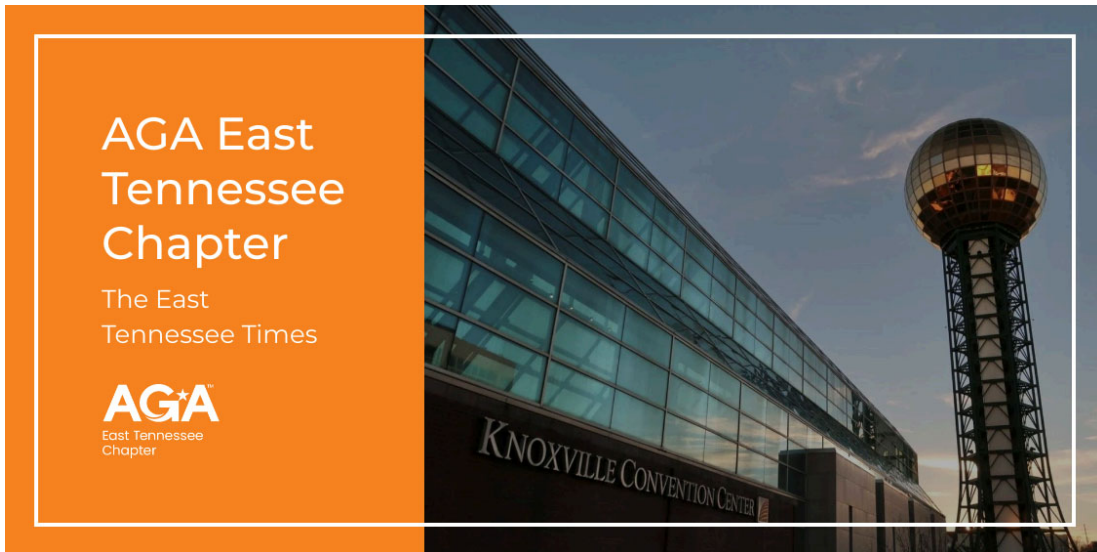


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## October 2024 Issue



- Beef Brisket
- Grilled Chicken Calhoun
- Country Style Green Beans
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Cinnamon Apples
- Biscuits & Corn Muffins
- Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Monthly Meeting

**October 8th**  
**Calhoun's on the River**

Agenda:

11:30 - Registration/Networking

11:30 - 12:10 Lunch

12:10 - 1:00 Presentation

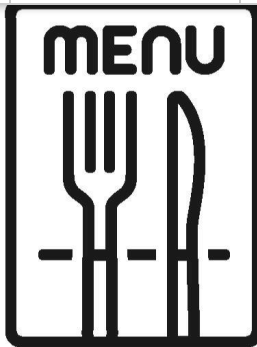
Featured Speaker:

Chris Caldwell, CFO of Knox County Government

Topic: The Advantages of P3s and Joint Ventures in Government

RSVP: [Gary Mitchell](#)

by Thursday, October 3



## A Note From Our President

Fellow AGA Members,

Fall is definitely in the air in East Tennessee! The calendar is about to roll to October, the temperature on 10 day forecast finally looks to be cooling off soon, and I've already had to blow the leaves in my yard for the first time. And most excitedly, the Vols are off to an impressive 4-0 start to the season! The AGA East Tennessee Chapter is also off to an impressive start, and I thank everyone who attended our first meeting of the year this month. We had a good crowd and heard some great insights into pension trends from Kristi Paczkowski at the City of Knoxville Pension Board.

I invite you to attend our next meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Calhoun's on the River. Our speaker will be Chris Caldwell, CFO of Knox County Government. Chris will be speaking on "The Advantages of P3s and Joint Ventures in Government". If you have not already RSVP'd to the calendar invite, please email me at [gmitchell@pughcpas.com](mailto:gmitchell@pughcpas.com) to reserve your spot. We will again be meeting upstairs in a private banquet room, so an accurate headcount is essential.

Below is the meeting schedule for the remainder of the 2024-2025 AGA program year. In November, we will be holding a virtual meeting offering state specific ethics for those who need to satisfy their ethics requirement by the end of the year.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings soon!

-Gary

## October Featured Speaker

### Chris Caldwell

Chris is the Chief Financial Officer and Co-Chief of Staff for Knox County Government overseeing a budget of nearly \$1.1 billion. He was appointed to the position in 2012. Before becoming Director, Chris was the



Lincoln Memorial University with an Accounting Degree, Magna Cum Laude (2000-2002), and Bellevue University with a Master of Business Administration (2008-2009). He was a member of Alpha Chi and Phi Theta Kappa. Chris is a Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) member and the a member of Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA). He serves on five other boards: Knoxville Chamber, CAC, Zoo Knoxville, Knox County Retirement & Pension Board, and Knox County Investment Committee. He is a graduate of Leadership Knoxville Class of 2015 and recognized by the Greater Knoxville Business Journal as a “40 Under Forty” Class of 2014. In 2012, he was awarded the “R. Martin Peters Young Alumnus of the Year” by LMU. The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) recognized him as the 2016 “Public Administrator of the Year.”

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## ACFE/IIA Fall 1 Day Seminar

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Knoxville Chapter & East Tennessee Institute of Internal Auditors Presents a one day seminar for a maximum of 8 CPE credits.

### Featuring:

**Victor Hartman, Principal of the Hartman Firm, LLC, CPA, CFE and former FBI Special Agent**

### Topic:

**When:**

**October 17, 2024**

**8am - 5:30 pm/Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike Knoxville**

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