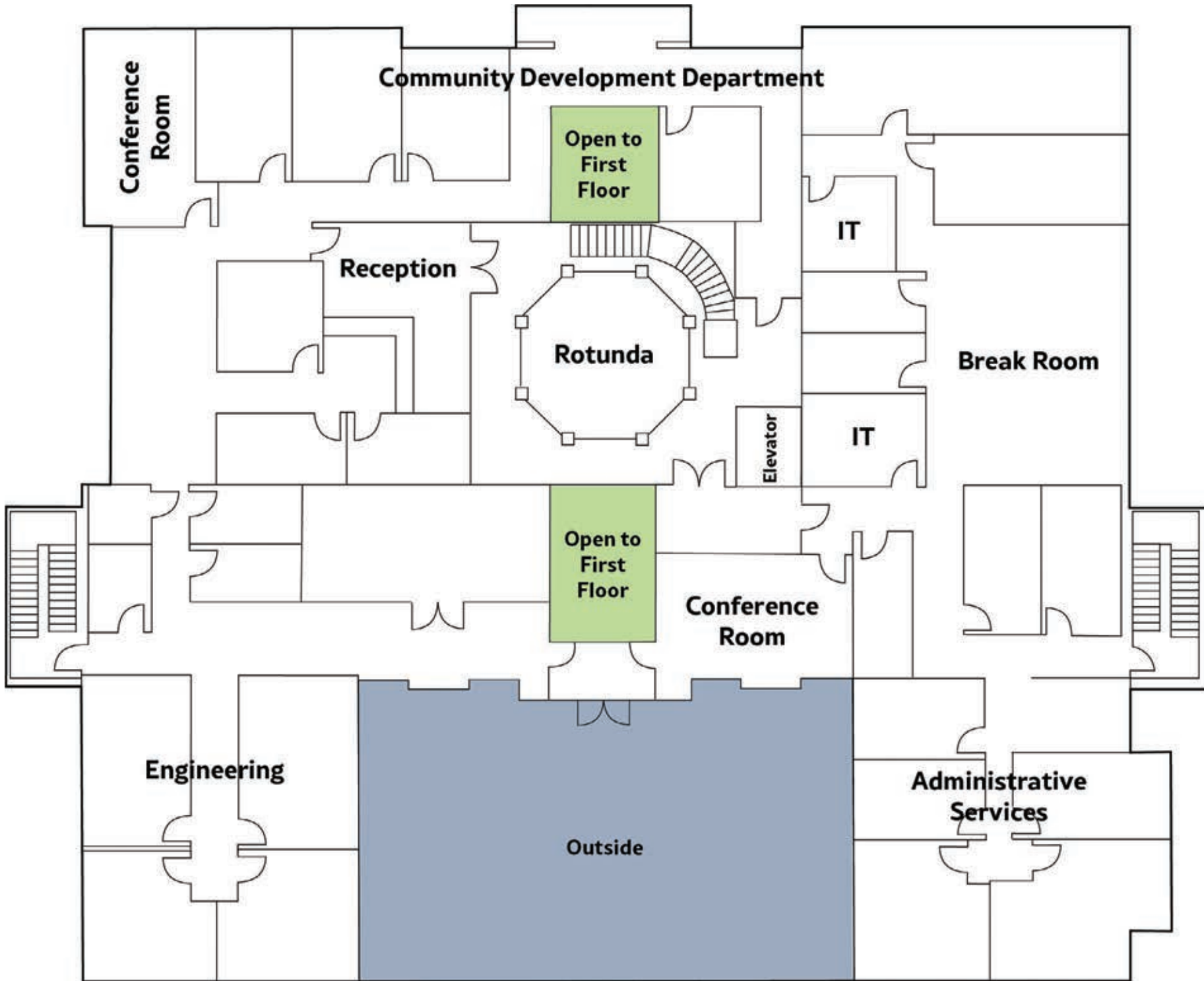
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Knox County Clerk & Trustee

The satellite office for Knox County Clerk and Trustee, which previously occupied a good deal of space upstairs, moves downstairs on the immediate right side of the main front entrance.

“I think the first thing people will notice is, (Knox County) Clerk (and Trustees) office has been moved downstairs,” said David Smoak. “And so they get probably the most traffic of anybody, of any office that comes into Town Hall.

“So it’s going to be much more convenient for customers: renewing their tags, paying their taxes, things like that,” he added. “They’ll be right there on the bottom floor, so easy accessibility.”

“It will be so much better for area residents who had trouble navigating the stairs or waiting on the elevator,” Wendy Smith said.

A recent contract signed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved 2,248 square feet of space for the County Clerk/Trustees office, which includes office space, a small kitchen and two bathrooms—all of which has been renovated.

“We are very excited about our new space opening in the Farragut Town Hall. We hope the expanded space and improved access will enable us to add passports to our services there in the near future.

We are grateful for the patience of our constituents in Farragut and West Knox County, and to our team at the Cedar Bluff location for their hard work during the renovations. This re-opening will allow us to better serve this important part of our county.”

~ **Sherry Witt,**
Knox County Clerk

“We are thrilled about the reopening of the Farragut office following the remodel. The most significant change is our relocation to the first floor, a strategic move intended to enhance accessibility for all our customers, particularly those with disabilities. (We are) excited about this change, emphasizing the improved ease of access and the continuation of our commitment to offering exceptional service to the community.”

~ **Justin Biggs,**
Knox County Trustee



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“We can use it for board workshops and sessions, bigger meetings where you need a less formal space ...”

~ David Smoak,
Town Administrator

Admiral Room

Large multi-purpose conference room also serves as meeting overflow

Upon entering the front door of the renovated Farragut Town Hall, a new, large, multi-purpose conference room known as the Admiral Room is found on the left.

“This is the space right across from (Knox County) Clerk (and Trustees) office” on the first floor. It’ll be a training center for staff to be able to utilize,” David Smoak said. “We can use it for board workshops and sessions, bigger meetings where you need a less formal space — but one that can fit 30 people in the room and have technology there to be able to see presentations, things like that.

“Also, if we have a Board meeting and we have a lot of people who want to come to that board meeting, this would be an overflow room for people to be able to watch the Board meeting, see what’s going on,” he added. “If they wanted to come to the board room and make a comment, then they could see it live and then (come over) to make comments.

“An advanced capacity area, so to speak, for people who want to be there for the actual meeting.”

“We really needed the added space,” said Wendy Smith.

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Town of Farragut's longest serving employee talks history

The Town employee who may know most about the history of Town Hall has never had an office in Town Hall.

Long-time Public Works director Bud McKelvey, Town of Farragut's longest serving employee who is now Senior Facilities Project manager, has dedicated almost 38 years of Town service. He has responded to emergencies, lead the way with Light the Park each holiday season, and generally made sure the Town goes beyond the threshold of a wonderful physical profile.

"The original Town Hall was underneath the Farragut Center (11400 block where Prestige Cleaners, His Technology & Security and Farragut Pharmacy are now located), and then the second one was on the Russell property (behind Campbell Sta-

tion Inn) in the old dairy barn," said McKelvey, who is set to retire May 2. "Then some people moved across the street where (West Knox) Chiropractic is now," at the corner of Kingston Pike and South Campbell Station Road.

When the current Town Hall location's construction was finished and ready for service in the fall of 1991, "That whole group moved into there, but Public Works stayed in the Dairy Barn," he said. "... Until we moved off Fretz Road to the current location."

Finally having a modern and much more spacious Town Hall location, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, "Everybody was excited because it was all brand new," McKelvey recalled. "It was a huge step forward for the Town. It's one of the first times that the town incurred debt, but paid it off way ahead of schedule."

He was just the second employee

in what was loosely called Public Works when starting with the Town on June 1, 1987. "I wasn't the head man; we just helped to oversee it, to give them things to do, to direct them day to day," McKelvey said, also pointing out that upon his retirement as Public Works director last fall, there were 28 employees in his department alone.

When the current Town Hall location was built in 1991, the upstairs was not even completed.

"There was nothing upstairs. There was insulation on the floor," McKelvey said. "There wasn't even an elevator. You could go up the steps, but you couldn't go anywhere unless you had a key."

He recalled the first upstairs section built was the Knox County Clerk's office, followed by former Parks and Recreation director Sue Stuhl's offices and Engineering offices.



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~ **Bud McKelvey**,
Senior Facilities Project
manager in reference
to the 1991 building

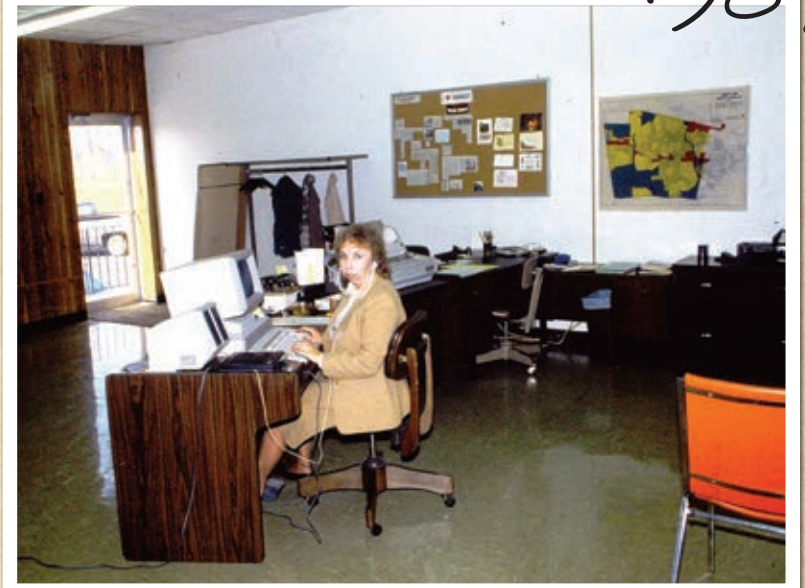
Where we began

1980



This building housed the first Farragut Town Hall and first Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings beginning in 1980. It is located behind and below what is now Prestige Cleaners in Farragut Center, in the 11400 block of Kingston Pike across from Village Green shopping center.

1984



This is a photo of the first Town Recorder, Mary Lou Koepp, working in an office on the bottom floor of Farragut Center.

1986



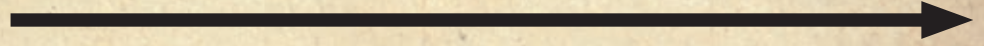
When First Utility District vacated space at the dairy barn, the building behind the Campbell Station Inn, the Town of Farragut took over the space.

1988



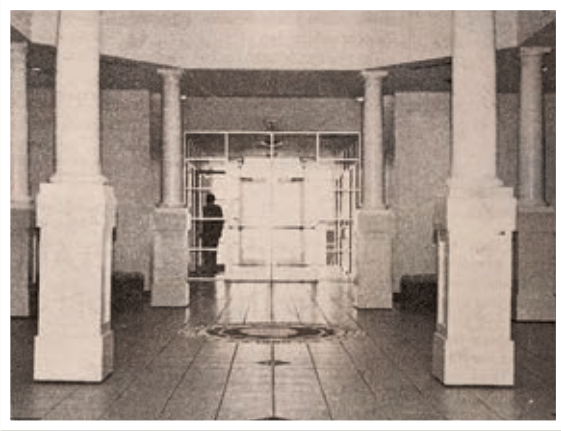
As the staff grew, the Town rented office space in what is now a chiropractor's office, next to Rick Terry. The Public Works Department stayed in the dairy barn until 1992, when their Fretz Road building was completed.

Where we grew

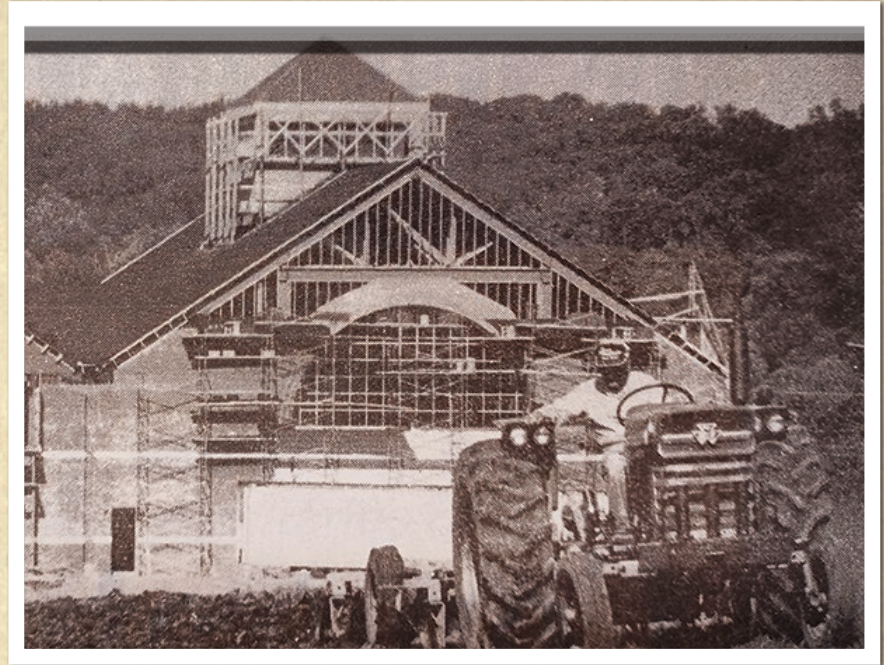


1991

Construction of the original building at the current location was completed in 1991



The original rotunda is pictured, with the town seal meshed into the floor tile.



The completed 1991 building.



Farragut Mayor Robert Leonard served as the master of ceremonies at the dedication program for the new Town Hall.

Where we are going

2025

2022

- One of the Town's priority initiatives for fiscal year 2022, under Building and Maintaining the Town's Infrastructure and Assets, was to develop plans to enhance and update Town Hall. Funding was allocated for design services in the Town's Capital Investment Program budget that year.

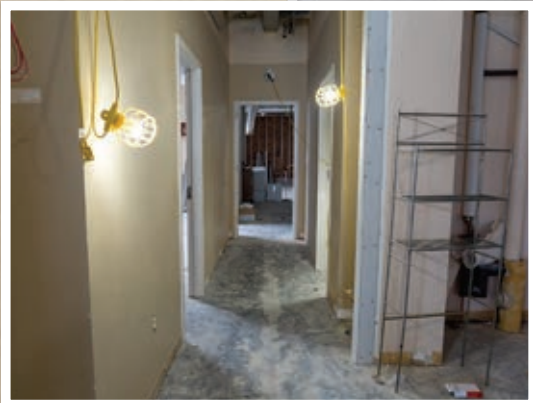
2023

- Design approved: August 2023
- Board approved construction bid: November 2023
- Staff moved to community center: December 2023



2024

- Demolition of walls at Town Hall: February 2024



- Paint and carpet installed: December 2024



- New chairs installed in boardroom: January 2025
- New staircase completed: March 2025
- New A/V equipment installed: April 2025

- Open house: April 14, 2025
- Town Hall reopens: April 21, 2025
- Ribbon cutting precedes first BOMA meeting in renovated board room: April 24, 2025



Farragut's history has a new look

A revitalized Farragut Museum inside the renovated Town Hall has a reopening target date after more than 16 months worth of improvements.

"Our first official day that we hope to be open is Tuesday, April 22 (from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)," said Kristi Vining, Town of Farragut Historic Resources coordinator, who spoke about renovations to the 1,500-square foot Farragut Museum.

"And then we're planning a grand

opening event later this spring," she added.

All these museum events are open to the public and free of charge.

"The whole museum got painted, it got new ceiling tiles, new baseboards," Vining said. "So the floor plan is the same and the footprint's the same, but everything's just been cleaned and spruced up."

The so-called "initial room" of the museum, "It's been designated for the history of the area, the Concord area," she said. "There's a part in

the marble industry and the settlement of this area.

"And then there's a part about the founding of Farragut, how the citizens approached Knox County (before) we became a Town," she added about the events of the late 1970s, especially 1979, leading to Town incorporation on Jan. 30, 1980.

"And then there's a whole room dedicated to Admiral Farragut. The collection of his is very impressive. They have a lot of personal items of his, things from the USS Hartford, his letters and his boxes and some of his uniform.

"And then there's a third room that's just a display of everything. There is a gun collection, there's a Battle of Mobile Bay, a big display, and a lot of artwork."

In addition, "we have a lot of stuff in storage that we can rotate in and

out," Vining said.

Vining said she and others will be seeking new museum exhibits in the desire to "make it fresh and new.

"The readers should expect new exhibits maybe for the end of the year, but details are just not known," she added. "We're trying now just to get it open."

"We'll have an outdoor exterior entrance now that we didn't have, on the west side facing the Ford property," Vining said, which will be accompanied by a "Farragut Museum" sign along that entrance.

During regular museum weekday hours, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, the front Town Hall entrance also will take you to the museum. The new West entrance will be the one visitors must take when stopping by from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays.

The museum also includes a presentation area, “a little stage,” where up to 30 visitors could gather to enjoy hearing special guest brought in by Vining to share some aspect of Farragut history.

“We want to eventually have a speaker series,” she said. We’re not sure yet, but the goal is to have ‘lunch and learns’ on history with speakers.”

As for being educators for an especially young audience, “We want to focus a lot on school groups,” Vining said. “We want to either visit school groups and get them interested in history — go to their classrooms and do presentations there — or bring them (to the museum). “Maybe eventually, make presentations at civic groups, the Rotary Clubs or whatever, and talk about the history of Farragut and the Battle of Campbell Station and Admiral Farragut,” she added.

“So we have some big goals that we want to accomplish.”

Any group interested in hosting Vining and museum staff, or who wish to visit the museum upon its opening, visit kvining@townoffarragut.org or museum@townoffarragut.org or call 865-966-7057.

“We’re working on a children’s activity book that has information about the Campbell Station Inn and Admiral Farragut, what you can find at the museum. ... And, a connect the dots or coloring pages,” Vining said. “Maybe even work with Scouts; I understand that they do a history badge.”

About the Farragut Museum Committee’s efforts, “Last year they did a program on Veterans Day about the Battle of Campbell Station,” Vining said. “Last year they did a living history presentation at Pleasant Forest Cemetery. So opportunities like that, we’ll be exploring.”

In terms of finding the best ways to highlight special museum events, “There were four or five brochures that the museum had, so we were putting that all together and making one little history booklet for Farragut to give to guests of the museum,” Vining said. “But we also want to take that to hotels and have it at special events to encourage people to visit.

“And then we’ll made rack cards to take to welcome centers and Visit Knoxville, to have on display about the museum,” she added. “We’ve made a rack card, too, about Admiral Farragut, a timeline of his life and all his accomplishments because people are very interested in that.”

Another new visual element to get the public’s attention is called pop-up banners (**pictured above with Vining**), which are colorful illustrations — roughly 7 feet tall and about 4 feet wide — capturing life-size images, including Admiral Farragut, on a special roll-out canvas.

“These are used when we have presentations,” Vining said. “... When we’re an exhibitor at a special event and we want to take this and just talk to people.”

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~ **Kristi Vining**,
Town of Farragut
Historic Resources
Coordinator



Photo by Alan Sloan

Kristi Vining is pictured with a new visual element to get the public’s attention: pop-up banners.





The Board Room

Revamped with features to better address the public

When Farragut Town Hall opens later this month, it will be a return to normalcy for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Planning Commission and other Town Boards, which have all been meeting in Farragut Community Center while renovations have taken place.

The updated Board room keeps the same space, across from the Museum on the left from the main entrance.

Board room updates include removing a fairly steep slope toward the front.

“The slope has been noticeably altered, and is now ADA compliant,” Wendy Smith said. “The flooring was completely torn out” to make the necessary changes.

Board and other committee members will now be seated on a slightly raised dais, sharing one large curved desk/writing surface which extends the length of the room. Behind the front facing portion are switch plates and plugs for electronic devices.

The desk itself also has a built-in elevated “shelf” between Board members and the audience/board room. “Where the Board sits is

more formal now,” Smith added.

Board room seats are new. Visitors may notice fewer board room seats overall, with the removal of back of the room tables, where less formal meetings were previously located.

“I don’t have a firm number on the previous number of seats, but I believe there were about 80,” Smith said. “I believe the now there are 55 permanent seats.”

In addition to adding space for up to 24 folding chairs in the back of the Board room, any overflow can now be housed in the nearby Admiral Room, a new meeting room constructed from previous office space and reception area.

New carpeting covers the board room floor, and visitors also will notice enormous upgrades to the room’s technology.

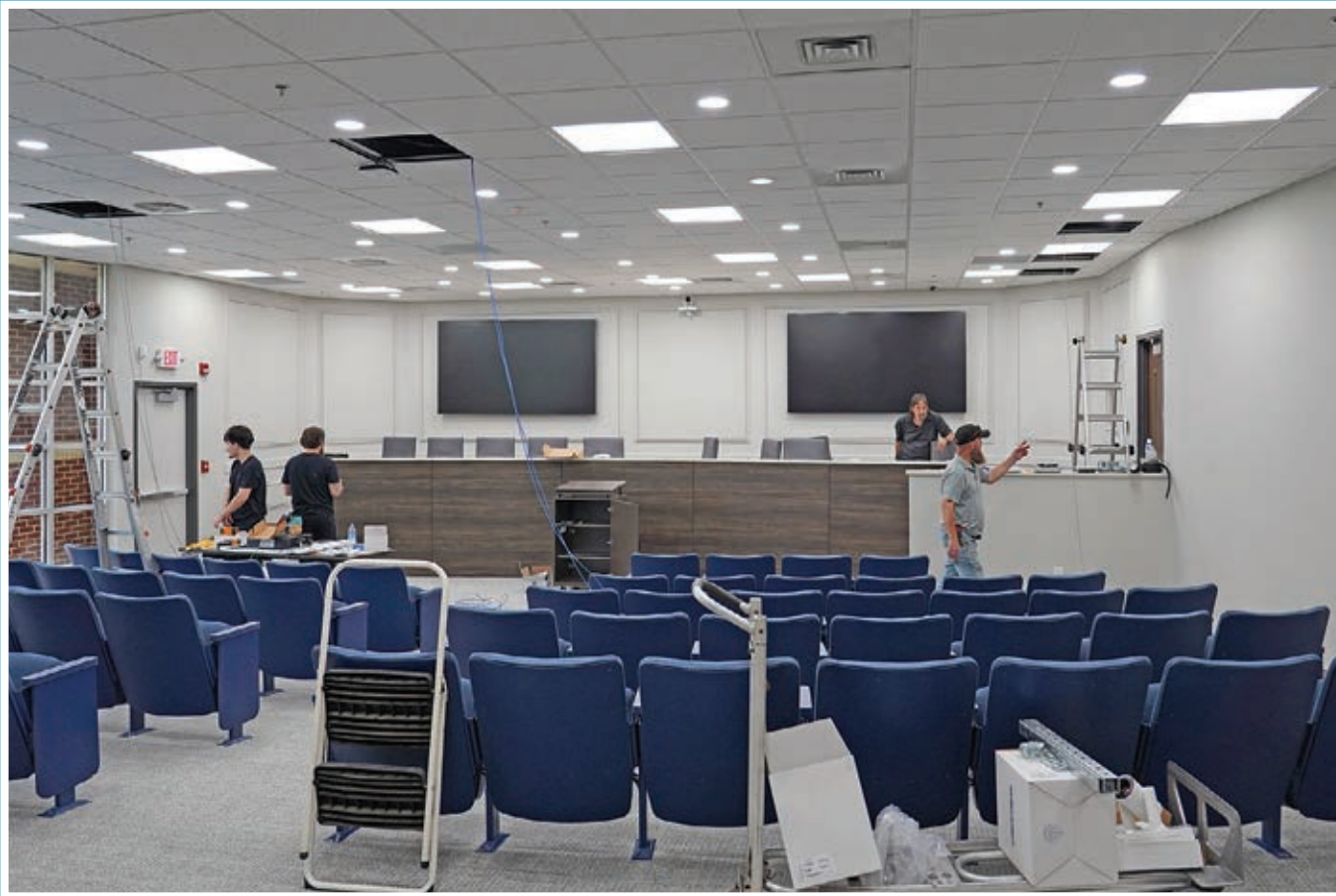
“There will be three large monitors for viewing agenda items and the board room lighting is much better,” Smith said. “We’re enhancing the room with a high-quality camera system to improve video coverage and clarity.”

Here’s what to expect:

Ceiling cameras: Two cameras will be installed in the center of the ceiling to capture wide-angle views of the room

Front camera: A third camera will be mounted on the front wall to provide an additional perspectives

Automatic camera switching: The system will intelligently switch between cameras based on who is speaking,



“ I’m looking forward to getting in there and utilizing the new space and really making sure that all the residents in Town understand that it’s a welcoming spot, and we’d love to have everybody come use it for whatever purpose they need. It’s another one of those things that you can see the progress moving forward and making Farragut one of the best communities in Tennessee.”

~ **Alex Cain**
Farragut Alderman
(North Ward)

ensuring smooth and professional video transitions

Microphone integration: The cameras will respond automatically to speakers using wireless microphones, ensuring clear visibility for all participants

Seamless network connectivity: All cameras will be connected to a secure AV network for reliable performance; and

User control: The system can be managed through easy-to-use touch panels, allowing for both automatic tracking and manual adjustments

“This setup ensures a seamless and professional experience for meetings and events, enhancing both in-room and remote viewing,” Smith added.

“We have a lot of AV equipment that has to be installed in the Board Room — we’re going to have big screens in there, so if you don’t have a paper agenda you can actually see the agenda,” Smith said. “Since we’ve been here (in Farragut Community Center, the make-shift Town Hall) ... we can go back and forth between the video of the Board and the agenda, but this (AV set-up in the Town Hall Board Room) is going to be much better.



TOWN HALL STAFF

Administration Department, 13 full-time staff

The Administration Department, led by the Town Administrator, is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Town. The Administration Department is responsible for serving as staff support for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Farragut Municipal Court, and provides these services:

- Budget administration and financial management
- Management of Citizen Request Program
- Updating of the Farragut Municipal Code
- Approval of Alcoholic Beverages Retailer's Licenses
- Public records maintenance
- Business license distribution
- Personnel management
- Communications services
- Information technology
- Traffic Enforcement Program



David Smoak
Town Administrator

Engineering Department, 7 full-time staff

The Engineering Department provides supervision and technical assistance to the Town on various projects and services relating to public facilities and provides these services:

- Road construction project management
- Park/greenway construction project management (in cooperation with the Parks & Recreation Department)
- Review of commercial developments and subdivision plats
- Pavement management
- Drainage improvement
- Stormwater Matters program
- Traffic management program
- Public street lighting inspection and maintenance (in cooperation with LCUB)



Darryl Smith
Town Engineer

Community Development Department, 9 full-time staff

The Community Development Department has three divisions: Planning & Zoning, Building & Fire Codes and Property Maintenance.

The Planning & Zoning Division is primarily responsible for administering and the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and applicable sections of the Municipal Code, and provides these services:

- Assistance to citizens
- Review of requests for rezonings, text amendments to land use related documents, and text amendments to the Sign Ordinance
- Review of commercial, office, public and multi-family site plans
- Review of residential site plans
- Review of sign applications and landscape plans
- Preparation of community plans

The Building and Fire Codes Division is primarily responsible for the enforcement of the adopted building, plumbing, gas/mechanical, housing, swimming pool and fire codes, and provides these services:

- Assistance to citizens
- Review of all commercial and residential construction plans
- Permits for new construction remodeling
- Inspections
- Licensing for plumbing and gas/mechanical contractors

The Property Maintenance Division addresses various issues and citizen requests concerning general property maintenance standards that are essential in securing safe and healthy conditions for everyone living in the Town.



Mark Shipley
Community Development
Director



People Persons

The Town's official front line

Above: Town receptionists Jennifer Pettyjohn, left, and Jane Ondocin

Photo by Alan Sloan

Two mothers had uniquely positive experiences while learning about how Town of Farragut government works in all its forms. So positive, in fact, that both became interested in being employed as the Town's official "people persons." And both are simply thrilled about their jobs.

Town receptionist since February 2024, Jane Ondocin is now the morning to lunchtime receptionist (7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Having been a Town employee for less than a month, but having lived in Farragut for 17 years, Jennifer Pettyjohn serves as afternoon receptionist (12:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Ondocin said she "had taken the Intro to Farragut class, and I met Jennifer Hatmaker (Deitrick, former Town executive assistant/risk manager). And truly, during all those weeks coming to the class, she was totally an inspiration; motivated about this Town.

"And I thought, 'there is a woman who loves her job;' I need to work for the Town," Ondocin added. "I am totally a people person. And any interaction with the public, I love it."

Upon applying for the job, "I wanted a part-time job, but it was not available at the time," she said. "So I worked this last year full-time for them."

Ondocin's had enough experience with co-workers and regular Town citizens to conclude, "the people that work here are amazing, and also the people that come in the door are amazing. So it's really been a great experience."

As for Pettyjohn, "Actually, my daughter (Peyton) has worked here for a year, so I've been in and out volunteering and visiting and getting to know some of the folks," she said. "And I know what an amazing team they've assembled here. And when the opportunity came up, I thought I would try out."

Peyton Pettyjohn is an art teacher with Parks & Recreation. "She's really the famous one around here," mom added.

Overall, "It's the people," Pettyjohn said. "Greeting the people, meeting our community, telling them about all we have to offer.

"I can tell you just in the week of orientation that I've gone through, in meeting with each of the departments, I'm finding out how much everyone does and what a well-oiled machine it has become," she added. "Everyone communicates and works well together. There's not any overlap. It's just it's very efficient. Everyone communicates.

"Everyone is so kind and so helpful because I still have a million questions," she added. "And it's just really impressive how much actually gets done."

Both women know how to put their best foot forward, giving they both have extensive real estate agent backgrounds.

A native of "north New Jersey," Ondocin is most recently from Clarksville.

"I am from Central Florida, but I have lived here 17 years and raised both of my kids here," Pettyjohn said. "So we have taken part in all of the Town's activities since they were way little, the Fishing Rodeo and Freaky Friday for Halloween."



Engineering department

Administrative Offices

Lots of new technology, and much more working space, await Town of Farragut employees upon the re-opening of Town Hall after more than 15 months of renovations.

“We moved all offices out in December of ‘23 over here” to Farragut Community Center, said David Smoak, Town administrator. “And so everybody’s been working together in close proximity for maybe 15 months or so. It’s been a great social experiment to see how everybody works great together.

“I think it’s worked pretty well, but I’m sure everyone’s going to be super excited to move back to Town Hall and have their own space,” he added. “It’s going to be much better when we get the renovations done. Spaces will be much better for the team. They’ll have better technology to be able to work with. That’s all going to be updated: more

modern spaces and new furniture for the staff.”

Moreover, “Each staff member’s desks and (office) areas also will be set up to where they can have collaboration areas and meeting spaces right in their own office,” Smoak said. “I think that’ll be better for just the impromptu meetings that you have with individuals that come by and need to talk about something for a few minutes.”

“I just think overall, it’s going to be great space for the staff,” Smoak said. “It’s going to really enhance morale for the staff. It’s going to be a great space, where we now have some areas that they can talk and collaborate that we didn’t have before.”

These renovations “put the departments that need to work together the most in close proximity, and so that way they can have easier collaboration space amongst themselves,” the Town administrator said. “I think that’ll be a huge help overall for the staff.”

Smoak’s Town administrator office will remain

“ I applaud everyone for coming together to make this happen. This is just one more example of local government working to serve all areas and corners of Knox County and providing folks easier access to the services they need while also showing fiscal restraint with their tax dollars.”

~ **Glenn Jacobs**
Knox County Mayor



Small meeting room



Conference room



Codes staff / community development



Town reception area



Training / conference room



Engineering department

downstairs, along with two other staff members.

Otherwise, the main Town points of contact for the public will be located upstairs.

“If you want to talk to Town staff, you’ll go upstairs, and you’ll go to this one door and have access to all of the staff from there,” Wendy Smith said.

Staff for Administration, along with Engineering, Community Development and Communications will be located on the second floor. “When you go upstairs, now, there’s just going to be one set of

public doors. ... You can get to all of the Admin offices, Community Development offices and Engineering offices, all in the same area,” Smith said.

“Nobody has a giant office, but most people have a private office,” Smith continued. “There will be some shared space. The Engineering techs are in and out of the office all of the time.

“They’re going to be in a space that has two rooms, and each of (the rooms) has a glass wall, so there’s going to be a lot of light. They’re going to have way more privacy than

they have right now. Nobody has any privacy right now,” she added.

While the Engineering tech space is shared, “it is plenty of room for the Engineering techs,” she said.

For the Codes inspectors, Smith said they are also going to have “this really lovely space that has a lot of light in it. They’re also in and out of the office.

“I think it’s correct to say that the only people who share space now are people who are frequently out of the office,” she added.

And, “I think we’re going to have

some space that we would like to be able to use for interns,” Smith said. “Chris Sheffield (operations manager) is working on us taking over the process of trying to find interns to work in different departments, and that’s been a challenge.

“We’ve had interns in the past, but every time we’ve done it, it’s been a real challenge to figure out where to put them because we didn’t have space dedicated to that, so the interns ended up getting put in strange places,” she added.

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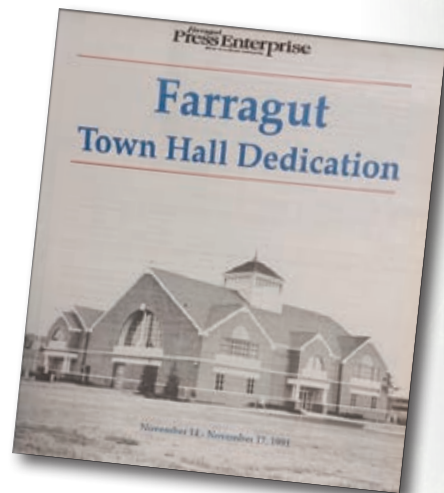
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