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### **City of Morgantown Welcomes New Public Communications Manager**

*Baker will replace Sullivan in as public information officer.*

MORGANTOWN – Morgantown residents will be getting their municipal news from a new voice in City Hall.

Morgantown native Chelsi Baker has been hired to fill the Public Communications Manager position, held by Susan Sullivan for the last three years.

Baker is the second person to fill the position. The Public Communications Office came to fruition in 2011 to help the City achieve transparency and better the relationship between Morgantown, West Virginia University, local agencies and residents.

During her time at City Hall, Sullivan organized the office first to serve the residents. Social media, a new website, and newsletters were established to create a more open way of reporting municipal government. With her background in journalism, she was also able to make the office media-friendly, and help both local and student reporters get the news they needed from the City.

“Being able to serve Morgantown as the first PCM was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Sullivan. “I learned so much about the City I moved to ten years ago as a freshman. This job instilled in me a love and understanding of public service and honesty, and I’m looking forward to doing the same, wherever my career takes me.”

Baker, who also hails from a journalism background, graduated from West Virginia University in 2012. She’s held positions at the Dominion Post and the Times West Virginian in Fairmont, and returns to her hometown of Morgantown to achieve her own goals in the position.

“Susan took on a big job building this office from the ground up,” Baker said. “Now, I want to add to the solid foundation she created over the years and continue to create

opportunities for the public to interact with their government and let them know what we can do for them.”

“We have had great success providing new ways to get information to residents, business owners, property owners and visitors,” Mikorski said. “We hope to continue to improve the way the City distributes information and create better communication channels to all groups in the city. I am happy Chelsi is a part of our team and look forward to working with her as our new Communications Manager.”

Sullivan’s current plans are to return to Calhoun County, but she hopes to continue in municipal public affairs in the future.

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