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Make plans to attend TML District Meetings

When the first session of the 108th TN General Assembly convenes in January, state government leaders will address numerous issues of interest and concern to Tennessee's towns and cities.

It is imperative that our membership be kept abreast of the potential impact these issues might have on municipalities before lawmakers begin their deliberations, so please do not miss the opportunity to attend the TML District Meeting in your area.

TML staff will be on hand to present updates on the latest events and news affecting municipalities at the state and national levels.

Notices for the December meetings have been sent. If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to attend the meeting in your area. Contact TML for more information at 615-255-6416.

Dec. 4, 2012 9 - 11:30 am	District 5	Manskers Station Visitors Ctr Goodlettsville
Dec. 4, 2012 12:30 - 3 pm	District 6	Murfreesboro City Hall Murfreesboro
Dec. 5, 2012 10 am - 12:30 pm	District 4	Crossville City Hall Crossville
Dec. 6, 2012 10 am - 12:30 pm	District 3	Mountain View Inn Cleveland
Dec. 12, 2012 10 am - 12:30 pm	District 1	Bristol Motor Speedway Bristol
Dec. 13, 2012 10am - 12:30 pm	District 2	Farragut Town Hall Farragut
Jan. 16, 2013 11:30 am - 2 pm	District 7	Medina
Jan, 17, 2012 9 - 11:30 am	District 8	Covington

Municipalities ready to tap revenues from alcohol sales; voters approve referendums

BY CAROLE GRAVES *TML Communications Director*

With local governments thirsty for new revenues, several communities voted on and approved the sale of liquor in their previously dry city or county.

Of 32 local referendums held Nov. 6 to allow either package stores or liquor by the drink, or both, 25 passed.

Some say the decision reflects changing times. Others say it's simply a smart financial move by capturing valuable tax revenues. Often used as a selling point, local officials state that the extra revenue can help stave off cities from raising property tax rates or making painful cuts to viable services.

"Policy makers at the state and local level are desperate to raise revenue without raising taxes or cutting programs," says Ben Jenkins, vice president of government communications for Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS). "Modernizing dated alcohol laws is a positive way to do it."

DISCUS figures that alcoholic beverages bring in \$41 billion a year in direct and indirect revenue for state and local governments. Alcoholic beverages are taxed at a high rate by all levels of government more than 50 percent of the purchase price of a typical bottle of spirits goes to federal, state, or local taxes of some kind.



Of 32 local referendums held Nov. 6 to allow either package stores or liquor by the drink, or both, 25 passed. The Distilled Spirits Council estimates that alcoholic beverages bring in \$41 billion a year in direct and indirect revenue for state and local governments.

In Tennessee, liquor-by-thedrink is taxed at 15 percent, plus the state and local sales tax rate is applied. For package sales, the federal government imposes a \$2.14 tax rate, the state levies a \$4.46 tax, plus the combined state and local sales taxes are implied.

Local referendum results

In Middle Tennessee, six out of seven liquor referendums passed easily.

In Mt. Juliet, package liquor measure passed there with 8,277

votes to 3,321

In Williamson County, Nolensville voters approved package liquor sales in their city, 2,143 votes to 1,038.

All four initiatives in Robertson County — liquor by the drink in Coopertown, Cross Plains and Orlinda and package liquor sales in Greenbrier — passed, with 58 to 60 percent of voters approving those measures.

However, voters in West-See LIQUOR, on Page 6

Etowah revitalizing dilapidated properties through local housing partnerships

BY VICTORIA SOUTH *TML Communications Coordinator*

The three-square-mile city of Etowah is primed to grow, notes Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETDD) Community Development director Chuck Hammonds, who helped forge a partnership between the city and Habitat for Humanity to clean up and revitalize dilapidated properties.



NLC utility line warranty program extended five years

- Utility Service Partners, Inc. (USP) and the National League of Cities (NLC) are pleased to announce a five-year extension of the NLC Service Line Warranty Program, providing continued access to important utility service line warranties to cities and towns across the U.S.

The NLC Service Line Warranty Program provides affordable utility service line warranties to homeowners covering expensive repairs to external water and sewer lines on homeowners' property. The program offers 24 hour/7 day a week utility service line protection.

"USP has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in customer service and a strong sense of community responsibility, core to the values of NLC, which is why over 140 cities have signed-up to participate in the first 20 months of the program. We are delighted to extend our relationship, ensuring our members have continued access to this valuable program", said Don Borut, Executive Director, NLC.

The NLC Service Line Warranty Program benefits homeowners by providing a solution to help with the financial burden of unexpected utility line repair and replacement costs, but the city enjoys other benefits as well. There is no cost for the city to participate and because USP uses only trusted, local contractors to perform repairs, dollars are kept in the local economy. Cities and towns from Rolfe, IA (population 566) to Atlanta, GA (population 540,922) and Milwaukee, WI (population 594,833) have already brought this important coverage to their residents.

"We are happy to have this opportunity to continue our relationship with NLC", said Phil Riley, President and CEO of USP, "and to provide warranty management solutions to cities and utilities across the United States. We believe we have built a record of trust and integrity with both NLC and our partner cities, and look forward to an exciting future of growth."

Cities interested in participating in the NLC Service Line Warranty Program should contact Brad Carmichael, Vice President of Business Development at Utility Service Partners, <u>partnerships@utilitysp.</u> net, or 1-866-974-4801.

Further information is available at <u>www.utilitysp.net</u> or <u>http://</u> <u>www.nlc.org/find-city-solutions/</u> <u>savings-and-solutions</u>.

About Utility Service Partners

Headquartered in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, Utility Service Partners, Inc. is a leading independent provider of service line warranties in the United States.

USP is a portfolio company of Macquarie Capital, part of Macquarie Group Limited, one of the world's largest owners and managers of infrastructure assets and a manager of over \$36 billion in infrastructure equity around the world. The partnership should help provide a few nice, affordable houses to replace unfit structures demolished by the city, according to Etowah City Manager Matthew Gravley.

"In the last 20 months, Etowah has seen to the demolition of 22 structures, abandoned or burned out homes, condemned commercial and community facilities, meth houses and garages that were falling in, etc.," Gravley said. "All posed a significant danger to the morals and well being—not to mention—the property values, of our community."

After assessing all the homes slated for demolition, the city went through the arduous process of contacting the property owners and placarding the properties," according to Gravley.

"We had lots we had taken possession of for various reasons, from back taxes to abandonment," he said. "Some of those lots have or will become the property of the city."

The idea's been in the works for about a year.

"They had some money to put forth on new home construction



Etowah's first building project, in its partnership with the Southeast TN Development District and Habitat for Humanity, will be demolishing this dilapidated house and providing building supplies for Habitat to build a new home on the property with the assistance of volunteers.

materials and possibly demolition, so we contacted Habitat for Humanity for the actual building, with volunteers," Gravley explains.

As a rural community where 75 percent of its school children are on free or reduced lunch programs, this initial push offers hope as the city strives to return to its economic roots.

"We have a very good relationship with CSX, probably for the first time in 75 years," said Gravley. "We've been chosen as the 5th in the country in becoming a CSX select site, meaning our North industrial park is already pre-vetted for any industry that's looking for an industrial railroad site. We've already done all the environmental studies, topography maps and all the other things that have to be done ahead of time." The blossoming relationship has also brought important funds into the community, with CSX infusing \$40,000 into the city just in the last year, according to Gravley. "There was a CSX fun day where they supplied food, games, prizes, inflatables and fun for the whole town free of charge, and they gave a \$10,000 grant to help tear down the old community center," adds Gravley. "We'll have a beautiful park there in the future for the homes surrounding it to look at instead of an eyesore."

"The city just needs to get the infrastructure in place to let it happen," said Hammonds, who was born and raised in the community which was built in 1906 by the railroad. "We could start building houses and get these properties back *See* **ETOWAH**, *on Page 7*

EPA sets new timeframe for stormwater rules

BY CAROLYN BERNDT

NLC Government Relations

Earlier this month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) laid out its timeframe for completing a Proposed National Rulemaking to Strengthen the Stormwater Program.

The Agency intends to propose a rule to establish a program to reduce stormwater discharges from newly-developed and redeveloped sites and to make other regulatory changes to its stormwater program by June 10, 2013. A final rule is anticipated by Dec. 10, 2014.

At a briefing last week for local government organizations, EPA

presented its current thinking about the proposed rule, which is largely similar to what the agency was considering in 2010 prior to the rulemaking being put on hold temporarily.

The key focus of the proposed rule is to establish a retention-based performance standard to reduce pollutants from stormwater runoff. EPA is considering applying this standard to all types of projects, including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional.

The standard could apply "nationwide," with different size thresholds depending on whether the site is inside or outside of the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) area.

EPA is also considering a number of flexibilities for the rule, including delayed implementation to allow time for local governments to update codes and ordinances.

In addition to the performance standards, EPA is considering expanding the MS4 program area, requiring large regulated municipalities to establish retrofit requirements, and designating governmentowned maintenance yards as industrial sources, which would subject them to the stormwater regulations.

NLC continues to monitor the rulemaking process and will keep you posted as more specific details become available.

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

BRISTOL

Fundraising for the Birthplace of Country Music Museum is now complete and construction is scheduled to commence soon on the former Goodpasture Motors building, located on the corner of Moore and Cumberland Streets. The expected completion date for the project is August 2014, in time for fans coming to the twin cities for the summer race at Bristol Motor Speedway and Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion festival. Traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institution and its affiliate museums will be shown on a rotating basis and permanent exhibits will be largely interactive and designed to appeal to all ages. Students will have the opportunity to participate in traditional music lessons that will be available in the dedicated educational spaces and participate in Smithsonian internships. A 100-seat performance theatre will allow lectures and seminars to be offered by performers and scholars, as well as a place for live music with the ability to record and broadcast from the museum. There will be educational outreach programs designed to demonstrate the relationship between music and faith, family, art, business and technology and expand on the mission to celebrate Bristol's rich musical heritage at the Birthplace of Country Music.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland Finance Department personnel accepted the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award was received for comprehensive annual financial reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This is the 24th consecutive year and 27th overall that the city has received the award for publishing an easily read and efficiently organized CAFR.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland officials have proposed a project intended to get residents actively engaged in recycling and cleaning up the city. City Manager Janice Casteel announced that Cleveland would submit an application for a special Tennessee Department of Transportation litter program grant to achieve those goals. The "Clean and Green Cleveland" project, if funded, will amount to \$68,000, according to the grant proposal. Of that amount, state grant funding will be \$54,400 and \$13,600 will be the city's matching funds requirement. The project proposes to improve the city's cleanliness and green living through public education, encouragement and participation." Clean and Green Cleveland" encompasses advertising, city website and social media marketing and logo-bearing items such as Tshirts, stickers and water bottles. On-the-ground reminders will come in the form of recycling bins in public places with a history for high traffic and littering, such as parks and the city greenway. Finally, the project will implement greenway cleanup events that will be worked by local schools and university groups, school recycling competi-



tions and a themed 5k run. The special TDOT anti-litter initiative intends to disperse up to \$1 million in grants to local governments and organizations that seek to do more with the money than provide routine maintenance. Each awarded grant will be between \$25,000 and \$100,000, with the recipient providing 20 percent in matching funds.

FAIRVIEW

Five members of the Fairview Fire Department traveled to the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bell Buckle recently to take part in the Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighter (TUFF) Challenge. Made up of five events from victim rescue, to ventilation, to climbing, the competitors each performed a series of tasks that represents the physical demands that are placed on firefighters on a daily basis. The TUFF Challenge consists of individual and team relay challenges for both, volunteer and paid fire fighters, plus challenge categories for women, over-40 and fire chiefs. All participants have to be in excellent physical condition. This is the first year that the Fairview Fire Department has fielded a team for the TUFF Challenge, and the team completed the course in a time of 2 minutes 32 seconds. The Fairview team plans to keep training and accept the challenge again on April 20, 2013. The proceeds from the Challenge entry fees benefit the Tennessee Fallen FireFighter Memorial. The department is also taking applications for volunteer fire department members. For more information, call Capt. Scot Hughes, 615-799-3473.

MEMPHIS

The National Civil Rights Museum's biggest attraction is accessible to the public for the first time since the museum made its debut in 1991. The old Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. was staying when he was assassinated in 1968, opened to the public recently. The balcony has been off limits to tourists, but it was added to the museum tour while the institution's main building is closed for renovations to give it a more technological and interactive approach to civil rights history. The balcony will remain open until renovations are complete in early 2014, when officials will install a lift for disabled visitors. A museum annex that includes the boardinghouse from which James Earl Ray shot at King will also be open during the renovation.

MILLINGTON

State and local officials cut a ribbon to celebrate the completion of Veterans Parkway, a \$25 million project he set in motion nearly 20 years ago. The five-lane, three-mile road scheduled to officially open later this month, connects U.S. 51 and Paul Barret Parkway at Raleigh-Millington Road and opens up longsought access to 300 acres of land prime for industrial development. For years, industries have been interested in the land, but passed it over due to the lack of access. The new Veterans Parkway splits the coveted area of the business park, which is now immediately surrounded by highways, railways and runways. Officials also plan to connect the parkway with the proposed Interstate 69. The newly split land is part of the West Tennessee Regional Business Center, which is on 1,900 acres of land and includes an airport. The city inherited the land when the Navy downsized its local installation in the 1990s. Millington Mayor Linda Carter said the Veterans Parkway project is the largest locally led project in the state in one of its smallest cities. The state provided \$20 million for the project and the city borrowed \$5 million for its part.

NASHVILLE

Oberto Brands, a national leader in the meat snacks category and maker of the popular Oh Boy, Oberto! jerky line, announced the company will open a new production facility in Nashville in the first half of 2013, bringing hundreds of jobs to the area. The new facility will join Oberto's existing production facility at its headquarters in Kent, Wash., and is being added to help keep up with rapidly growing demand for Oberto's products, which has doubled over the last few years and shows no sign of slowing down.

SCOTTS HILL

The city's fire department has received a US \$2,200 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. The award will be used to assist with fire prevention activities in the community to help educate the community and reduce the number of fires. Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 35 years, FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe, as well as a number of Tennessee-based organizations. Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, the company awards grants quarterly to fire departments-along with national, state, regional, local and community organizations worldwide-that best demonstrate a need for funding, where dollars can have the most demonstrable impact on preventing fire, or mitigating the damage it can quickly cause.



Photo by Jim Weber/Commercial Appeal

Tennessee Commissioner of Transportation John Schroer drives along the newly opened Veterans Parkway in Millington after a ribbon cutting ceremony. The \$25 million project was set in motion nearly 20 years ago. Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell rides shotgun as Millington Mayor Linda Carter and Alderman Thomas McGee wave to the crowd.



The Sevierville Fire Department recently dedicated its new fire engine No. 11 to the last fire chief, the late Mike Rawlings. The apparatus and equipment were displayed at an open-house, followed by a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured: Capt. Benny Pickens (left), Lt. Donnie Shular and Fire Chief Matt Henderson

Federal judge rules in favor of Brentwood in homeless newspaper suit

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of The Contributor newspaper organization and two of its vendors against the city of Brentwood. The lawsuit challenged a Brentwood ordinance that prohibits the sale or distribution of newspapers and other materials to occupants of vehicles on public streets. The ordinance also prohibits the solicitation of donations from vehicle occupants on streets. In granting the city's motion for summary judgment, Judge Todd Campbell held that the ordinance did not violate the First Amendment rights of The Contributor and its vendors. Judge Campbell's opinion finds that the city's ordinance was adopted for legitimate traffic and safety reasons, and not because of disagreement with the message of The Contributor. The opinion also finds that the ordinance leaves open ample alternative channels of communication for the plaintiffs.

2011 after the Brentwood Police Department issued citations to vendors selling The Contributor. The citations were based on an older version of the city's ordinance regulating solicitations in the public right-of-way, and were issued only after the vendors were asked to voluntarily comply with the city's regulations and failed to do so. The city subsequently adopted the new ordinance which became the subject of the lawsuit. City Manager Mike Walker stated: "The city's primary concern in this matter has always been public safety. Selling newspapers or anything else to vehicle occupants on public streets creates a safety risk. It was never the city's intention to prohibit the sale of newspapers or to exclude anyone from Brentwood." City Attorney Roger Horner said: "The ordinance that was the subject of this lawsuit was not meant to address any specific organization or group of people. Our regulations are applied equally to everyone. We're glad the court vindicated the city of Brentwood and its Board of Commissioners in our efforts to keep Brentwood streets safe."

MEMPHIS

Memphis City Schools has reduced truancy 65 percent since the 2009-2010 school year, earning international recognition. But school officials are quick to credit their partners in a vigorous truancy prevention program for the success. Cooperation among schools, police, courts, prosecutors and social service agencies is responsible for the Innovative Program Award from the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention, said Ron Pope, MCS director of student engagement. "Without all the parties playing together it couldn't happen," Pope said.

SEVIERVILLE

The city's fire department recently dedicated its new Fire Engine No. 11 to the last fire chief, the late Mike Rawlings. The apparatus and equipment were displayed at an openhouse, followed by the dedication, ribbon-cutting and "pushing-in" of the new fire engine. The truck is state-of-the-art, capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water/minute from a 750-gallon holding tank.

The lawsuit was filed in

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TN General Assembly welcomes 30 new legislators to freshman class



Tennessee Senate: New Members

Frank Niceley (R), District 8

Niceley served as a state representative during the 96th-97th and 104th-107th General Assemblies. During his tenure, he served as Chairman of the



House Agriculture Committee and as a member of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, the House Calendar and Rules Committee, and the House General Subcommittee of Agriculture. He holds a B.S. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Niceley, a farmer from Strawberry Plains, is a member of Tennessee Farm Bureau.

Todd Gardenhire (R), District 10 Gardenhire currently serves as a se-

nior vice president for Morgan Stanley. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and has a background in public service. He



served in White House Advance **Operations under President Reagan** and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Pension Benefit Guaranty. Gardenhire has served on the U.S. Department of Labor's ERISA Advisory Council, including a term as chairman.

Janice Bowling (R), District 16

Bowling is a graduate of Auburn University. She served on the Tullahoma Board of Mayor and Alderman for more than 10 years and

worked as a staff member for former Congressman Van Hilleary. She has been involved in a number of political campaigns and serves on the Tennessee Republican Party State Executive Committee.

Ferrell Haile (R), District 18



University of Tennessee at Martin and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis. He was appointed to the Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy by Gov. Bill Haslam, and the Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission by Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey. He formerly served as a legislative liaison under Gov. Don Sundquist. He resides in Huntingdon with his wife and two daughters.

Joey Hensley (R), District 28

Hensley served as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives during the 103rd through 107th General Assemblies. During his tenure, he was

a member of the House Health and Human Resources Committee, the House Education Committee, and the House Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. He also served as chairman of the House Education Subcommittee and as the Republican Caucus Treasurer. He is a physician, holding degrees from Columbia State Community College, the University of Memphis, and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

TN House of Representatives

Timothy Hill (R), District 3

Hill served as as press secretary and communications director for former Congressman David Davis. He received a degree in public relations from East

rently owns his own business, Right Way Marketing.



was elected to serve as Chair of the Knox County Democratic Party.

Andrew Farmer (R), District 17

A native of Sevier County, Farmer holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration and Marketing from East Tennessee State Univer-

sity and a Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Farmer owns a solo-practice law firm and title company and previously interned for the Tennessee Supreme Court. He lives in Sevierville with his wife Mariah.

Mike Carter (R), District 29

Carter holds a B.S. in Pre-Law from Middle Tennessee State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis. In 1997, he

was appointed as judge of the General Sessions Court of Hamilton County by Gov. Don Sundquist. Carter also served as Special Assistant to the County Mayor during the term of Claude Ramsey, who now serves as Deputy Governor of the state of Tennessee. Carter resides in Ooltewah with his wife, Joan.

Ron Travis (R), District 31

A native of East Tennessee, Travis resides in Dayton where he has worked in the insurance business for more than 30years. He and his



wife, Laura, have two daughters. Travis is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and MainStreet Dayton.

Kent Calfee (R), District 32

Calfee served on the Roane County Commission from 1986-2006. Α graduate of Roane County High School, Calfee attended East Ten-



nessee State University. He is now retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he worked as a Quality Representative. He and his wife have four children and six grandchildren.

Bo Mitchell (D), District 50

has Mitchell served on the Nashville Metro Council since 2007. He has previously worked for Gov. Phil Bredesen and former state Sena-

tor Pete Springer. A graduate of David Lipscomb University and the Nashville School of Law, he lives in Nashville with his wife Chastity, and two sons Parker and Brady.

Jason Powell, a Nashville native, graduated from the University of Colorado and went on to earn a master's degree in Public Administration from

Tennessee State University. Powell currently serves as the director for CHASCo, the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Campus Communities, a statewide partnership of public and private universities dealing with various issues. Powell lives in Nashville with his wife Heather and daughter Sophie.



ment Operations Committee and as a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the Small Business Subcommittee, the Budget and Tax Reduction Task Force, and the Ethics, Open Government and Election Law Task Force. Lynn holds a bachelors in Economics. She currently serves as chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Commerce Task Force and owns Regulatory Compliance Group.

Harold Love (D), District 58

Love holds a bachelors degree in Economics and Finance from Tennessee State University and a



Jason Powell (D), District 53

Susan Lynn (R), District 57

Lynn served in the state House of Representatives from 2002-2010. During her tenure, she served as chairman of the House Govern-



masters in Theological Studies



mittee, Zoning Board of Appeals. He holds a bachelors degree in Agriculture from the University of Tennessee and currently serves as president at Doss Brothers Construction Company. He is a member of the Columbia State Community College Board of Directors and is a native of



Barry Doss (R), District 70

Doss previously

served on the

Lawrence

County Commis-

sion and on the

Lawrenceburg

Planning Com-

on the Dickson County Sanitation Board and the Planning and Zoning Board. A longtime Dickson resident, Littleton has 20 years of

Lawrence County.



experience in small business as coowner of Littleton Trucking. She has previously served as vice chairman and as a state executive committee member of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Debra Moody (R), District 81

Moody served as chairman of the Tipton County Republican Party and as a member of the Tennessee Republican Party state executive committee. She is



chairman of the Board for Confidential Care for Women and co-chairman on the National Day of Prayer (Tipton County). Moody attended Arkansas State University and the University of Memphis. She is an active supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. She and her husband have four children.

Roger Kane (R), District 89

Kane, a Knoxville resident, holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration and History Education from the University of Hous-



ton. He has worked with Farmers Insurance



Tennessee State University and cur-

Micah Van Huss (R), District 6



Van Huss resides in Sulphur Springs with his wife Annie. He



Haile formerly served as appointed term in the Tennessee Senate when Diane Black was elected to Congress. He is a



small business owner, farmer, and pharmacist from Sumner County. He is a graduate of Lipscomb University and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Haile serves as a board member of the Sumner County Health Department and as a member of the Tennessee Pharmacist Association. He is a member of the Tennessee Cattleman's Association and Tennessee Farm Bureau.

Steve Dickerson (R), District 20

Dickerson is a physician and founding partner of Anesthesia Services Associates. He holds a bachelors in History from the Univer-



sity of the South and a medical degree from Wake Forrest University. Dickerson currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia and in 2009 was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Medical Laboratories. He resigned from this position to run for state Senate.

Mark Green (R), District 22

Green currently serves as the president and CEO of Align MD and is an active practicing physician. He is a graduate of West Point, a 16-



year Army veteran, and has been deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He holds a masters certificate from the University of Southern California in Information Systems and a medical degree from Wright State University.



gree in Computer Science. Van Huss has served in the U.S. Marine Corps, deploying to Iraq three times and Afghanistan once during the last six years.

Tilman Goins (R), District 10

Goins currently serves on the Hamblen County Commission. He has served in both the US Marine Corps (1996-2001) and the US

Army (2001-2004). He earned an A.S. in History/Geography from Walters State Community College and both a B.A. in International Affairs and a B.S. in History from East Tennessee State University. He is an FAA certified air traffic controller. He resides in Morristown with his wife, Lenka, and son, Tilman III.

Dale Carr (R), District 12

Carr has served on the Sevierville Board of Mayor and Aldermen since 2005 and previously served on the Sevier County Volunteer

Fire Department. He is a Founder and Partner at Thompson Carr Auction. In the community, Carr has served as a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Sevier County. He has been married to his wife, Jo Ann, for 38 years.

Gloria Johnson (D), District 13



working with and educating students with special needs in Knox County. In 2009 and again in 2011 Johnson Dawn White (R), District 37

A graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, White holds a bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education, a masters in Cur-



riculum and Instruction, and Education Specialist in Administration and Supervision. She worked as a kindergarten teacher in Mur-freesboro for seven years, and then became a small business owner. White lives in Murfreesboro with her husband, Chad.

William Lamberth (R), District 44

Lamberth is the Assistant District Attorney Sumner County. He holds a bachelors in Political Science from the University of



Tennessee, Knoxville and a Juris Doctorate from the College of William and Mary. He currently serves as the treasurer of the Republican Party of Sumner County, president of the Gallatin Rotary Club, and as chairman of the Portland Community Education Foundation. He and his wife Lauren, have two children.

Courtney Rogers (R), District 45

A resident of Sumner County, Rogers holds a bachelors degree in International Relations from the University of Southern Cali-



fornia and a masters in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. She has served in the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve for 28 years, earning the rank of Lt. Colonel. Rogers is a graduate of Leadership Middle Tennessee. She and her husband Mike, have three children.

from Vanderbilt

University. Since 2002, he has served as the Pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee State University Foundation, where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Administration.

Darren Jernigan (D), District 60

Jernigan has served on the Nashville Metro council since 2007. He has previously served as an appointed Commissioner of the Old Hickory



Utility District and was elected as a Democratic Committeeman in 2002. He received Political Science and Public Relations degrees from Austin Peay State University. He interned for the U.S. Department of State and worked for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. prior to completing a masters degree in Criminal Justice at Middle Tennessee State University. He and his wife Michelle have four children. He serves as the director of Government Affairs for Permobil, Inc.

Jeremy Durham (R), District 65

Durham graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2006. He received his law degree

from the University of Memphis. He is a partner at Hawkins, Durham & Associates, where he primarily focuses on small business law. Durham has served as chairman of the Tennessee Young Republicans and founded the Tennessee Young Republicans PAC. Durham resides in Franklin with his wife Jessica.

since 1988. Kane is a licensed instructor with Kaplan Financial. He has twice been elected the president of the Greater Karns Business Association and has served on the Karns High School Foundation Board.

Billy Spivey (R), District 92

Spivey previously served as chairman of the Marshall County Commission. He is a combat veteran and served during Desert Storm. Spivey currently works as



maintenance supervisor at Walker Die Casting. He and his wife have six children.

Election Facts

When the Tennessee General Assembly convenes Jan. 8, 2013, the Legislature will welcome 30 members to the Freshman class. Two members have previously served in the House and were elected to Senate seats. (Niceley and Hensley). Two others had previously served before and were re-elected after being absent from the Legislature for one term (Haile and Lynn). Of the 30 new members, 25 are Republican and 5 are Democrats.





STATE BRIEFS

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

State jobless rate drops to 8.2% Tennessee's unemployment rate decreased slightly in October. Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Karla Davis said that October's rate was 8.2 percent, down from 8.3 percent in September. The October rate is the lowest since June. The national unemployment rate for October was 7.9 percent, 0.1 percentage point higher than the previous month. In Tennessee, total nonfarm employment rose by 7,500 jobs from September to October, with increases in leisure/ hospitality and professional/business services.

Full season of "Nashville" means boost to state's economy, jobs

Members of the Tennessee television and film industry cheered the ABC network's decision to pick up its Music City-based drama "Nashville" for a full season. For "Nashville," that means nine more episodes will be shot locally after the new year. The announcement is a boost for the hundreds of businesses and production crew members around Tennessee who have been lifted by filming that began in Nashville in the summer. The additional filming will result in about 10 to 11 more weeks of work, about the same amount of time it takes a major motion picture to film in town. With the series now picked up for a full season, the direct spending in Tennessee on production is expected to reach \$44 million. A full season of filming also means that "Nashville" stands to receive \$7.5 million, or 17 percent of its production costs, back from the state in the form of a grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The series also is eligible for a 15 percent refundable tax credit from the Tennessee Department of Revenue on its spending.

Four TN educational institutions receive energy grants

Four Tennessee educational institutions are being awarded a \$780,000 grant to fund energy efficiency projects. The projects are designed to reduce air emissions, improve energy efficiency and create cost savings. The University of Memphis and Tennessee Technological University will each get \$250,000, Northeast State Community College will receive \$180,000 and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is getting \$100,000. The Clean Tennessee Energy Grant program provides financial assistance to state and local government agencies, utility districts, and private businesses/ organizations in Tennessee to purchase, install and construct energy projects.

Thousands set to lose benefits

About 39,000 Tennesseans currently receiving federally extended unemployment insurance benefits are set to lose those benefits in the first week of January, according to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Emergency unemployment compensation is a federally funded program that provides unemployment benefits to individuals who have exhausted the first 26 weeks of state benefits. The federal program was slated to expire at the end of 2011, but the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 extended the expiration date of to Jan. 2.

Transportation planners prepare for I-75/24 rebuild

State transportation planners will unveil ideas for a massive rebuilding of the 75/24 split that aims to make the river of cars and trucks flow better and more safely. The \$100 million-plus project is part of a larger I-75 corridor study that also calls for widening the highway to eight lanes from the Georgia line to I-24; improving exit and entry at the East Brainerd Road interchange and adding more lanes to I-75 between exit 11 at Collegedale and exit 20 in Cleveland, all by 2029. Karen Rennich, deputy director of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, said the Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently looking for responses to some concepts it has developed for the I-75/24 rebuild. "I can't tell you how many flipped vehicles I've worked there. That curve is just notorious for tractor-trailers rolling over," said Sgt. Gary Martin in the Chattanooga Police Department's traffic division.

TN to receive \$3M settlement

Tennessee will receive \$3 million for its part in a settlement with GlaxoSmithKline concerning its diabetes drug Avandia. State Attorney General Bob Cooper announced the settlement in conjunction with 37 attorneys general around the country. The overall settlement was \$90 million. Cooper's office said Tennessee served a leadership role in reaching the settlement with GlaxoSmithKline. The attorneys general accused GlaxiSmithKline of engaging in "unfair and deceptive practices by misrepresenting Avandia's cardiovascular risks and safety profile."

State acquires Virgin Falls

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation announced that Virgin Falls State Natural Area in White County has been acquired by the state of Tennessee through the support of a number of private/public partnerships. Virgin Falls has been under private ownership, but managed by the state as a natural area for nearly 40 years. Working closely with the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, the state of Tennessee was able to purchase the 1,551-acre parcel near Sparta through a combination of funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and private donations. A favorite hiking destination for decades, Virgin Falls features a waterfall that exits a cave at the top of a cliff and then disappears into a second cave at its base. Nature lovers have noted the existence of unique flora and fauna and amateur geologists have explored the composition and structure of its many caves. The federal funding comes from an Endangered Species Recovery Land Acquisition Fund grant due to the occurrence of four threatened and endangered species on the property. The recovery and conservation of these species will be part of the land management plan. While portions of the property have been a state natural area for nearly four decades, this acquisition will permanently prevent degradation and fragmentation of the habitat for these species, as well as provide opportunities for habitat restoration.

October revenues below budgeted estimates but improvement from last year

Tennessee sales tax collections for October fell below budgeted estimates, but overall revenue collections for the month reflected growth above a year ago. Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes reported that state revenue collections for October were \$836.7 million, which is 5.72 percent above October 2011.

"Sales tax collections, which are Tennessee's best economic indicator, posted the worst first quarter growth since 2009," Emkes said. "However, we are pleased with the positive growth rates reported in corporate tax collections for October.

"The national leading economic indicators continue to indicate a very slow recovery is in progress. Because of budget uncertainties in Washington, along with financial unrest in Europe, we must continue to be diligent in monitoring our spending and revenue patterns for the remainder of this year to keep our budget balanced."

On an accrual basis, October is the third month in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

October collections were \$26.7 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$21.5 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$5.2 million.

Sales tax collections were \$9.9 million less than the estimate for October. The October growth rate

was 0.93 percent. The year-to-date growth rate is 1.63 percent.

Franchise and excise combined collections for October were \$65.1 million, which is \$31.6 million above the budgeted estimate of \$33.5 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections increased by 6.44 percent, which is \$3.8 million above the budgeted estimate of \$72.4 million.

Tobacco tax collections for the month were under collected by \$1.7 million.

Privilege tax collections were \$1.1 million below the budgeted estimate of \$21.1 million.

Inheritance and Estate taxes were over collected by \$1.8 million for the month.

All other taxes were over collected by a net of \$2.2 million.

Year-to date collections for three months were \$68.6 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$72.9 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$4.3 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2012-2013 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation of December 19th, 2011 and adopted by the second session of the 107th General Assembly in April 2012. They are available on the state's website at http:// w w w.tn.gov/finance/bud/ budget.html.

More than \$750,000 funds TN Healthy Watershed projects

More than \$750,000 in funding will support several strategic investment areas of the Tennessee Healthy Watershed Initiative, and the projects will be implemented across the state beginning January 2013 through June 2014. Launched in August 2011, the Tennessee Healthy Watershed Initiative is the result of a partnership among the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Tennessee Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the West Tennessee River Basin Authority (WTRBA).

The initiative's primary goal is to maintain and improve water resources across the state by bringing together the public, landowners, resource management agencies, and conservation-focused organizations to promote communication, collaboration, and thoughtful water resources planning. The applicants and projects announced today include: ing procedures for the Obed Wa-tershed.

•Rutherford County: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency – \$35,000 for the removal of the Brown's Milllowhead dam on the East Fork of the Stones River.

West Tennessee

• Madison County: West Tennessee River Basin Authority – \$56,000 for erosion mitigation and hydrologic restoration of an urban stream.

• Shelby County: Shelby County Government - \$44,000 for improvements to the Shelby Farms Trails Gateway.

In addition to the nine



East Tennessee

• Hamilton County: Normal Park School-\$98,000 to fund the Normal Park Upper Museum Magnet School's Stormwater Mitigation and Watershed Education Design.

• Hancock County: The Nature Conservancy, Virginia Chapter – \$157,000 for the Clinch Powell Clean Rivers Initiative, including enhancements to the multi-agency coordination for conservation impacts.

• Johnson County: The Nature Conservancy, Tennessee Chapter – \$100,000 for the Doe Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan, including a blueprint for complementary tourist development and water resources protection.

Knox County: Knox County Government - \$95,400 for the development of the Harrell Road Stormwater Demonstration Park.
Meigs, McMinn and Bradley

Counties: Land Trust for Tennessee – \$45,000 for the HEART of the Hiwassee Initiative.

Middle Tennessee

• Cumberland, Morgan and Fentress Counties: Tennessee Tech University – \$145,000 to fund water resources planning tools and monitorprojects, the Tennessee Healthy Watershed Initiative successfully supported a restoration project for a tributary of Cane Creek near Jackson, in Madison County earlier this year, taking it from a channelized stream to a more natural, meandering stream.

The projects also join a second effort in Lebanon, at the James E. Ward Agriculture Center and Fairgrounds, including implementation of a pervious parking area, rain gardens, wetlands, and other techniques to capture and clean stormwater on site before it enters the state's waters. This site will also be available as an educational facility for citizens interested in learning about the benefits of these techniques and how to implement similar efforts in their own communities. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned at the site December 18.

The Tennessee Watershed Healthy Initiative has completed a three-year operational plan, which includes providing flexible funding for innovative projects across the state; planning for secure funding for the Initiative into the future; and promoting communication, collaboration, and thoughtful water resources planning among a broad partnership of agencies and stakeholders.

To learn more about the Tennessee Healthy Watershed Initiative and for a detailed summary of today's projects and those funded to date, visit http://www.tn.gov/ environment/thwi/.

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BY TML STAFF REPORTS

John Campbell has been appointed as Criminal Court judge, Division VI, for the 30th Judicial District, serving Shelby County. Campbell replaces Judge John Fowlkes who resigned in July to become a Federal District Court judge. Campbell has worked in the Shelby County District Attorney General's office since 1985, most recently serving as deputy district attorney general. He was an assistant public defender in Shelby County previous to his time in the D.A.'s office.

Stacey Gann has been appointed as Lafayette's new police chief. In law enforcement for almost 18 years, Gann

Gann most recently

served as Chief Deputy at the Macon County Sheriff's Department and was a former detective with the Lafayette Police. His first day on the job was Nov. 19.

Terry Franklin, Belle Meade's Building official, is retiring after nearly 34 years as a code official. Franklin began working



Franklin

for the city of Dickson in March of

with Belle Meade in August 1994. He is the last of the charter members that established the Middle Tennessee Code Official Association in 1985, and has been active as a photographer for both the Tennessee Building Officials Association and the Middle Tennessee Code Official's Organization (MTCOA.) He has served on several committees for both organizations and held the office of President for MTCOA in 2011. He was Code Official of the year for Middle Tennessee in 2011.

1979, before he accepted the job



Leonard

ored by the Tennessee Municipal League as the Tennessee Mayor of the Year in 1991, and the town named its second public park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park off Watt Road, in his honor. Admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1946, Leonard practiced law for 63 years.

Pleasant View mayor Kerry McCarver has announced his resignation. McCarver served as mayor since 2004. Vice-mayor Teresa Walsh will serve as mayor until mayor-elect Perry Keenan takes over on Dec. 11.

Ron Darden retires from MTAS

Ron Darden, who has served as a municipal management consultant with the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) since 2001, has retired.

Prior to coming to MTAS, Darden served two terms as a city council member, was a city administrator, a citymanager and a public works director. In retirement, Darden plans to spend time with his wife Judy of 47 years, and to enjoy his hobbies- gardening, fishing, reading, and politics.

"We wish Ron the best in retirement. I want to thank him for the professional and dedicated work he did for the citiesin Middle Tennessee, " said Mary Jinks, IPS vice president.

"Ron's years of experience in city management and administration served him and his MTAS town and



city customers well. Ron's advice and guidance was always what his customers needed to hear ... even at times when they didn't necessarily want to hear it. His service to MTAS was exemplary and it will be missed, " said Jim Thomas, MTAS executive director

Long running Brentwood city manager Mike Walker to retire January 25

BY VICTORIA SOUTH TML Communications Coordinator

Mike Walker won't be climbing down from an ivory tower when he retires in January. He considers himself an ordinary guy. But his stint as Brentwood's longest serving city manager, his knowledge and easy communication style, proves he's more than ordinary, some say he's more like a bridge.

Growing up in Greensboro, North Carolina, Walker's 34-year road to municipal success began with a Budget Officer's position in 1977, right after he received his masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee.

"A position came open in Oak Ridge and I think they must have interviewed eight to10 people for it, before they hired me," Walker recalls. "I was sure there were people at that interview that were much smarter than me academically, and I remember asking a year later "Why did you hire me?"

His manager and mentor at the time, Lyle Lacy, had the answer. While Walker certainly had the mandatory research skills for the position; it was his ability to communicate from the boardroom to the trenches that landed him the job. "He told me that he thought I could talk to the guys in the ranks, such as in public works," Walker said. "You have to relate everywhere; you can't be up in your office in an ivory tower," he stresses. "You have to be able to talk to the teams doing the real work, the people that make you look good."

It's a philosophy that would serve him well over the next 22 years, after his 1990 arrival in Brentwood, a city on the verge of phenomenal growth and success. An area mostly comprised of large farms, the city was looking for someone with a strong finance background to lead the coming projects, but they also were looking for someone who could deal with developers, when they hired Walker. By that time, he had extensive experience with development activity such as planning and zoning, codes enforcement, economic development and engineering.

"When I first got here, there wasn't even a Cool Springs Mall," Walker recalls with amusement. "I remember being taken down there and shown where this proposed mall was going to be, right out in the middle of nowhere."

One of his first challenges was the development of Crockett Park in 1991.

"The city wanted to build a new park and needed about 40 acres. We had an opportunity to buy some land but the folks didn't want to sell us 40 acres; they wanted to sell us 160 acres," he said.

At a price of \$6,800 an acre, which Walker said was a great price at the time, the city struck a deal for all of the land. Although they didn't know exactly what they were going to do with it, the board of commissioners

thought the investment made sense, and Walker concurs. It was the type of strategy that intrigued him, letting him know he was in the right place.

"This is the kind of board willing to take calculated risks and make investments for the future," he said. "Brentwood is a more business-oriented community and they are willing to make decisions when they have the facts, so this has been a good match for me."

As the city's largest park, every acre of Crockett Park shines as a testament to a quality investment. Seven illuminated tennis courts, restroom/concessions buildings, eight illuminated ball fields, 11 multi-purpose fields, bikeway/jogging trails, a Frisbee golf course, two historic homes, a community playground, picnic shelters, and the Eddy Arnold amphitheater are just some of the offerings provided for the community. An indoor arena is used for soccer, lacrosse, and flag football, and the park serves as the home for Brentwood's yearly Fourth of July fireworks celebration and an annual summer concert series at the Eddy Arnold Amphitheater.

"We were a town of about 16,300 then and we're probably around 39,000 now," Walker said.

As today's premier suburban residential/office community, today's Brentwood offers an eclectic mix of affluent homes, apartment living, corporate headquarters and fine dining, as well as historic landmarks, farmland and quaint boutiques. Maryland Farms Business Park draws an influx of thousands of workers every day. Walker's especially proud of Brentwood's record of having one of the lowest effective tax rates in the state. "We haven't had to raise property taxes in 22 years," he said. "You don't see strip development here like you do in a lot of towns. When you drive through Brentwood, you see a predominantly residential community, a unique situation where only about four percent of the land is commercial." About six percent of the city is zoned for service institutions such as parks and schools, according to Walker, leaving 90 percent of the land for residential uses. After placing consistently toward the top, Brentwood recently took the number #1 spot of "Most Business Friendly City," in a surveyed ranking of 50 of the state's largest cities, conducted by The Beacon Center of Tennessee. The study, titled "How Business-Friendly are Tennessee's Cities?," examined factors such as property tax rates, sales taxes, job growth, population growth, violent crime, household income, cost of living, and high school graduation rates to determine the scores that reflect a commitment to encouraging business success and fostering economic growth. "Brentwood's success has been grounded by a strong commitment by everyone to sound fiscal management," Walker said. "This includes the wise use of public resources in carrying out and improving basic services and through the systematic funding of essential capitol improvements." The city operates with a balanced budget and there are adequate



Mike Walker

reserves in the bank to protect the community from an uncertain future, according to Walker.

'Brentwood is a city where business executives want to work but also live and raise their families," notes Brentwood Mayor Paul Webb. Brentwood High School ranked fourth in the state and 203rd nationally by U.S. News and World Report in 2012. "If you are going to bring your family here, you want to know there are good public schools, not only for yourself, but also for those who are working for you," Webb said.

It's one of the reasons Walker thinks there's a false notion that local governments are not in competitive situations. "When people are moving into the Nashville area, transferred in by their company or a new business locates here, those folks have a choice where they can live. We want to make sure when someone moves in here, that they have a nice safe community with a nice library, schools, bikeways, police, fire, public works, parks, water and other amenities. We're able to do that with our strong tax base. We don't try to be all things to all people, but we try to do basic services and do them well."

Walker is quick to credit "the team" for the city's success. "What we have been able to accomplish since 1990 didn't happen by chance," he said. "It was the result of a team effort starting with the establishment of priorities and policy direction from the Board of Commissioners. It has been carried out by a dedicated, competent staff responsive to the needs of our residents, visitors and corporate citizens." After January 25, Walker plans to turn the reins over to the city's Assistant City Manager Kirk Bednar who, upon his acceptance of the job, acknowledged he has big shoes to fill following Walker, who is credited with bringing stability to the position and prosperity to the city. And at a youthful-looking 61, Walker says he's not done yet. "I'm looking at different things, part time work, possibly consulting work; a choose to work or not work kind of deal, rather than a 40-50 hour week." He also looks forward to more quality time and travel with his wife Linda, who is retired from the banking industry. The Walkers have two adult children in their 20s, and plan to remain loyal residents of Brentwood. "I never imagined I would have the opportunity to serve in a community as wonderful as Brentwood, Walker said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my services to the city and having the opportunity to spend my entire career as a city manager here." Walker is a member of ICMA (the International City/County Management Association) and served on the Executive Board as a Vice President from the southeast region from 2007-2010; the TCMA (Tennessee City Management Association) where he served as President of the Association in 1997-1998 and was recognized as the Tennessee City Manager of the Year in 2005, and the Brentwood Rotary Club, where he was recognized in 2011 with receipt of the club's annual Community Service Award.







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A retirement reception for Mike Walker will be held January 24, from 4-7 pm, at the Brentwood Public Library, 8109 Concord Road.



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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Fayetteville, NC (pop. 208,000) The city is seeking dynamic local government professionals as candidates for an Assistant City Manager position. One of two ACM positions reporting directly to the City Manager. The Assistant City Manager will have oversight of several internal functions including City Clerk, Human Resource Development, Human Relations, Information Technology, Finance, and Corporate Communications. A demonstrated record of successfully managing and completing complex projects and assignments is expected along with a commitment to the shared interests of the entire community. The successful candidate will hold a Master's degree in business, public administration, political science or a related field. Ten years of progressively responsible municipal work experience, with three years of service as a city manager, assistant city manager or the equivalent is required. Starting salary range will be competitive based on education and experience with an excellent fringe benefit package. Interested candidates should apply by Dec. 7, 2012, to Heidi Voorhees at www.VoorheesAssociate.com/currentpositions. For additional information contact Heidi Voorhees or to view full ad www.VoorheesAssociates.com. Tel: 847-580-4246.

CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGER

GALLATIN. The city has an opening in the Engineering Division. This is a 40 hrs per week, day shift position with some weekend work required. The starting salary is \$44,990 + excellent benefits. Performs professional work in the design, construction, inspection, and maintenance of a variety of public facilities; reviews site plans and plats; prepares construction drawings; evaluates other civil engineering projects; and performs duties required by the Stormwater Program. Qualifications: BS Civil Engineering or related field from an accredited college to qualify. Must possess a driver's license valid in the State of Tennessee. Interested persons must submit an application and resume on-line at www.gallatinonthe

<u>move.com</u>under "Employment" at the top of the webpage and follow the instructions. Paper applications and resumes are no longer being accepted. Applications received by Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, will receive first consideration. The City of Gallatin is EOE, drug-free with policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or military service. Telephone 615-451-5890 (Personnel).

COMMUNITY SERVICES CLERK LAKELAND. The city has an opening for

five professional references to: Human Resources Department, 105 South Main Street, Goodlettsville, TN 37072, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2012. Email: dfreeman@cityofgooodlettsville.org

ENGINEERING/OPERATIONS MANAGER

St. Charles County, MO. Alliance Water Resources, Inc., a professional management and operations contractor, is seeking a manager for its St. Charles County, MO Division. The selected candidate will serve as the Manager of Engineering & Operations for Public Water Supply District #2 of St. Charles County, MO, located just west of St. Louis, Missouri. The district has 35 000 water service connections and 10,000 sewer connections and is the largest public water supply district in Missouri, providing water and wastewater services to over 100,000 people in portions of St. Charles County and Warren County. The manager is expected to provide overall leadership and management, and is responsible for regulatory compliance, intergovernmental relations, planning, budgeting and overseeing departmental staff which provides water treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, field and office customer service, engineering and administration. Responsibilities include but are not limited to the operation of a 22 mgd lime softening water treatment plant and 8 various sizes/types of wastewater treatment facilities serving a 437 square mile service area. Qualifications: BA/BS in business, public administration, engineering or related field plus at least ten years of progressive utility management and supervisory responsibility. State licensed water/ wastewater certifications are desirable. Alliance offers a competitive salary and benefits package including an outstanding 401k match. Apply online at www.alliancewater.com.

SENIOR PLANNER

BRISTOL. The city is seeking applicants for a supervisory level position in the land use planning division of the Community Development Department. Supervises and assists the land use planning staff in the process of land use and zoning applications and requests, prepares documentation for relevant boards and commissions, and maintains case files. Responsible for research and development of municipal code revisions, land use controls, longrange plans and specialty studies. Works under the supervision of the Community Development director. Master's degree in Planning, Public Administration, or related field required, with four years' municipal planning experience, one of which is supervisory in nature; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position. Must possess excellent knowledge in the field of municipal planning, state planning legislation, and land use regulations. Must possess knowledge and proficiency in operation of personal computers and be knowledgeable in the field of Geographic Information Systems. Pay Range is \$46,775 - \$51,000. See our website to download an application and review summary of benefits at www.bristoltn.org. Apply to Human Resources Department, P. O. Box 1189, 801 Anderson Street, Room 204, Bristol, Tennessee 37621-1189. EOE/AA. Women/ minorities encouraged to apply.

Cities approve liquor referendums

on the liquor issue. The Sevier

County Election Commission is

approve liquor by the drink and

Madisonville, voters approved li-

package store proposal in Oliver

feated a liquor referendum for the

second time this year. By a vote of

684 to 558, city voters rejected a

referendum that would have allowed

retail package stores, under certain

conditions, to sell alcoholic bever-

ages within the city limits of

jected a referendum that would have

allowed the sale of liquor by the

drink in local restaurants. By law,

another referendum permitting the

sale of liquor in retail package stores

cannot be placed on a city ballot for

Earlier this year, city voters re-

package stores. And

In Etowah and Pikeville, voters

However, voters turned down a

Smithville city voters also de-

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moreland rejected both measures – packaged liquor sales and liquor by the drink.

In Northeast Tennessee results came in six for six – liquor referendums saw sweeping success in 2012. The sale of alcohol in bars or restaurants passed in Church Hill, Mount Carmel, and Rogersville. Package store referendums passed in Unicoi, Elizabethton, and Rogersville.

Perhaps the third time is the charm in the tourist town of Pigeon Forge. Voters approved liquor by the drink after similar efforts were rejected in 2009 and 2011. However, there may be some potential problems with the Pigeon Forge liquor referendum. *The Mountain Press* reported that several readers emailed the paper, stating either that they live in Pigeon Forge, but the referendum wasn't on their ballot or that they live outside the city and were given the chance to vote

Oliver Springs	Package	No
Pikeville	LBD & Package	Yes / Yes
Woodbury	Package	Yes
McKenzie	Package	Yes
Elizabethton	Package	Yes
Henderson	Package	No
Smithville	Package	No
Charlotte	Package	Yes
Piperton	LBD	Yes
Grand Junction	Package	Yes
Church Hill	LBD	Yes
Etowah	LBD & Package	Yes / Yes
Madisonville	LBD	Yes
Graysville	LBD	No
Coopertown	LBD	Yes
Cross Plains	LBD	Yes
Greenbriar	Package	Yes
Orlinda	LBD	Yes
Huntsville	LBD & Package	No / No
Winfield	LBD & Package	Yes / Yes
Pigeon Forge	LBD	Yes
Westmoreland	LBD & Package	No / No
Unicoi	Package	Yes
Collinwood	Package	No
Nolensville	Package	Yes
Mt Juliet	Package	Yes

COMING UP

Dec. 3-6: Community Workshops Learn about the Comprehensive Growth and Development Plan for Robertson County and the cities of Adams, Coopertown and Cross Plains. The plan will give officials a roadmap to guide future growth and development, accommodate change, and maintain the unique character of Robertson County. Workshop dates, times and locations are as follows: Springfield: Dec. 3, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 200 5th Avenue West; Cross Plains, Dec. 4, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, City Hall, 7622 Highway 25 E.; Adams, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, "catered lunch" at Adams Clubhouse, 3746 Highway 49 W.210 South Church Street; and Coopertown, Dec. 6, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Coopertown Elementary School, 3746 Highway 49 West. To RSVP, contact Lea Ann Allen at 615.382.2245 or e-mail leaann.allen@robertsoncountytn.org. For more information, visit www.robertsonchamber.org/ growth

Jan. 28-29: Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Grant Writing USA two-day grants workshop in Nashville, held at the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 3rd Floor, Multi Media Room. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD. For more information or to register, visit http:// /grantstraining.com/nashville01 or call The Client Services Team at Grant Writing USA 800-814-8191.

Mar. 4-5: TML Legislative Conference at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Downtown Nashville, 315 Fourth Avenue North. Begins at noon March 4. For registration questions, contact Sylvia Trice, TML director of Conference Planning, at 615-425-3903.

April 10-12: 2013 Transforming Local Government Conference "Cool Communities." Held at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. Registration now open. Showcases case studies on economic vitality, organization design, community building and p a r t n e r s h i p s . V i s i t www.tlgconference.org to view the full program, register and to book a room.

a community services clerk. Tasks include reconciling utility customer lists and issuing periodic reports; prepares and issues permits; resolves customer problems and explains procedures regarding a variety of city functions including solid waste, sewer, code enforcement and other issues; ability to interact with a variety of city staff, members of Lakeland Boards and Commissions, vendors, and contractors; extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel is required. Experience with Access and automated applications are desirable. High School diploma or General Educational Development (G.E.D.) plus a minimum of two years related experience. Effective communication (oral and written) and interpersonal skills. Ability to interact with tact. Attention to detail. Valid driver's license from state of residence. Applicants are encouraged to review the full job description requirements prior to applying. http://www.lakelandtn.gov/Jobs. Applications may be emailed to Personnel@lakelandtn.org, or mailed to the City of Lakeland, 10001 Highway 70, Lakeland, TN 38002. Pay is negotiable depending on experience and training.

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Etowah forms local partnerships to revitalize dilapidated properties

ETOWAH from Page 1

on the tax roles, hopefully bringing young home owners and others back to the city," he adds.SETDD will utilize funds from its Housing Division, according to Hammonds, part of a federal stimulus package Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which revolved back to SETDD after the purchase, renovation and sale of foreclosed homes in McMinn County. SETDD recently applied and received permission from the state to demolish the dilapidated structure where the first new home will be built.

"We had to get clearance from the state historic preservation officer," said Hammonds. "They should start the demo next week. We mapped out all the properties the city had torn down according to flood plain," he continues. "You don't want to rebuild anything in a flood plain, so we're trying to put those aside to make community parks and open green spaces to play."

SETDD assists only with revitalization of residential properties, Hammonds stresses, as Habitat officers say they will seek to spark more community participation in the Etowah project.

"Our focus will be on trying to get more community involvement from the citizens of Etowah, such as with colleges and church groups, as we move toward spring and the beginning of the program," said Terry Ulm, Habitat for Humanity.

"This is huge," said Gravley. "I don't know if people realize how important it is to a city to have homeowners who pay their taxes and give back to the community."

To be considered for one of the Habitat houses, applicants must be vetted, stable law abiding citizens, Gravley said. "They're required to pay their mortgages back to Habitat. We also go through the home plans to make sure the homes that are built are an actual asset to the street."

The city is also among the first in Tennessee to adopt the Administrative Hearing Officer legislation; where according to No. 1128 of the 2010 Public Acts, a city can, via ordinance, create an administrative hearing office with jurisdiction to hear violations of certain locally adopted codes, including building code and property maintenance ordinances. The law also allows a city, through its administrative hearing officer, to levy fines for such violations in excess of \$50.

"It should give a more modern structure to codes enforcement," said Gravley. "And it's more defendable in court if someone wants to appeal the process."

"It used to be that the person that hears the appeal is the same person that condemned the homes in the first place," he continued. "Now that there are structures being torn down, judges want the hearing officer to be a separate party from the person that condemned the home. The Hearing Officer process has solved that problem and helps us to be more detailed in the condemnation process." Being the first city in the state to institute the program, East Ridge reports a very beneficial experience with the Administrative Hearing Officer program, according to City Manager Tim Gobble.

"The AHO program has helped in local code enforcement and improving the overall well-being and appearance of our community," Gobble said. "It has resulted in more than forty compliance successes affecting public health and safety. These include the tearing down of Thrippence apartments, removal and replacement of abandoned signs along Ringgold Road, and the cleaning of overgrown and dirty residential lots."

Every city has these homes," Gravley surmises. "It's not the person that owns the home we're worried about, but the neighbors of these people. When people live in close proximity of one another, they can't afford to have the value of their house determined by a person that's run off and neglected the responsibilities of their property. You don't want to have a street where you can't sell a home. That means your town is dead or dying."



NATIONAL BRIEFS

BY TML STAFF REPORTS

Rising food costs and higher rents offset a drop in gas prices last month, leaving consumer prices only slightly higher in October compared with the previous **month.**The consumer price index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent in October, down from sharp gains of 0.6 percent in the previous two months, the Labor Department said. In the past year, prices increased 2.2 percent. That's just above the Federal Reserve's inflation target of 2 percent. The cost of shelter, which includes rents, rose 0.3 percent, the most in more than four years. Clothes and airline fares also rose, while the price of new and used cars fell. Food prices rose 0.2 percent, while gas fell 0.6 percent. Modest inflation leaves consumers with more money to spend, which can boost economic growth. Gas prices rose sharply over the summer and into September, but have since come down. The average price for a gallon of gas nationwide was \$3.44

recently, about 35 cents below last month's level. Most economists forecast that food prices rose last month. This summer's drought damaged corn, soybeans and other crops. Corn and soybeans are used in animal feed, which means the price of meat and chicken could increase.And corn is also used in many products found throughout the supermarket, from cereals to soft drinks to cosmetics.

The real Frank W. Abagnale, the identity thief played by Leonardo DiCaprio in the movie "Catch Me If You Can," warned a Washington Senate panel about the dangers facing elderly fraud victims. Sen. Bob Corker, a member of the Special Committee on Aging, drew out the former swindler-turned-FBIconsultant, about punishment for crimes against the elderly. Abagnale, 64, who was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for check forgeries in the early 1960s, said a similar crime by a juvenile might now result in community service or a very short prison term. "These are devastating crimes and people need to be brought to justice," Abagnale said. In his prepared testimony, he noted that by one estimate, \$2.9 billion was stolen from financially exploited elderly victims in 2010. Before leaving the Dirksen Senate hearing room, Corker thanked the famous scam artist, now a resident of South Carolina "Mr. Abagnale, I'm glad you're on our team now," Corker said.



Nov.30-Dec 1 –

Maury Christmas 2012 Historic Home Tour

Tour majestic antebellum and federal homes and churches where Union Troops headquartered, were surrounded and escaped. Friday Noon – 7pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm. For tickets and information. visit www.maurychristmas.com or call 931-381-4822.

Nov-Dec.25: Lebanon

The 15th annual Festival of Lights 5-9 p.m. each Thursday-Sunday through Dec. 25 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon. This drive-through tour features more than one million lights and includes animation throughout the grounds. The Fiddlers Grove Post Office will be available for children to drop off letters to Santa. Cost is \$5 per vehicle. For more information, call 615-444-5503 or visit www.lebanonwilsonchamber.com.

Dec. 8-9: Franklin

Dickens of a Christmas

Historic Downtown. Free. Travel back in time to the Main Street of yesteryear, 10 am to 5 pm Sat. and noon to 5 pm Sun. Horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday arts & crafts, dancers and street musicians, costumed characters line the street. Victorian treats like fish 'n' chips, turkey legs, roasted nuts, kettle corn, roasted corn, roasted pork, sausages and sugar plums. Join the Town Sing at the Public Square Christmas tree 4:30 pm Sun. For more information, visit www.historicfranklin.com/ events/dickens-of-a-christmas.

Dec. 8:Ashland City

2012 Christmas parade

A Mayor's Award and trophies awarded will be presented for first, second and third place floats. Lineup begins at 5:30 pm at the Tennessee Waltz Parkway in front of A.O. Smith by way of Cumberland Street. On-foot lineup (marching bands and people walking in the parade) should gather at Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church. For more information, call city hall at 792-4211.

Dec. 11: Tullahoma

Olde Towne Christmas Stroll

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The Postal Service reported a record \$15.9 billion net loss for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, bringing the financially troubled agency another step closer to insolvency. The widely expected loss, more than triple the service's loss last year, included accounting expenses of \$11.1 billion related to two payments that the agency was supposed to make into its future retiree health benefits fund. But because of revenue losses, the post office was for the first time forced to default on these payments, which were due in August and October.

This free musical celebration from 5pm – 8 pm takes place in the historic district at sites delineated by luminaries. Share the Christmas Spirit with family and friends, enjoy holiday music and tour the historic buildings. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, please bring a newly wrapped toy for Toys for Tots or non-perishable food item.

Dec. 14-15, 21-22:Chattanooga

Chattanooga Zoo's Holiday Lights From 5:30-8pm come and see the Zoo transformed into a magical winter wonderland. Visit the animals and Santa Claus while enjoying fun holiday games and crafts. For more information, visit the website www.chattzoo.org or call 423-697-1322.

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The city of Dyersburg closed a \$4.5 million loan to use on various municipal projects.





The town of Cumberland Gap closed a \$5,000 Highway Safety Grant Anticipation Note.

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Alcoa's Culton Creek Greenway wins TN Public Works Project of the Year

BY KENNY WIGGINS Alcoa Public Works Director

A goal of the city of Alcoa is to provide each of the city's neighborhoods access to the area's Greenway system. A major geographic divide was crossed in 2010 with the construction of the Greenway Pedestrian Bridge. This bridge spans the U.S. 129 Bypass that carries over 35,000 cars per day. With this barrier crossed, potential access was opened up to some 1,500 homes on the west side of the city. **Design/Construction of**

Greenway Pedestrian Bridge

Rewind 11 years to 1999. In conjunction with the long-range plan to make the Greenway trail system accessible to all city residents, the city's Engineering staff began two conceptual designs: (1) the aforementioned crossing of the U.S. 129 Bypass using either a tunnel or a bridge and (2) a system of trails that would reach into and interconnect the subdivisions that comprised the 1,500 homes west of the highway.

The first component of that trail system identified for construction was the Culton Creek Greenway Extension. Located west of the U.S. 129 Bypass, this greenway would reach the Green Meadow community along Louisville Road. Several subdivisions are situated in this area including Green Meadow, Andover, Woodmont, West Gate, and Crosswinds. The proposed extension would begin at the bypass crossing and parallel Culton Creek until its intersection with Louisville Road. The trail would then branch off and into the adjacent neighborhoods. Application was made to TDOT for funding of the extension, and a transportation enhancement grant was awarded in 2002 under their Surface Transportation Program.

As surveying of the trail progressed and conceptual plans were developed and introduced to the public, opposition to the project arose from a small but vocal group of residents. Plans to utilize an existing TVA transmission line easement for a feeder trail through the Green Meadow subdivision were adamantly opposed. This resulted in several months of surveying and design being scrapped and alternative routes explored. The final option that was con-

sidered was construction of a 10foot wide sidewalk along Louisville Road. This sidewalk would accomplish the same purpose as the trail in the TVA easement and could be constructed within the existing Louisville Road right-of-way. Only small construction and slope easements would be needed from a few property owners. Two public meetings were held and, in spite of those vocally opposed to the project, the overwhelming majority of the area residents supported the project. With the public's support, the Alcoa City Commission authorized city staff to proceed with the design of the project.

Eight-Year Delay with CSX

Included in the extension's corridor was the crossing of a CSX railway spur that serves two industries. At its peak use, the rail carries one low-speed train per day, Monday through Friday. Realizing that the permit for a previous at-grade crossing of the same spur took five years to acquire, city staff routed the trail beneath the CSX trestle that crosses Culton Creek. The assumption for this routing was that a permit to cross beneath the trestle would be simpler, less costly, and quicker than one for an at-grade crossing. That turned out to be incorrect.

The first draft agreement from CSX was received in 2002. As negotiations with CSX continued, a price of \$169,849 was received for the agreement to cross beneath their trestle. Using values provided by CSX, Alcoa staff counter-offered with a calculated cost of \$11,971. The Alcoa City Commission also authorized condemnation of the easement, and the city attorney notified CSX of the same. Negotiations, plans submittals, etc. continued until finally, in November 2010, an easement was executed with CSX for the crossing. The total cost of the agreement came to \$33,098.

In the eight years that it took to work through the CSX agreement, the remainder of the extension was designed and all necessary easements acquired. All TDOT-required environmental clearances were also completed by city staff, as were updates to the TDOT contract for funding the project.

Another occurrence during the eight-year delay with CSX was the change in requirements for locally

TDOT-funded projects. Since the issuance of the initial grant agreement, TDOT's Local Government Guidelines had been modified to require construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services by TDOT-apa proved consultant. By closely working with staff from CDM Smith, the city was able to incorporate CEI services into the project and stay within the budgeted allocations. Culton Creek Extension

managed,

Construction by city crews began in December 2010. With the exception of paving and curbing, all work was performed by city personnel. While the construction of the Culton Creek extension was the primary focus of the crews involved, it was not their only assigned work. They continued to juggle other citywide maintenance responsibilities while staying on track with this construction project.

Already mentioned was the crossing underneath the CSX trestle. The Culton Creek segment included construction of the debris shelter.

Louisville Road Segment

The Louisville Road segment was a combination of asphalt trail and concrete sidewalk. Three significant challenges were faced along Louisville Road:

• Relocation and replacement of existing water, sanitary sewer and natural gas lines;

• Construction of storm sewers and curb and gutter along Louisville Road prior to construction of the sidewalk; and

• Maintaining traffic during construction.

The water and sanitary sewer work was completed by public works crews before construction of the storm sewer and curb & gutter could begin. Likewise, the natural



Alcoa's Colton Creek Greenway extension brings the total length of the combined Alcoa and Maryville Greenway system to 21 miles; city of Alcoa crews constructed 16.2 miles of the trails, bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

provements by Atmos Energy; the work between city crews and Atmos was coordinated by public works staff.

gas line im-

A True Team Effort

The Culton Creek Greenway Extension was officially

> opened and dedicated to public use at a November 17, 2011 ribbon cutting. The team of city staff that had worked on this project since its conception in 1999 was recognized: engineers, designers, and construction personnel were all critical to its planning, design, and construction.

Louisville Road.

In spite of its somewhat tumultuous start, the extension has received rave reviews from its users. Its addition brings the total length of the combined Alcoa and Maryville Greenway system to 21 miles; city of Alcoa crews have constructed 16.2 miles of the trails, bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

The total length of the 10 ft.-wide trail was 1.1 miles, which

included 0.45 miles of trail along and through the flood-

plains of Culton Creek and 0.66 mile of sidewalk/trail along

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Crossville Eco Travel Plaza encourages sustainable options in Tennessee

BY JAN COMPTON TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices

Overly, executive director of the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coali tion and together they were able to secure an EPA grant for \$582,000 to install the Truck Stop Electrification (anti-idling) technology for the travel plaza. Some semi-trailer trucks have heating and cooling appliances already and only need electrification equipment. Thirty-two of the Shorepower units were installed at the facility for this service. For trucks without auxiliary power units, 18 AireDock units were installed to provide "through the window" units for heat and air conditioning. Both systems include internet access and electrical plugs for a variety of on-board appliances. Tennessee does not currently have any anti-idling laws although some businesses have signage requiring it. The statistics are a proven success for drivers, owners and the environment. According to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, one hour of idling requires approximately 1 gallon of diesel fuel. A truck that idles for six hours per day, five days per week will waste about \$6,240 of diesel fuel per year with diesel costing \$4 per gallon. A fleet of 100 trucks would cost around \$624,000 per year and that doesn't even consider the engine maintenance and decreased engine life due to excessive idling. Most truck stop electrification equipment costs are \$3 or less per hour. This scenario would result in savings of approximately \$156,000 per year. Crossville Eco Travel Plaza, as other similar type facilities, requires an excessive amount of energy to operate. An energy audit was performed to identify the biggest energy uses on the site and the cost to improve efficiency. Window film was installed which selectively filters the sun's electromagnetic spectrum letting visible light through the windows while blocking UV radiation and infra-red heat energy. LED lighting was installed to replace inefficient fluorescent lighting under fuel canopies, in the new Eco Travel Plaza sign and in the coolers. The next phase includes the other canopy lighting around the facility. The high- traffic location is also now a

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Named for the proximity to the three-city triangle of Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga, Crossville is a great location for a travel plaza to service not only vehicles but tired travelers. The city of Crossville, located on the Cumberland Plateau, is a major route for vehicle traffic. Don Demko had been owner of the travel plaza, located off exit 320 on Interstate 40, for more than two years before deciding to convert it to an "Eco" Travel Plaza. He knew there had to be a better way to operate that considered public health, safety, and environmental protection issues, as well as help decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

Prior to the eco initiative, Demko observed the traditional features of a busy travel center such as refueling stations, food sales, facilities usage and vehicle maintenance. The drivers of semi-trailer trucks would idle their engines to ensure climate control and comfort, but as a result, drivers also endured noisy engines, restless sleep, exhaust fumes and the cost of wasted diesel fuel. The long term effects could cause hearing loss, unsafe driving, respiratory health issues and air pollution. A branch of the US Department of Transportation called the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) administers federal laws regarding the trucking industry. Drivers must take at least 10 consecutive off-duty hours during each 24 hour period. They can eat, sleep, shower or rest but each hour resting must be documented in their mandatory log book. Obviously drivers can spend many hours with their trucks idling just to stay comfortable.

In pursuing a better way for his customers and his business, Demko attended a trade show for the National Association of Truck Stop Operators (NATSO) and was introduced to anti-idling technology from AireDock and Shorepower Technologies. The challenge then was determining how to finance the project. He worked with Jonathan





An energy audit was performed at Crossville's Eco Travel Plaza, to identify the biggest energy uses on the site and the cost to improve efficiency.

site for a 35 kW solar system located on the fuel canopies and designed by LightWave Solar Electric, LLC. The energy produced is returned to the energy grid to Volunteer Electric Company, offsetting some of the business's energy needs. With the energy conservation efforts and the output from the solar panels, according to manager Chris Smith, they have cut energy costs by approximately 40%.

Most impressive is the large list of contributors that enthusiastically partnered with Eco Travel Plaza to bring these projects to fruition including East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Tennessee Solar Institute, LLC, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, BP Oil, the National Association of Truck Stop Owners, AireDock, ShorePower, Crossville Dairy Queen and Pathway Lending in Nashville.

Demko and his staff want the Crossville Eco Travel Plaza to be an example for other businesses seeking to be more sustainable. Recycling is a very important function of the facility as currently paper, glass, plastic, batteries, cell phones, chargers and cooking oils are included in their program. Water conservation projects have been completed to provide automatic shut-off faucets and water pressure reducers. They have even expanded healthy food options at the location for meals, snacks and drinks while carefully considering patrons with food allergies or other restrictions. Gluten-free and lactose-free choices are offered and can be challenging to find at traditional travel plazas.

"We want to be the most ecofriendly travel plaza in the country and through our efforts, we hope to ultimately reach our goal of having a zero carbon footprint, said Mr. Don Demko. "I would like to thank my manager and staff for their continued hard work and support for these sustainable projects."

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Clarksville's Mayor Kim McMillan forging ahead with 21st century goals

BY GAEL STAHL

Kim McMillan, born in Alabama in 1961, was the adopted daughter of two teachers. Education has been central for her ever since. She graduated as the valedictorian of Knoxville's South-Young High School and graduated with high honors from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a major in psychology. She received a law degree with honors from the UT's College of Law in 1987 where she was executive editor of the Tennessee Law Review. In 1988, she married Larry McMillan, a law school classmate. They would eventually settle in Clarksville so their children could attend Clarksville schools like their father did. He's from a sixth generation Clarksville family. Their daughter Katie, 21, and son Ryan, 20, are currently studying for their bachelor's degrees at UT. Their mother is an attorney former professor in the political science department of a Clarksville university.

McMillan grew up mostly in Knoxville. Her father, a college professor, moved around a lot as he climbed the education ladder. When she was born, her parents were teaching in Alabama. When her father got his dream job at the University of Tennessee they moved to Knoxville in 1978.

After Kim and Larry McMillan graduated from law school they moved to Nashville. Kim went with the prestigious Boult Cummings law firm and Larry with another. When their children were young, they moved to Clarksville in 1992 where they practiced law and founded their own firm, McMillan and McMillan. In that same year, Kim ran for the state legislature and won a House seat. When Larry became a judge in 2005 they closed their firm and Kim returned to Boult Cummings. He is now the Clarksville Chancellor for the Chancery Court in the 19th Judicial District

Meanwhile, McMillan was elected House majority leader in 2002, the first female to hold that position in Tennessee. In 2007, Gov. Phil Bredesen asked her to join his cabinet as senior policy and legislative advisor. In 2009 she became an administrator and taught political science at Austin Peav State University in Clarksville. She enjoyed that but in late 2009 announced she would run for governor. When the former Clarksville mayor announced in March 2010 he would not run for re-election, a number of people asked McMillan to serve as their mayor first and put off running for governor till later. She dropped out of the governor's race, ran for mayor, and was sworn in January 2011 as the first female mayor in Clarksville history. Her first term was devoted to bringing the unfinished projects of her predecessor to completion and starting new ones. Then, six months into her first term, she became ill and was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Her reputation of being a tough politician aroused her fighting spirit. Rather than keep her MS quiet as advised, she publicly assured MS sufferers that she'd been living with symptoms for a long time before knowing what it was and it hadn't stopped her from doing anything she wanted to do. The only setback for McMillan, a tri-athlete, was being unable to participate in the 2012 triathlon as planned. On Sept. 20, McMillan was presented the Hope Award from the Mid-South Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

city employees to deal with on a daily basis. It's something that I love and am able to make a difference and get things accomplished. Stress is just something that comes with the job. But it doesn't deter me.

TT&C: According to 2010 census, Clarksville grew by 30,000 people over the last decade. Is that a reflection of the nearby Fort **Campbell Military Post or due to** your own economic growth?

KM: It's a combination of many factors. We are adjacent to one of the largest military installations in the county with over 30,000 active duty military personnel, not counting spouses and families. After their military service, a lot of them retire and move here because they find this a wonderful community. They fit in well with our on-going community. Even when they go somewhere else they keep coming back here to retire. We also have a density of our own. The national economic recession hasn't affected us as significantly as the rest of the nation. Our sales tax numbers have continued to grow and our housing starts are significant. We have the fastest growing state university in Tennessee. Due to significant growth from 2000 to 2010, we're projected to pass Chattanooga and Knoxville in population in the next couple of decades.

TT&C: As the first female mayor of Clarksville and the first woman to be mayor of a large Tennessee city, are there different expectations of you than of any large city mayor?

KM: I've always said I didn't seek any position or office to become the first woman majority leader or large city mayor. I ran for majority leader and mayor because I thought I could do the best job, and that I could accomplish the goals as well as anyone else. As the first female mayor of Clarksville, I think the expectations were a bit different. Whenever you're the first of anything, there are added expectations but for me, it just means working harder to prove you can do the job as well as your predecessors.

TT&C: Has Clarksville's rapid growth presented special problems?

KM: There's good and bad. We're proud of being one of the fastest growing cities in the state and in the nation. Our population grew from 65,000 to 135,000 since I've lived here. We don't see any stop to it. That's fine with me. Another thing is that we're the only incorporated municipality in Montgomery County. As a result of recent laws, we're not going to see any more incorporated areas in the county. Most other counties have several towns and cities. While growth is good, it is a challenge to meet new needs in our school systems, infrastructure, and municipal employment to provide what our citizens deserve, which includes the building of new roads and increasing fire and police protection. I enjoy that and think we are meeting those needs very well or people wouldn't keep wanting to live here.



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Mayor McMillan with Gov. Haslam accepting grant funds for extending Clarksville greenway.

the city heavily favored a metropoli- host fishing tournaments and other fishing events. The Wilma Rudolph Events Center replaces Wilma Rudolph Pavilion. It honors our Olympic champion's memory and gives the people of Clarksville an event center that accommodates a thousand people. It is beautiful. We also have an outdoor amphitheater for concerts and other events and Freedom Point is a smaller facility that can be rented for weddings, receptions and parties.

meet the needs of people who now have to go to Nashville or elsewhere to enjoy the kinds of benefits that you could have with a performing arts center. We just had the old Roxie Theater, a former movie theater that has been wonderfully improved by a local group of performers. I felt that for the cultural benefit of our citizens, we needed to do more, so I proposed in that budget a significant amount of money be used to start pre-planning for a new downtown performing arts center to revitalize our downtown and the cultural life of our city.

TT&C: To that end, you were one of eight mayors in the country invited to attend the Mayors Institute on City Design?

KM: That's right. During that wonderful program I got assistance from world renowned architects and landscape planners and other specialists from across the country to help us realize our visions for a performing arts center that will enhance a vibrant growing downtown and attract people to Clarksville.

TT&C: Have you stayed involved in the legislative process?

KM: Oh, absolutely. That's something I've been able to bring to my role as mayor more perhaps than those who haven't been involved at the state level. I know many people in Nashville and much of what you can do in local government involves the state and federal governments. With my many connections at the state and federal levels I'm able to access things that benefit our city. I stay involved as I can and go to Nashville frequently to lobby for our city and make sure we get what we deserve. I know what it's like being on the other side as a legislator being hit by mayors from many different communities. Now that I am the mayor of our city I want to make sure we get what we need.

TT&C: You were one of the most powerful women in Tennessee when you were the House majority leader. But now in local government you prefer relating to the people you see every day?

KM: You can be powerful in any role you take and you are only as powerful as the results you can achieve. That's what it's all about. While you can be powerful at the state level as majority leader, you can be just as powerful as a mayor of a vibrant and growing city like Clarksville. This is more rewarding I think

TT&C: You have said that while you miss state government you really like being closer to local people every day as their mayor. Do you still feel the same way?

KM: I do. When people ask me to compare the difference between state and local government, I say it's a tougher job in local government because you are closer to the people you represent. In the House, I'd come back home and people might not recognize me in the grocery store. Now, I can't go to the grocery store without someone saying they have this or that problem that they hope I can help them with. I enjoy being more available to people.

TT&C: Is it more stressful?

KM: It's always stressful whether you're in a state, local or national position. Clarksville is the fifth largest city in the state with a population of more than 135,000 in the city limits and we have more than 1,000

TT&C: How is your relationship to the county officials?

KM: It is very good. The county mayor is also a female, the first female mayor of Montgomery County now in her second term. I learned in the partisan legislative environment in Nashville how important it was to work with others to get things accomplished. I served under Democratic and Republican governors and knew if you wanted to get things accomplished you had to reach out, compromise, and work together. We don't serve in partisan roles here but it was still important to make sure that we didn't have any animosity between the city and the county. We need to get along to accommodate our growth together. With our good working relationship we'll continue to make sure Clarksville and Montgomery County succeed as a big happy family.

TT&C: With Clarksville being the only city in Montgomery County, would metro government be an option?

KM: We have already tried in three different referendums to get a Metro Clarksville/Montgomery County passed. The state constitution requires that a majority of those who live in the city and of those in the county outside the city limits must both pass it. All three times those in

tan government and those outside the city, a much smaller proportion of the county, voted against. It's going to take a real effort between city and county government to push for it so everybody understands the benefits.

TT&C: What initiatives have you accomplished in your first two years?

KM: When I became mayor, there were a lot of unfinished projects out there, a lot of lawsuits both pending and being filed against the city, and financial difficulties. We had a huge project on our riverfront, a nearly \$34 million park and marina project just sitting there. We didn't have a marina operator; the future marina was not being built. It was just a big basin full of water. Nothing was being built on the future park land. I felt I owed it to the citizens of Clarksville to get that completed. It took my first 18 months in office to get that done and I'm proud to say that recently we had the grand opening of Clarksville Liberty Park and Clarksville Marina. It is a sight to see, a beautiful addition to our city to be enjoyed by everyone. We now have boats in our state-of-the-art marina facility on the Cumberland River. It is a marina that matches our reputation as the Queen of the Cumberland. Fortunately, as a lawyer, I had some experience with the legal difficulties we faced. We had to fight off lawsuits from a number of different individuals to get it done. The fact that we were able to get all that accomplished without the city having to be involved in a protracted lawsuit was a wonderful achievement.

TT&C: What are some of the amenities of the marina and park?

KM: Liberty Park is the crown jewel with nearly two miles of walking trails along the riverfront and with sports facilities for football and other sports and a Bark Park where you can bring your dogs and enjoy the park with your furry friends. There is a fishing pond where we

TT&C: Why was it important to vou to initiate the Mayor's Fitness Council.?

KM: One of the first things I did was request the city council to pass a resolution to create the Mayor's Fitness Council in light of the emphasis across the country on the fitness and wellness of citizens. I didn't like the fact that Middle Tennessee ranks in the negative for its obesity rate and incidence of diabetes and childhood diseases due to lack of health, fitness, and wellness. The least we could do was set an example and encourage Clarksvillians to improve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. That Council works with the Parks and Recreation Department to offer programs and activities for residents of all ages.

TT&C: What do you hope to accomplish over the next two years of your first term and during the four years of a second term if reelected?

KM: I have already passed two budgets in which the processes were open to all citizens. During my first budget, I tried to get a handle on the financial situation of the city and completed a lot of projects that had been started.

In my second budget, I stressed the infrastructure and safety needs of the city that had been put aside for later. In that budget I put a lot of money into planning for capital projects we needed to become the kind of growing community we want to be. For example, we don't have a performing arts center that could

TT&C: You, as well as other city leaders, have been involved in making revisions to the city charter. Why is this effort so important to you?

KM: When I became mayor, I realized that one of the most significant things we could do was to make sure we were operating under a legally correct charter. The city had already made a major effort to revise our city charter. So I formed another charter revision commission and appointed citizens from all across our city to serve on it. Ours was a revision of the entire charter building on the work of the previous commission. We went through the charter from top to bottom and did a complete revision. It was quite substantial and a lot of hard work. We submitted it to the legislature where it passed unanimously and was sent it back to us, but our city council didn't pass it with the three fourths approval required to make it successful. Obviously, I was very disappointed that the council did not take the necessary action to pass it. But I'm not giving up. I have a feeling that we will eventually see that happen.

TT&C: Have you had time to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League and attend their legislative meetings and programs?

KM: I have. I attended the TML annual conference and go to everything I can. One of the first things I did when I became mayor was make sure city council members and other city officials were taking advantage of the training opportunities that are offered for local government officials by TML and I went myself. These opportunities are really important to participate in to learn how to become better leaders in whatever position you're in. You've got to take advantage of what TML is able to offer to local officials because TML does a wonderful job. I participate as often as I can.