

COUNTY OF AMHERST



Public Information Officer

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Amherst County Welcomes New Public Information Officer



The Amherst County Administrator's Office is pleased to welcome Joy Niehaus to its staff. Joy will be filling the role of Public Information Officer which means that in addition to being the voice on the County's main telephone line, she will be handling all press releases, updating the county website, as well as, serving as the coordinator and contact person for the county's Facebook page.

Joy studied at Liberty University and received her Bachelor of Science in Communications in 2006 where she studied print journalism. She is currently working towards a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Communication and looks forward to finishing this December. Joy has worked with local businesses, nonprofits, and publications as a freelance writer and social media coordinator for the past five years. She and her family have lived in Amherst County since 2010.

"As a writer I am passionate about building community and telling stories. I believe in making a difference by investing in our neighbors and those around us. I look forward to this opportunity to use my experience and training to represent and serve Amherst County."

In addition to her communications duties, Joy will serve as an administrative assistant in the County Administration office.

Additional information may be obtained from Rachel Carton at racarton@countyofamherst.com or (434) 946-9400.