



City of Friendsville, Tennessee

Welcome to Friendsville

A place where friends gather.

Welcome to the City of Friendsville, thank you for choosing to join our community.

The City of Friendsville is one of East Tennessee's best kept secrets – a hidden gem with pristine and abundant access to epic and nearly untouched mountain biking, trail running and hiking, year-round events. Surrounded by Fort Loudon Lake, state parks and open space lands, we invite you to discover Friendsville.



This information is provided to make your move to Friendsville a little bit easier as you get adjusted to the area. Enclosed you will find important phone numbers, general information about services provided, useful maps, and other important documents, including voter registration forms and driver's license change of address forms. While the information contained in this packet is plentiful, it will be updated regularly. The website is the best resource for the most up-to-date information.

*City Hall located at 213 West College Ave, Friendsville.
Office Hours are Monday - Friday
8am -4pm and we are closed on holidays.*

We hope you take part in the many activities and events that occur in our town each year. Should you have any questions as you settle in, do not hesitate to visit us in person at City Hall, contact us at 865-995-0243 ext. 103, or access our website at www.friendsville.city. The city also posts community information and notices on our City Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/cityoffriendsville/. We also post our event and recreation information on what's going on ...Friendsville Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/whatsgoingonfriendsville/

Once again, welcome to Friendsville and thanks for choosing our community to be your home.

Friendsville History

A brief history of Friendsville

Learn about Friendsville's early years and present...



The community of Friendsville was settled by the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, in the 1790s on three rolling hills in what would later become Blount County, Tennessee. The Friends came out of North Carolina to gain freedom from the practice of slavery and from war. The community included farms and small businesses and was located near the Tennessee River. It was noted for its part in the Underground Railroad, which helped runaway slaves, Southerners who did not wish to be conscripted into the Confederate Army, and others who wished to escape to the North. William Hackney, a Friendsville Quaker, helped more 2,000 people escape the South using Cudjo's Cave, which is in Friendsville. Friendsville, so named for its first settlers, the Religious Society of Friends, is nestled in

the northwestern part of Blount County. As the Friends arrived, they formed the first Friends Meeting in this area, called the Lower Settlement, in 1801. In 1804, it became Newberry Preparative Meeting, and in 1808, it became the Newberry Monthly Meeting. In 1875, the meeting became Friendsville Monthly Meeting. The first meetinghouse at Friendsville was a log building constructed in 1813. It had a dirt floor and a fire box built in the center, with the smoke spiraling upward toward a hole in the roof. In 1870, a more comfortable building was begun and by 1878, services were held there, and the old building sold for \$75. It cost about \$2,500 to construct the new one. The building was remodeled in 1892 and was bricked in 1951. It continues to serve the Friendsville Friends today. Later, black churches were formed, such as the AME Zion Church. In 1896, the Methodist Church was built, and the Baptist Church arrived in 1922. Education has always been a prime interest of the Religious Society of Friends, and wherever a meeting was established, so were schools. In Friendsville, the Friendsville Institute was organized in 1854 by the Friends and began operation in 1857. After the foundation collapsed, another school was built and called Newberry Institute until 1881, when it was chartered as Friendsville Academy, which operated until closing in 1975. In 1881, land was provided for a school and meetinghouse for black residents, called George Washington Carver School, which closed in the 1940s. A free school opened in 1888 and continued until 1919. Friendsville Elementary was constructed in 1919 and is still in operation today. Friendsville High School opened in 1919 and closed in 1979. It was the first four-year high school in Blount County.



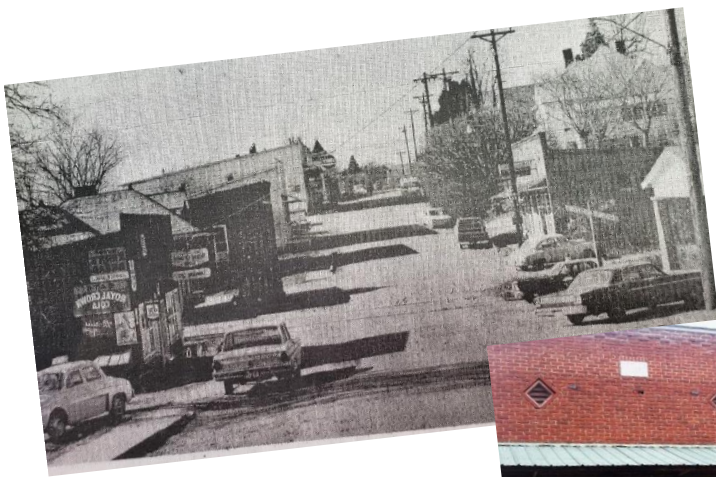
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The first businesses in Friendsville were gristmills, where residents brought their corn to be ground and paid for the service with a portion of the meal. Blount County's first flouring mill, thought to be in operation as early as 1810 and owned by the Hackney family, was in Friendsville, as was a small furniture factory in the early 1800s. Farming and lumbering were the main businesses for many years until the marble business started in the 1880s. Since it began in 1883, the marble industry has been an important part of the culture of Friendsville. Several quarries in this area have employed a great number of Friendsville residents. The Tennessee Marble Company is now the leading producer of Friendsville Cedar Light Rose, Gray Dark Rose, and Quaker Gray varieties of marble. Friendsville marble is famous throughout the world and graces such structures as the Smithsonian Institution

and the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. The arrival of the Knoxville Southern Railroad (later the L&N route) running from Knoxville to Atlanta in 1891 was an asset for both the quarries and farmers. Friendsville benefitted from the rail line — blacksmith shops, a planning mill, a casket shop, several stores, a shoe shop, coal yards, photography shops, a drugstore and banks thrived. A large store built by T.R. Lee at the corner of Morgan and Farnum streets carried a vast variety of goods for that area, including clothing, groceries, dishes, feed, shoes, furniture and more, and drew customers locally and from Knoxville via the railroad. After Lee's death, the Gregg family operated the store until World War II. There were five quarries near the town, and cattle and dairy farming were major industries. At various times, the town had local doctors, two drugstores, a funeral home, a cobbler's shop, a dry cleaner, two large grocery stores along with several smaller ones, a coal yard, a barbershop, four service stations, a cabinet shop, a coffin shop, a photographer, a bus line, a cannery, blacksmith shops and a tanyard. There were also several restaurants and an ice cream parlor. Friendsville was incorporated in 1953.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Friendsville, Tennessee

Current Demographic Information for Friendsville

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| Elevation: | 879 feet (268m) |
| Size: | 2.83 square miles |
| Location: | Latitude: 35°45'21"N 84°7'52"W (35.755804, -84.131028). The town is situated along State Route 333 (Miser Station Road) and stretches from Fort Loudoun Lake in the north to U.S. Route 321 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) |
| Named for: | Friends Church (Quakers) |
| Zip Code: | 37737 |
| Population: | 902 (based on 2020 census) |
| Median Age: | 46.9 years |
| Education Levels: | .36% of population less than 9 th grade education, * 58.4% are high school graduates, *16.42% population have some college, *8.57% of population have associates degree, * 9.47% population have a bachelor's degree or higher. |
| Median Household Income: | \$51,250 |
| Median House Value: | \$123,400* |
| Family Household: | Married (15yrs & older) 66% Families' w/kids under 18 35% |
| Weather Highlights: | Summer High: the July high is around 88 degrees Winter Low: the January low is 28 Rain: averages 50 inches of rain a year Snow: averages 6 inches of snow a year |

*Information used from most current sources but cannot be guaranteed.

GOVERNMENT

Friendsville, Tennessee

Government

City Commissioner Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month. Public notices are posted at the City Hall located at 213 West College Ave and published in the Daily Times.

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Andrew "Andy" Lawhorn, Mayor
Term Expires: August 2020
lawhorn4@gmail.com

Steven Cardwell, Vice Mayor
Term Expires: August 2020
scardwell@bcso.com

Sandra "Sandy" Bell, Commissioner
Term Expires: August 2022
sandybell.1953@gmail.com

Jonathan Newberry, Commissioner
Term Expires: August 2022
jdnewberry@jdnewberry.com

Michael "Shane" Rogers, Commissioner
Term Expires: August 2022
lawncare1229@gmail.com

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Janet Ledbetter
City Recorder
Financial Manager
Human Resources

Kim Rogers
WaterWorks Office Manager
Public Relations Coordinator
Special Events

David Amanns
Water Works Manager

OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Regular mail for all City Commissioners
can be sent to:
(Name of Commissioner)
City of Friendsville
P.O. Box 56
Friendsville, TN 37737

If you need agenda or meeting information,
please contact City Recorder, Janet Ledbetter
janet@friendsville.city or 865-995-2831 EXT. 102

Notary Republic on site Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFO

865-995-2831 EXT 102
janet@friendsville.city

865-995-0243 Ext 103,
kim.cityoffriendsville@gmail.com
865-995-0243 Ext 101, main line to water department

865-995-0243 EXT 104
david@friendsville.city

PLANNING & ZONNING

Friendsville, Tennessee

Planning & Zoning Commission Members

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings are at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is volunteer based and serves the community through the review of the city comprehensive plan, which guides development of the city and the surrounding area. It also reviews regulations governing the subdivision of land, reviews regulations for the city's zoning districts, and reviews various types of land use applications. The Commission reviews, discusses and makes recommendations to the City of Friendsville Commissioners on these issues, with the Board making the final decisions; exceptions are the comprehensive plan, variances, and minor developments.

LeRoy Painter, Chairman
Term expires June 2021.

Ed Lane, Vice Chairman
Term expires June 2021.

Melvin Bridges, Secretary
Term expires June 2022

Jonathan Newberry
Coterminous

Mayor Andy Lawhorn

Residents are encouraged to apply to serve on these volunteer boards and announce openings as they are available.

WATER WORKS

Friendsville, Tennessee

Bills & Payment Methods

The City of Friendsville is responsible for providing the water services for the residents and businesses within limits availability. We purchase our water from South Blount Utility and/or Tellico Area Service System. Our bills are mailed by Smartbill by the first of the month and payment is due by the 18th of the month. Payments must be in office by 4:30 pm. Penalties, will be added on the 19th 8:00am. Billing occurs for actual water usage in the previous period. If you do not receive your bill, please feel free to call us at 865-995-0243.

When you open a new account with the City of Friendsville Water Works, you are required to provide, your driver's license or some form of ID. Purchase or rental agreement and waterworks new application form filled and signed. A \$50.00 connection fee can be either paid day of signing up or added to first month bill.

UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

In addition to paying by check, cash or credit card at our city office, these payment options are for customer's convenience to help ensure on-time payments and access to accounts.

UTILITY AUTO PAY FORM

The easiest way to pay your monthly utility bill and is no cost. The amount of your bill is automatically drafted from your bank account on the 18th of each month.

Residents can download the Auto Pay Form (PDF) from our website and email the form to kim.cityoffriendsville@gmail.com or drop off at the city hall.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

This service allows you to use your credit or debit card and/or bank routing/account information to pay your bills. Visit www.friendsville.authoritypay.com to sign up. You will need your account number and CID number to complete.

PAY BY PHONE

This alternate service allows you to use your credit or debit card to pay your bills over the phone. This service is available 24/7 by calling toll-free 877-882-8221 or call 865-995-0243 opt #2, opt #1. You will need your account number (when entering do not put in dashes) and CID number.

WATER WORKS

water rates

Water Tap Fees, Miscellaneous Fees and Monthly Rates

TAP FEES

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| ¾ short tap fee | \$1500.00 |
| 1" long tap fee | \$2500.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

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| Cut-off for non-payment | \$75.00 |
| Returned check | \$30.00 |
| Backflow Test | \$45.00 |
| Profile of water meter usage (1 st is free) | \$30.00 |
| Late fee on water bills | 10% of water bill |

WATER RATES

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| ¾ meter (standard size) | \$26.41 plus tax, 0-2000 gallons (minimum bill) \$8.85 per 1000 gallons above minimum |
| 1" meter | \$39.99 plus tax, 0-2000 gallons (minimum bill) \$8.85 per 1000 gallons above minimum |
| 2" meter | \$46.61 plus tax, 0-2000 gallons (minimum bill) \$8.85 per 1000 gallons above minimum |
| 4" meter | \$93.27 plus tax, 0-2000 gallons (minimum bill) \$8.85 per 1000 gallons above minimum |
| 6" meter | \$139.87 plus tax, 0-2000 gallons (minimum bill) \$8.85 per 1000 gallons above minimum |

*Rates are reviewed and can be modified annually.

SERVICE DIRECTLY

Friendsville, Tennessee

Emergency Services

BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT



If you are witnessing a crime in progress or are experiencing an emergency, please dial 911. The City of Friendsville is protected by Bount County Sheriff's Department.

In case of downed trees or limbs in road, etc.

- * During business hours call 865-995-2831
- * After business hours notify dispatch 865-983-3620

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| Emergency | Jail | Patrol |
| 911 | 865-273-5245 | 865-273-5006 |

FRIENDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The City of Friendsville is covered by Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Hall is located at 108 E College Ave, Friendsville, TN 37737 Ph:865-995-0986

*Please note this is a volunteer station and is not maned daily.

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| Emergency | Dispatch -non-emergency |
| 911 | 865-983-3620 |

For information on subscriptions on your property please call Marianna at 865-995-2159
Information on volunteering please call Chief Shane Rogers at 865-850-2404



108 EAST COLLEGE AVE
FRIENDSVILLE, TN 37737
865-995-0986

Dispatch Line 24/7:

865-983-3620

Administrative Line:

865-995-0986

Facebook.com/fvfdtn.com

- Chief Shane Rogers
- Assistant Chief Steve Hargis
- Deputy Chief Steven Cardwell

Subscriptions

This subscription covers your property from
June 14, 2020- June 13, 2021

- Vacant Lots: \$50.00 each
- Occupied Property: \$100.00

We try to make it convenient for our subscribers, currently we are offering three (3) ways to pay your year subscription.

- To pay online please visit www.fvfdtn.org There will be an additional \$3.00 fee for online payments. Please be sure to leave a note on the checkout to let us know what property you are paying for.
- To mail in your payment send check or money order to **FVFD P.O. Box 7 Friendsville, TN 37737.**
- If you are in the area, you can leave your subscription in the drop box located on the front of the building at **108 E. College Ave, Friendsville, TN 37737**



Blue Reflective Address Signs

Friendsville Volunteer Fire offers reflective address signs that will aid us in locating your property for \$20.00 each.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Friendsville, Tennessee

Recycling and Trash

BLOUNT COUNTY



Alcoa-Maryville-Blount County Landfill (240 Long Powers Road, Friendsville)
Mon.-Sat 8AM-5:30PM

- Aluminum Cans
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Plastics #1 and #2
- Steel Cans

Blount County Rescue Squad (300 East Lincoln Road, Alcoa)

- Aluminum Cans

GARBAGE SERVICE



Garbage removal services are not provided by the city. There are several private carriers that provide waste services. Individuals may also transport their waste to public and landfill. Information regarding special drop sites can be acquired by contacting Keep Blount Beautiful at 865-681-4809.

Phillips Garbage
865-995-1800

Blount Garbage
865-984-9176

Tennessee Trash Service
865-966-0086

All-Pro Sanitation
865-983-5542

B&B Garbage Service
865-983-5388

Residential Waste Service
865-368-0713

ELECTRIC



Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative
116 Tellico Port Road
Vonore, TN 37885

Phone: 1-877-FLEC-ORG (1-877-353-2674)

CABLE AND INTERTNET

Internet and Cable Television/Satellite Television: there are numerous providers that have on-line tools to help you decide pricing and amenities.

EDUCATION & RETAIL

Friendsville, Tennessee

Schools and shopping

SCHOOLS



Friendsville Elementary
210 E 4th Ave
Friendsville, TN 37737
865-980-1252

Union Gove Elementary
330 S Old Grey Ridge Rd,
Friendsville, TN 37737
865-980-1515



Union Grove Middle School
Grey Ridge Rd, 1126
Maryville, TN 37801
865-980-1320



WBHS 9th Grade Academy
William Blount Dr,
Maryville, TN 37801
865-980-1192



William Blount High School
219 County Farm Rd,
Maryville, TN 37801
865-984-5500

SHOPPING MALLS

Foothills Mall
197 Foothills Mall Drive
Maryville, TN 37801

West Town Mall
7600 Kingston Pike,
Knoxville, TN 37919

Turkey Creek
11197 Parkside Drive
Knoxville, TN 37934

Tanger Outlet Sevierville
1645 Parkway #960
Sevierville, TN 37862

Community Outreach

Friendsville, Tennessee

Community Outreach

CITIZENS OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to your community. It provides a variety of benefits, including making new friends, sharing skills, getting job-ready and becoming a part of the local community. City of Friendsville staff is committed to making our community an even better place for its residents to live and enjoy life. Volunteering in city events, special projects and/or being on a community committee, you alone with the mayor, city commissioners and employees, strive to honor our past, celebrate today and plan for our future. As our population grows, we are committed to holding fast to the small-town values that make the City of Friendsville such a special place to live, work and visit. If you would like more information about helping, please call Kim @ City Hall 865-995-2831 EXT 103

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The second (2) Wednesday every month local organizations provide lunch for the community from 11:30 to 12:30 or until food is gone cost of food is \$3.00 includes food, drink, and dessert.

Location: 204 E College Ave, Friendsville, TN 37737 (UMC in fellowship hall)

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Meets before the city council meetings on the first (1) Thursday of the month at 5:45 pm. City has a “New Generation Project” that is being worked on for an all-inclusive playground and pavilion for downtown.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Center is available for rental. You can call our office at 865-995-2831 to reserve the building.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Need community hours? Volunteering during any event is always encouraged and welcome. For more information, please contact Kim at 995-2831 EXT 103.

MUSEUM

City of Friendsville has so much history! We are in the planning stage of a museum for the community to enjoy.

CODERED

City of Friendsville now offers CodeRED alert. CodRED, designed to have citizens/community made aware of road closings, water leaks and general information in and around Friendsville.

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

These two pages our ran by City

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsvillecity> and <https://www.facebook.com/friendsvilletennessee>

These pages our ran by citizens

www.facebook.com/groups/whatsgoingonfriendsville and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2142792239093161>

Calendar of Events

Friendsville, Tennessee

Community Market - Our annual community market is designed to be close to home without driving across the county. Every Saturday, located in downtown Friendsville come set up your produce, craft, and/or yard sale. Free to participate, and everyone welcome! Call city hall for more information You must sign up to participate! Market runs from 1st weekend in **APRIL** to last weekend in **SEPTEMBER**.

Easter Egg Hunt- Each year the city, along with the local church, come together to host an egg hunt for our children in the community. Children twelve (12) and under. The Egg Hunt will start at 11:00 am always held the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

Homecoming- Kicking off the start of fall, we have our annual Community Homecoming in downtown Friendsville. Community gathers for fun activities, craft vendors, live music, and food. Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021. This year's Homecoming is set and ready to start the morning off by participating in our family fun run. Run/walk 1 mile with your family and friends get all colored up. Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department will be at the finish to help clean you up by spraying water. After stay around, let the kids play some games, enjoy the music and antique cars, Shop some with our local craft vendors while the fish is frying! All food proceeds go towards our New Generation Project. You do not want to miss all the fun! We hope to see you there.

Boo In the City- For younger children and their parents, Downtown will be closed from West College Ave to Morgan Street. Citizens of the community, local churches will be organizing Trunk and Treat fun. Join us as we line the streets to hand out candy to all the ghosts and goblins around town.

Santa comes to town, Holiday Festival- There is a chill in the air and a twinkle in every eye. That means the holiday season is just around the corner. When December arrives, light displays appear, peppermint candy canes are unwrapped, and families look forward to celebrating the spirit of the season with friends and neighbors. Friendsville is "a place where friends gather" where community, tradition, generosity, and so much shared joy. From Friendsville Elementary carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs to the life story of Jesus' birth to delight every one of all ages. Our Christmas parade will have you cheering! In the evening, you will fill your eyes with dazzling lights, your imagination with wonder, your stomach with delicious holiday food, and your spirit with the joy of the season.

Community Center Classes'

City offers weekly/monthly classes at our community center. Check our website out for class information at <https://www.friendsville.city/calendar-of-events-and-classes>