

GOP rocks the vote!

Republicans win big in Tennessee, across the nation

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Not that there was any doubt that Tennessee is a red state, Republicans continued to prove their strong hold here, claiming significant victories in key races across the state.

Gov. Bill Haslam was easily re-elected to his second term in a landslide victory, winning more than 70 percent of the votes over Democratic nominee Charlie Brown.

In his victory speech, Haslam said he's going to "double down on the progress that Tennessee is making," particularly in education.

"We've moved too far in terms of real progress in education," he said. "We want to have Tennessee be a different place for educational outcomes for our children."

Also winning big was U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, who beat back Democratic challenger Gordon Ball to win his third term to the U.S. Senate. Alexander won the election by a two-to-one margin, capturing 62 percent of the votes.

He will join 53, possibly 54 fellow Republican senators in the 115th Congress. With Republicans now in control of the Senate, both Tennessee senators – Alexander and Sen. Bob Corker – are poised for key leadership positions. Alexander is set to become chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, or HELP, committee and Corker is in line to become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Both senators are currently the ranking GOP members on those committees.

In the U.S. House, Republicans

not only held onto their majority but picked up more than a dozen seats and will likely have roughly 250 House seats for the first time since before the Great Depression, depending on how some of the "too-close-to-call races" shake out.

All of Tennessee's Congressional delegation were re-elected for another term: District 1: Phil Roe (5th term); District 2: Jimmy Duncan (13th term); District 3: Chuck Fleischmann (3rd term); District 4: Scott DesJarlais (3rd term); District 5: Jim Cooper (7th term); District 6: Diane Black (3rd term); District 7: Marsha Blackburn (7th term); District 8: Stephen Fincher (3rd term); and District 9: Steve Cohen (5th term).

The closest race was expected to have been in U.S. House District 4. But DesJarlais, a Republican, proved he has staying power and easily won over Democrat Lenda Sherrell with 58 percent of the vote.

In the Tennessee General Assembly, all 99 members of the House and 17 of 33 Senate seats were up for election this year. Headed into the Nov. 4 election, Republicans already held significant majorities in both chambers. In the Senate, seven seats were in play, and six in the House. Republicans won two of the open Senate seats, giving them a 28-33 majority. The GOP picked up another three seats in House giving them a 73-26 advantage.

Also on the state level, all four of the constitutional amendments passed. In order for the amendment to pass, it not only has to win the "yes" vote, but it must capture 50 percent, plus 1 of the votes cast in the governor's race. All four



Photo by Paul Efirid, Knoxville News Sentinel.

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, left, Gov. Bill Haslam, and U.S. Congressman John J. Duncan Jr., share the stage during a get-out-the vote rally held in Knoxville before the Nov. 4 election. All three handily won their re-election bids.

amendments met this requirement. The new language will appear in the constitution once the election results are certified.

Amendment 1: Abortion Regulation	Yes 728,564 votes 53%
	No 656,306 votes 47%
Amendment 2: Judicial Selection	Yes 831,341 votes 61%
	No 533,393 votes 39%
Amendment 3: Income Tax Ban	Yes 882,046 votes 66%
	No 449,979 votes 34%
Amendment 4 Lottery-Veterans	Yes 902,468 votes 70%
	No 394,241 votes 30%

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2014 Election Results

Citizens overwhelmingly vote for wine in grocery stores



The wine in retail food stores referendum passed everywhere it appeared on the ballot.

Legislation passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in March of this year was a compromise between retail food stores and liquor stores. Many liquor stores across the state began selling beer and party supplies on July 1 of this year as allowed by the new law.

The wine in retail food stores referendum appeared on the ballot in 78 qualifying municipalities across Tennessee. Petitions were filed in those communities this summer and were certified by the local election commissions to authorize the referendum. In the 78 communities where the wine referendum passed, most retail food stores will be able to sell wine beginning July 1, 2016.

Following is a complete list of the 78 municipalities where the wine in retail food stores referendum was passed.

Alcoa, Ashland City, Arlington, Athens, Atoka, Bartlett, Brentwood, Burns, Bristol, Chattanooga, Church Hill, Clarksville, Cleveland, Clinton, Collegedale, Collierville, Cookeville, Coopertown, Covington, Crossville, Dyersburg, East Ridge, Elizabethton, Etowah, Farragut, Fairview, Franklin, Gallatin, Gatlinburg, Germantown, Greeneville, Goodlettsville, Harriman, Hendersonville, Jackson, Johnson City, Jonesborough, Kingston, Kingsport, Knoxville, Lakesite, Lebanon, Lenoir City, Loudon, Manchester, Martin, Maryville, McKenzie Memphis, Millington, Monteagle, Morristown, Mount Juliet, Mount Pleasant, Murfreesboro, Metro Nashville, Newport, Norris, Oak Ridge, Oakland, Paris, Pigeon Forge, Pleasant View, Red Bank, Rogersville, Savannah, Sevierville, Shelbyville, Signal Mountain, Smyrna, Spring Hill, Thompson's Station, Tullahoma, Union City, and White House.

Potential impact for cities with EPA proposed rule on "waters of the U.S."

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a proposed rule on April 21, to change the Clean Water Act (CWA) definition of "Waters of the United States" to outline EPA's jurisdiction over individual water bodies to determine permitting and other CWA requirements.

The rule is open for public comment until Nov. 14, 2014 and you can submit comments via email to ow-docket@epa.gov but make sure to include Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880 in the subject line of the message.

What Does the Rule Do?

The proposed rule makes changes to further define the EPA's jurisdiction over certain bodies of water and focuses on stream systems, waters that are "adjacent" to other waters and "other waters" that would have to meet a "significant nexus" threshold in order to be considered jurisdictional.

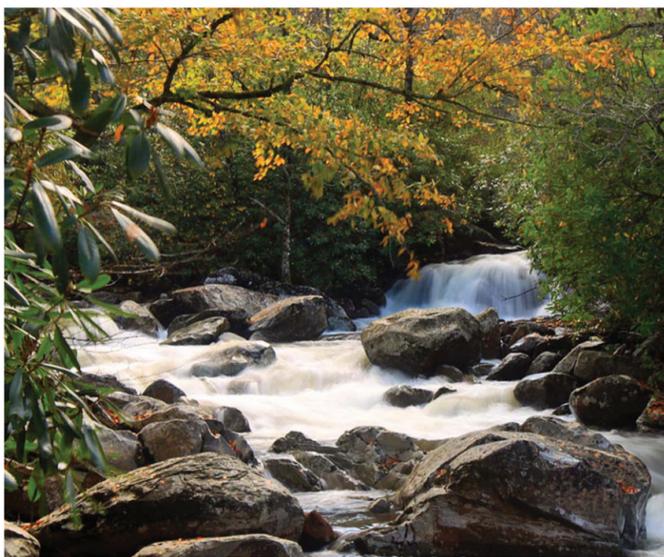
Why Does the "Waters of the U.S." Rule Matter to Cities?

This definition applies to all CWA programs that have implications for local governments including Section 303 Water Quality Standards, Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permits and Section 404 dredge and fill permits.

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) have specified that the rule does not add any new water not already covered by the CWA, but their assessment estimates that the new rule will increase jurisdiction by approximately 3 percent above today's practices. This anticipated increase raises the question of what "other waters" could potentially be found under the EPA and ACE jurisdiction. The economic analysis put out by EPA and the ACE estimates that approximately 21-25 percent of all "other waters" could be found "Waters of the United States."

What Could this Cost?

The EPA has stated that there are only indirect costs to this proposed rule, which will come through im-



plementation of CWA programs and not through the definition change of "Waters of the U.S." The projected costs anticipated by EPA and the ACE come from landowners, developers and local governments developing infrastructure.

Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permits – Agricultural groups have voiced some of the strongest opposition to the definition change due mainly to Section 404 likely seeing the greatest impact of the definition change. Developers would potentially see indirect costs for permit applications, wetlands and stream mitigation and project redesign or delay. These costs would be passed on to the consumer and would impact "greenfield" development rather than urban core redevelopment. If more waters are brought under the jurisdiction of the EPA, then developers would need to comply with 404 permitting procedures. The estimate put out by EPA and the ACE show additional permit costs between \$19.8-\$52.9 million nationally and additional wetland and stream mitigations costs to be \$59.7-\$113.5 million nationwide.

Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Permits – Stormwater compliance continues to be a focus area

for Iowa cities and the proposed rule has the potential to impact collection of stormwater and permitting for construction of these systems. The additional annual cost for stormwater permits is estimated to be between \$25.6 - \$31.9 million nationwide, but more importantly the proposed rule's language is not clear about whether ditches/conveyances from a construction site would be considered jurisdictional. The EPA did not intend to regulate stormwater so some further clarification would be helpful for cities to understand the rule's impact in this area.

National level local government groups, like the National League of Cities' and the National Association of Counties, have raised concerns about the lack of clarity in the rule related to MS4 conveyances. It is not clear if implementation of best management practices and routine improvements could trigger permitting under Section 404, potentially raising further costs. This similar concern relates to green infrastructure projects implemented to react to stormwater compliance issues.

Section 303 water quality standards – The rule will not change requirements for state water quality standards, so there is no direct impact See EPA on Page 3

Thank You for Our Freedom



Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary marking the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars. The day honors military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation. A national ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. According to 2013 data by the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 19.6 million veterans in the United States.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Robert T. "Bobby" Lee has retired effective Oct. 17, after serving 30 years with the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. Lee joined the Division of Property Assessments as an Appraisal Technician in 1984 and continued to assume increasing levels of responsibility within the office. Lee served as an attorney within DPA and was later named General Counsel in 2001, serving as the office's primary legal advisor for the past 13 years. During his years of service, Lee also played a key role in the office's legislative efforts.

Stephanie Maxwell has been named General Counsel with the Office of the Comptroller. She will serve as the chief legal advisor, oversee and supervise the legal work produced within the Office of General Counsel, provide legal guidance to attorneys, and serve as primary legal advisor. She assumed her role Oct. 20. Maxwell served as a litigation associate at Waller Ladsen Dortch & Davis for five years before joining Bass, Berry & Sims, where she spent nine years.



Maxwell

Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery has selected **Andree Sophia Blumstein** to be his solicitor general. Blumstein will oversee appellate litigation in state and federal courts, review written opinions, as well as advise the attorney general. For the past 21 years, she has been a partner at the Nashville firm of Sherrard and Roe PLC, where she concentrated on appellate litigation, health law, taxation and antitrust. Blumstein, a Vanderbilt Law School graduate, succeeds Acting Solicitor General Joe Whalen, who will remain with the solicitor general's office in another role. Slatery was sworn in earlier this month as Tennessee's 27th attorney general.



Blumstein

Comptroller announces appointments to Advisory Committee on Open Government

Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce six new members of Tennessee's Advisory Committee on Open Government (ACOG).

The ACOG provides guidance and advice to the Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel, which is staffed by Open Records Counsel Ann Butterworth. The advisory committee may also review and provide comments on any proposed legislation regarding Tennessee's open meetings and records laws.

The new members of the Advisory Committee on Open Government appointed through a process prescribed by state law are:

- David Conner, Nashville—Tennessee County Services Association
- Richard Hollow, Knoxville—Tennessee Press Association
- Chad Jenkins, Nolensville, – Tennessee Municipal League
- Don Long, Hendersonville, – Tennessee School Board Association

Longtime city manager **Laurie Cooper** announced her retirement as April 1. Cooper, 62, has been the town's city manager since March 1995. Cooper's first affiliation with the town began 23 years ago when she volunteered as the town's first park commissioner. Upon her retirement, Cooper said she and her husband plan to spend more time with their new grandchild, who lives in California. Prior to her Kingston Springs position, Cooper, a native of Jackson, spent eight years as marketing director for Westside Athletic Club in Nashville.



Cooper

Mt. Pleasant has a certified building inspector. **Brian Vick** recently accepted the job as Planning and Zoning director. He is already a certified fire inspector and recently passed all building inspector requirements. Vick previously spent 15 years as a firefighter, starting in Columbia and moving to the Franklin Fire Department. He also served in Mt. Pleasant in 2005.



Vick

Gregory Phillipy has been appointed as director of the Tennessee Agricultural Museum overseeing the collection and care of more than 3,500 artifacts. He will also head the educational and outreach programs. Phillipy most recently served as the public program director and curator of education at Texas A&M University Art Galleries in College Station, Texas. He was responsible for developing policy and education programming, coordinating events and managing facility operations for the University's museums and art galleries.

Cleveland has appointed a new vice mayor, **George Poe**. Poe replaces Councilman Avery Johnson, who has served in the position for 14 years.

"Open government is a vital component to any democracy," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I am very pleased to appoint these new ACOG members who will join with our Open Records Counsel to ensure Tennessee citizens have access to public records and open meetings."

For more about the Office of Open Records Counsel, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/openrecords/>

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After nearly 30 years of service, Murfreesboro Planning Director **Joseph Aydelott** announced plans to retire effective Dec. 5. Aydelott began his career with the city in 1984 and became director in 1991. Assistant to the city manager **Shannon Logan** will serve as interim director until a new planning director is named.

Sam Edwards, executive director and chief legal counsel of the Greater Nashville Legal Council (GNRC) was recently awarded the prestigious Joseph I. Mulligan Distinguished Public Service Award by the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). Edwards, well-known in planning and legislative circles for his land use law and planning expertise, has served as legal counsel for GNRC since 1991, before also being chosen as its executive director in 2004. GNRC is a regional planning and economic development agency serving 13 counties and 52 cities. Edwards was honored at IMLA's 79th Annual Conference held in September in Baltimore for his significant and surpassing achievements in the field of local government law.



Edwards

The city of Savannah has named **Gary Will Junior** as its new police chief. Junior currently is the chief in Huron, South Dakota. Junior replaces former Chief Donald Derr, who has retired.

Filipino delegates attend 1st TREEDC conference in Cookeville



Filipino Delegates representing local governments, academia and the media recently joined with the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council (TREEDC) members in an International conference which showcased a tour of renewable energy facilities and a sharing of best practices. During the conference, Philippine and Tennessee renewable energy stakeholders developed an action plan to help each other advance renewable energy by creating more educational awareness and initiate social responsibility programs which facilitate energy efficiency, biomass and solar related projects. The delegation was hosted by Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service, Vis-Solis, PHG Energy, Wampler's Sausage, Rhoades Car International, NORESO, Hannah Solar, Clean Line Energy Partners and the cities of Kingston and Ducktown.

The Philippine delegation consisted of: Naga City Philippines Mayor John Bongat, Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers, Inc. President Dr. Angelica M. Baylon, Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific University of Pasig City Philippines President Dr. Amihan April Alcazar, Attorney Richard Anthony D. Alcazar of Tan Acut Lopez and Pison Law Offices, Technological University of the Philippines Director of International Linkages Dr. Gina Lapaz-Basa, Philippine Electronics and Communication Institute of Technology President Romeo Zerrudo, Philippines GNN News Network General Manager/Central Bicol State University Fred Perdon, PNU Vice President Rebecca C. Nueva España, PNU Visayas Executive Director and Provost Marites C. Geronimo; and TREEDC International Affairs Director Douglas Jackson. Also present was TREEDC Director, Warren Nevad and Ducktown Mayor James Talley, TREEDC membership director.

Tennessee Drug Card saves Tennessee citizens \$30M

As cold and flu season falls upon us, TML would like to remind you about one of the League's endorsed programs, the Tennessee Drug Card, that offers a free statewide prescription assistance program for your patients.

To date this program has saved Tennessee residents more than \$30,000,000 on prescription costs.

This program can be used for savings of up to 75 percent on prescription drugs

at more than 56,000 regional and national pharmacies. Here's how you can participate:

- Display cards at your office location for employees and residents to take. Contact Natalie Meyer, program director, at Natalie@TennesseeDrugCard.com or 1-888-987-0688 and a supply will be mailed to your office at NO COST.
- Encourage members of your community to print a FREE Tennessee Drug Card at TennesseeDrugCard.com.
- Inform members of your community that they can ask for the Tennessee Drug Card discount at any CVS pharmacy in the state – even if they don't have a card in hand.

Don't blow your savings this flu season.

Save up to 75% on your prescription medications with Tennessee Drug Card.

TENNESSEE DRUG CARD

Tennessee Drug Card Free Rx iCard

Through the Tennessee Drug Card program, you can help uninsured and underinsured Tennessee residents access much-needed prescription medications at a discounted rate.

The program is used by people who have health insurance coverage with no prescription benefits, which is common in many health savings accounts (HSA) and high deductible health plans. Additionally, people

with prescription coverage can use the program to get a discount on prescription drugs that are not covered by insurance. The program has no membership restrictions, no income requirements, no age limitations, and no applications to complete.

TML hopes you take advantage of this easy and innovative way to help members of your community get the prescription drugs they need.

For more information about the Tennessee Drug Card, visit TML's website at www.TML1.org

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BARTLETT

A recent analysis placed the city at No. 6 in the list of best places to live in the state. Factors included the low odds of being a victim of violent crime (1 in 421), a commute time averaging 24.2 minutes, a high average income of \$75,225, the fact that 33.8 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, and the ratio of restaurants to inhabitants is 1 per 651. Collierville came in at No. 4. See details at www.creditdonkey.com/live-tennessee.html.

HENDERSONVILLE

A ribbon cutting and dedication was held recently for the city's new water treatment plant, a new-age facility strategically designed to handle projected growth. Paid for through \$25 million in municipal bonds, the 56,500-square-foot plant was built in two years to meet the latest Environmental Protection Agency standards. The new plant, which residents tapped into in late August, pumps water from Old Hickory Lake and cleans it using advanced treatment processes such as membrane filtration, activated carbon absorption, dissolved air flotation and ultraviolet disinfection. The city's population is projected to grow by 59.2 percent or reach 64,662 residents by the year 2025. Among Tennessee's mid-sized cities with populations between 25,000 and 75,000, Hendersonville is expected to have the largest growth rate after Franklin, Smyrna and Murfreesboro, according to projections by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and The University of Tennessee Center for Business and Economic Research.

KNOXVILLE

The pedestrian bridge over Henley Street is closed for approximately the next four months, as part of a \$2.68 million infrastructure upgrade that will improve the experience of pedestrians approaching World's Fair Park and the Knoxville Convention Center from two sides. The Henley Street pedestrian bridge was first constructed for the 1982 World's Fair and then modified in the '90s during the construction of the Knoxville Convention Center. Improvements include: the gabled metal roof replaced with frosted glass panels; fencing on the exterior of the bridge is being replaced with decorative, perforated metal panels; the crosswalk canopy at Locust Street and Clinch Avenue and the sidewalk canopy next to the Hilton garage will be replaced; and the Clinch Avenue Viaduct will get a new look with Streetscape additions. The three traffic lanes will be reduced to two lanes, and bicycle lanes will be added on both sides. Work on the pedestrian bridge will be conducted at night and will require staggered lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Henley Street under the bridge.

LEWISBURG

Ditech Testing will locate a new facility in Lewisburg. The company specializes in refurbishing all types of cylinders and tanks for the liquid petroleum industry and will invest more than \$5.6 million and create 77 new jobs. With the opening of the new Lewisburg facility, Ditech will

service 85 percent of North America with plans to provide cylinder and tank refurbishing and certification throughout the entire continent by 2016. "We are very excited to welcome Ditech Testing to Lewisburg," Lewisburg Mayor Jim Bingham said. "This project is a great example of the state's outreach to its partner countries such as Canada."

LA VERGNE

Construction on a new 130,000-square-foot retail shopping center will start this spring in La Vergne, according to its development company. The Shoppes at Stone-Crest, anchored by T.J. Maxx, will include retail stores and restaurants and bring an estimated 200 new jobs to the area. Negotiations are ongoing with Hobby Lobby and other retailers, and confirmation on the other tenants is expected in the coming months, said Jeff Browning of Browning Development Solutions. The center will be adjacent to Colonial Town Park off Sam Ridley Parkway with visibility from Interstate 24. The project is estimated to generate \$2.4 million per year in sales tax revenue. The time frame for an opening date is expected to be late next year or early 2016.

MT JULIET

Mt. Juliet officials are convinced its population has grown enough to conduct a special census that could entitle the city to state and federal funding based on the number of residents. Census forms have been mailed and are being offered to residents online. The city receives about \$95 in state-shared revenue per person counted in the census, city planner Bo Logan said. The cost to the city to conduct the special census will range between \$25,000 and \$35,000. "I don't think it's any stretch to think the census will pay for itself in one to two years," Commissioner and Vice-Mayor James Maness said. Officials expect a higher number because of continued growth and because they say the numbers from the 2010 federal census were too low. Mt. Juliet has more than 24,500 residents according to the 2010 census, held every 10 years. That amount came after Mt. Juliet formally appealed the initial count of just over 23,600 residents that Mayor Ed Hagerty said was too low because it didn't count all those in the city limits. The city expects to be notified in July of additional state funding it will receive because of the special census.

UNION CITY

Discovery Park of America founders expected the museum described as a "mini-Smithsonian" to draw about 150,000 visitors in its first year. They surpassed their expectations by about 120,000. School groups and repeat visitors attracted by fun, educational exhibits have led attendance figures to blow past expectations for this one-of-a-kind museum. Discovery Park CEO Jim Rippy said about 270,000 have visited since the museum opened Nov. 1, 2013, and it could hit 300,000 by the end of this calendar year and 17,000 memberships have been sold to repeat visitors. After focusing advertising on the Nashville region in its first year, the museum's marketing staff will target tourists from Memphis in its second year, Rippy said.

Kingston breaks ground for 2nd 200 kW solar farm



Kingston hosted a groundbreaking for their second solar farm on Oct. 27. This will be a 200 kW solar farm and will be comprised of 800 solar panels that will collect from the sunlight and convert into electricity—enough to off-set the power needs of the Kingston Water Plant. The system will generate between \$4,000/5,000 a month in revenue from TVA which goes into the city and over the course of 20 years the city will see \$1 million in energy savings. It is a great example of a partnership between the public and private sectors. Pictured Left to Right: Councilman Tony Brown; Councilman John Byrkit; Ronald B Merville, Jr., president/CEO Energy Source Partners, LLC; Councilman Don White; Kingston Mayor Troy Beets; Teresa Jackson, Roane Alliance sustainability officer; and Wade Creswell, president/CEO of Roane Alliance.

Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway: A community's dream continues to grow

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Nearly 16 years ago, Cleveland's community leaders began exploring the possibility of providing a community greenway to promote health, wellness and economic vitality while showcasing the area's natural beauty. In 2001, construction on the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway began in phases, enabling the city to provide a vibrant trail system that continues to grow. Referred to as a community treasure, the greenway has steadily gained support from city leaders, businesses, and residents.

The greenway began as a vision in the late 1990's when Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland and several



Pedestrian bridge over Mouse Creek



New pavilion dedicated October 2014

key community leaders traveled to Alcoa and Maryville to visit that greenway system that connects those two cities.

Cleveland's first leg was completed in 2001 using a 50/50 matching grant in the amount of \$22,000 from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Recreation Educational Services Division. Using a variety of funding sources totaling approximately \$2.23 million dollars, the entire five-phase greenway project was completed in 2011.

"This entire project has been extremely successful," said Mayor Rowland. "The Tennessee Department of Transportation was instrumental in assisting the city with sections of the greenway that crossed highways by allowing pedestrian tunnels to be constructed under the roads. Likewise, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation was very helpful in providing guidance and assistance to lessen or prevent impacts to Mouse Creek during the construction of the greenway."

Along with guidance and support from both the city and county mayors, the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway Board oversees the greenway. Formed in 2004, the board meets monthly and includes appointments from the city, county, and Cleveland Utilities and is administered through the office of Cleveland Parks and Recreation. The greenway is also supported by a non-profit organization – Friends of the Greenway, which allows for tax-deductible gifts to support the on-going enhancement of the outdoor space. Private donors have been influential in enhancing the greenway experience. The local media has also embraced the greenway concept and is frequently a feature in the local newspaper including a bi-weekly column entitled, "Keeping It Green" which further garners support for the trail project.

The greenway that has created a buzz in the community and is becoming more popular with each accomplishment.

"Many neighborhoods are now asking when a portion of the greenway might be coming through their part of town," said Mayor Rowland.

In surveys, the greenway has been deemed to be the city's number one recreational asset. Some of the greenway's features include three restrooms, two playgrounds, three trailhead parking areas, and most recently a new pavilion. The pavilion was completed last April and leaders recently held a commemorative ribbon cutting in October. The amphitheater is constructed of stacked stone and includes an outdoor fireplace. The facility was built with donated time from Men and Women of Action, a local volunteer group.

The Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway is used for many tradition-

al outdoor activities such as walking, biking, inline skating, jogging and nature hikes and was also used to help host a half marathon race. The trail is further enhanced by the lighting, both increasing the safety of the trail and making it more user-friendly. Cameron Fisher, Greenway Board Chairman said, "I am proud that we have lights. Most greenways do not have them, making it unusable and/or dangerous once the sun sets. Much of our use comes in the early morning hours before the sun rises." Initially high pressure sodium vapor lighting was used, but has been steadily replaced with more efficient LED lighting.

Not only do the residents enjoy the trail, but in 2011, it was most recently designated an official Urban Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. This designation comes directly from the National Wildlife Federation which allows the greenway to post that it is "certified" in the NWF's network of mini-refuges. The designation also states that "because of the owner's conscientious planning, landscaping and sustainable gardening, wildlife may find quality habitat – food, water, cover and places to raise their young." In many cases, these designations are sought to raise awareness that these

elements exist in a place that is well traveled or in the public eye such as the stretch of the greenway between 17th Street and Willow.

Future plans include extending the trail to the Village Green Town Center, a business and retail shopping center, and to the Hiwassee River at the Bradley County line adding an additional nine miles of trail to an existing six miles of greenway. When completed, this green infrastructure project will ultimately connect neighborhoods, schools and businesses, allowing alternative transportation options.

The Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway is the result of visioning, extensive planning, partnerships and numerous reworks to address design, cost and construction challenges, but all the effort has resulted in an important community feature. "The greenway has enhanced the quality of life for the citizens of Cleveland. Not only is the trail system beautiful but it is healthful as well. In economic terms, the greenway may be assigned an appraised value, but to the builders of the community and for hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts who daily enjoy its use – it's priceless, a community treasure and dream that continues to grow," said Mayor Rowland.

EPA's proposed water rule

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on the new "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy." However, the change could result in these standards applying to additional waters, such as MS4 conveyances. Without a designated use, the default required designated use is as "fishable/swimmable," unless the state demonstrates that is not attainable for one of six reasons. In impaired water segments, waters where EPA and the ACE may more clearly assert jurisdiction under the proposed rule are likely to lie upstream of existing impaired segments.

For More Information
Proposed rule and more information: <http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters>
Economic analysis of the proposed rule: http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/wus_proposed_rule_economic_analysis.pdf
National League of Cities' Information: <http://www.nlc.org/influence-federal-policy/advocacy/regulatory-advocacy/environment>
National Association of Counties' Analysis: <http://www.naco.org/legislation/Documents/Waters-of-the-US-County-Analysis.pdf>



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STATE BRIEFS

State parks voted best

Several Tennessee State Parks have been named "Best" in Tennessee by readers of *The Tennessee Magazine*. The publication announced the winners of its annual Best of Tennessee Readers' Choice Awards earlier this month. In East Tennessee, Roan Mountain was named the best state park and Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park was named the best outdoor adventure for rafting the Ocoee. In West Tennessee, Chickasaw State Park was named the best state park, the best camping spot and the best hiking trail and Reelfoot Lake State Park was named the best outdoor adventure. And in Middle Tennessee, Fall Creek Falls State Park was named the best state park, the best camping spot, the best hiking trail and the best outdoor adventure.

TN ranked 6th best for business

The Development Counsellors International's "Winning Strategies in Economic Development Marketing" survey has ranked Tennessee sixth-best state for business, with Nashville ranking among the top cities for economic development. This is the third time the state has appeared near the top of the survey, published every three years since 1996, tracking trends in economic development. New York-based DCI specializes in economic development and tourism marketing.

State legislative app wins award

An online application for Tennessee lawmakers has won an award from the National Conference of State Legislatures. The group awarded the TN General Assembly the Legislative Staff Achievement Award for the new "Dashboard" for state senators and representatives. The app tracks daily schedules, bill infor-

mation and proposed amendments during the busy legislative session. In contrast to the Legislature's public website, the information on the app updates in real time. The program is geared toward use on touch screen devices so lawmakers can use the app on their mobile devices.

TN least politically engaged

Tennessee is the sixth-least politically engaged state, according to a new report from personal finance site WalletHub.com. WalletHub analyzed the 50 states and Washington, D.C., across six metrics to generate its rankings. Metrics ranged from the percentage of registered voters in the 2012 presidential election to the voter turnout in the 2010 midterm elections. Tennessee ranked second to last in turnout for the 2010 midterm elections, behind only Texas in terms of the percent of citizens who voted. The Volunteer State ranked No. 46 in turnout in the 2012 presidential election. It also ranked in the bottom third of states for the percent of citizens who were registered to vote in the last presidential election.

TDOT delays future road projects

Tennessee's highway commissioner is delaying road projects up to \$400 million, due to possible lack of federal funding. Twelve construction projects and 21 right-of-way acquisitions were due to be completed by Sept. 30, 2015, but are now on hold until fiscal year 2016. Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer said while Congress has approved enough funding to continue road projects through May, it hasn't approved a full six-year highway bill, the revenue for long-term projects. The 33 stalled projects include an Interstate 55 interchange in Shelby County and

a truck climbing lane on I-40 east in Dickson and Williamson counties.

State can restrict adult-oriented business hours

Attorney General Herbert Slatery says in his first legal opinion since taking office that Tennessee can continue to restrict hours for adult-oriented establishments. The opinion relies on a 1998 ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that upheld restrictions on the hours of Knox County adult bookstore as being in the "substantial government interest" of reducing crime and solicitation of sex, and in seeking to preserve the "aesthetic and commercial character" of surrounding neighborhoods. Slatery acknowledged that that ruling stands in contrast to a January decision in the neighboring 7th Circuit that found the city of Indianapolis failed to demonstrate that its restrictions on hours for adult stores reduced crime.

State receives grant for suicide prevention

Tennessee is one of four states that received federal grants for suicide prevention this year. The government awarded the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services two grants totaling \$5 million to reduce the rate of suicides, which have been increasing since the late 1980s," according to E. Douglas Varney, commissioner of the department. The department plans to use the grants to educate mental health providers to identify people who may be in crisis and potentially suicidal. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death in adults aged 25 to 34 and is the third leading cause of death in youths aged 10 to 24, according to the department.

State celebrates nation's 1st traffic incident training facility

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and the Tennessee Department of Transportation celebrated the opening of a first of its kind training facility. The Tennessee Traffic Incident Management Training Facility will be used to teach best practices for safe, quick clearance of major highway incidents.

The facility features a section of interstate-like roadway ranging from two to six lanes, guardrail, a two-way interchange, and cable and steel barrier rail, as well as a section of two-lane highway and a full four-way intersection. The facility will be used to simulate a variety of crashes, and allow emergency responders to train on safe and efficient clearance

techniques.

The training site concept, which is the first of its kind in the nation, was introduced to TDOT by Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Tracy Trott. The training site is located on land adjacent to the THP Training Center off Stewarts Ferry Pike in Nashville.

"Public officials came together to plan and develop this facility dedicated specifically for traffic incident management," TDOSHS Commissioner Bill Gibbons said. "As a result of this partnership, state troopers and other first responders, as well as the general public using our highways and those involved in traffic incidents, will benefit."

TDOT applied for and received federal Highway Safety Improvement Project funds, which will cover 90 percent of the \$912,025.05 cost to build the facility.

"We know the longer roadways remain closed due to major traffic incidents, the danger of secondary crashes increases dramatically," TDOT Commissioner John Schroer said. "Improving emergency response will decrease the risk of secondary crashes, overall congestion, and keep our highways safer for all motorists."

The Tennessee Traffic Incident Management Training Facility is dedicated to TDOT and THP first responders who have been killed in the line of duty.

Tennessee's infrastructure needs stand at \$38.8 Billion



One of the reasons for the increase in the need for public infrastructure was the increase in the estimated cost for transportation improvements, which increased by \$917 million (4.4 percent) to \$21.5 billion.

Tennessee needs at least \$38.8 billion of public infrastructure improvements during the five-year period of 2012-2017 according to a new report by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR). The need for public infrastructure improvements, as reported by state and local officials, is up \$1.3 billion (3.5 percent) compared with the year before.

Costs for current infrastructure needs fall into six categories:

- Transportation and Utilities: \$21.8 billion
- Education: \$7.7 billion
- Health, Safety, and Welfare: \$5.9 billion
- Recreation and Culture: \$1.7 billion
- Economic Development: \$1.3 billion
- General Government: \$555 million

One of the reasons for the overall increase in the need for public infrastructure was the increase in the estimated cost for transportation improvements, which increased by \$917 million (4.4 percent) to \$21.5 billion. At 55 percent of the estimated costs for all infrastructure improvements, transportation, part of the Transportation and Utilities category, dwarfs other types of infrastructure needs. The net increase in transportation costs would have been much larger if not for \$1.5 billion in projects that were completed and \$1.3 billion for projects that decreased in cost or were canceled or postponed. New transportation projects in the inventory totaled \$1.2 billion; and hundreds of projects already in the inventory increased by \$2.4 billion.

In comparison, the other categories are relatively small. Education is the second largest (\$7.7 billion) and increased \$406 million (5.6 percent) mainly because the cost of improvements needed at the state's public college and university campuses increased \$327 million (8.8 percent) to \$4 billion. The estimated cost of additions and new public K-12 schools has been on a downward trend since 2007, and there has been a shift from adding new space to improving or replacing existing space and schools. The shift from adding new space to improving existing space is partly the result of the slowing growth of enrollment that began in 2007, coinciding with the economic downturn, and remains low to this day. Health, Safety, and Welfare, the third largest category, decreased \$58 million (1 percent) to \$5.9 billion. This decline resulted primarily from decreases in the need for improved water and wastewater infrastructure and public health facilities. Water and wastewater accounts for the largest portion of the Health, Safety, and Welfare category at \$3.9 billion; it decreased by \$104 million (2.6 percent) from last year.

The need for public infrastructure improvements and the ability to

meet them continue to vary across Tennessee. Those counties with the largest populations, population growth, and tax bases need the most infrastructure and are consistently able to build the most. Local governments reported \$15.5 billion in local infrastructure needs, and Shelby and Davidson, the 1st and 2nd most populous counties in the state, need the most, nearly one third (\$4.6 billion). They also completed the most and had the largest tax bases in the state. However, even though the most populous counties need and complete more infrastructure, an examination of infrastructure improvements per capita indicates that population alone does not explain the differences. Available financial resources, including sales and property tax bases and residents' income, are strong predictors of how much infrastructure is needed and how much gets completed.

Local officials are confident in obtaining funding for only \$11.6 billion of the \$31 billion identified as local needs. These figures do not include needs at existing schools or those in state agencies' capital budget requests. Most of this funding, \$11.3 billion, is for improvements that are fully funded; another \$362 million is for improvements that are partially funded. That leaves another \$19.3 billion of improvements for which funding is not yet available.

Earlier this month, Gov. Haslam announced more than \$28 million in community development grants, which will help pay for some of the infrastructure needs in seventy cities and counties across the state and help those communities attract investments and jobs. The grants ranged from \$88,000 to \$525,000, with local governments matching some of the total. These grants covered a wide-range of projects from waterline extensions in Bradley County to sewer system improvements in Oliver Springs. They also helped fund fire protection, housing rehabilitation, ambulance services, and drainage improvements.

The inventory is the only source of statewide information on the condition of public school buildings and what it would take to get them all in good or better condition. According to local school officials, 93 percent of local public schools are now in good or excellent condition. However, they estimate the cost to put the remaining 7% in good or better condition at \$487 million.

The full report is available on TACIR's web site at <http://www.tn.gov/tacir/infrastructure.html>. For more information, contact Dave Keiser, Project Manager, at dave.keiser@tn.gov or 615.253.4237.

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Public-Private Partnerships: an attractive funding option for public projects

By Mary Scott Nabers

With burgeoning needs at all levels of government, elected officials throughout the country are seeking ways to fund large, and often critical, public projects. According to estimates by the American Society of Civil Engineers, an additional \$1.6 trillion is needed just to cover costs of much-needed infrastructure projects during the next five years. There is, of course, no public funding available for many of those projects.

Public-private partnerships (PPPs or P3s) offer a very attractive funding option to public officials. These types of engagements have been common in most other countries for decades, but America has been slow to embrace the collaboration concept. The time to do so has come and the good news is that there is an abundance of information about what makes P3 projects successful.

A public-private partnership is a contractual agreement between one or more public entities and a private company willing to invest capital. P3s come in many varieties, sizes and types. In these engagements, almost all risk shifts to the private-sector partner and the public partner retains ownership.

Thirty-three states, numerous cities, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have passed some form of P3 enabling legislation. In spite of the acceptance, however, it is difficult

to measure the number of P3s because not every collaborative effort is called a public-private partnership.

The public sector's reluctance to move quicker and lead these initiatives in the past is understandable. Public officials are typically risk averse and most are somewhat uncomfortable with big changes. Much of the reluctance from government executives comes from having to make critical, long-term decisions involving taxpayer dollars in a transparent world that is changing almost daily. It is difficult for them to predict what will be required next year—much less two decades from now. They often have limited resources and too few guidelines. For some, it may appear as dangerous as walking a tightrope without a net.

Public officials worry also about not having the right type of expertise on staff. For example, their financial teams are unaccustomed to structuring creative and, or innovative revenue models. Their legal teams are not enthusiastic about negotiating with seasoned P3 attorneys from private firms. There are other inhibitors, but it is the fear of failure that creates hesitancy for most public officials. P3s in the U.S. have become rather common for transportation projects. P3s are now being used to build school facilities, student dorms and city parks. The concept of collaborating and accepting private capital remains almost foreign to most public

officials.

In Virginia, P3s have been instrumental in the construction of more than 30 school buildings. California is home to the hemisphere's largest seawater desalination plant which was built through a public-private partnership. Pennsylvania just finalized an agreement to repair over 500 crumbling bridges with a long-term P3 concession. The Port of Baltimore deepened its berth to accommodate larger ships coming from Panama. Denver is building a rail line to curb road congestion. San Antonio is re-developing its Hemisfair Park.

The P3 trend is gaining speed and it is imperative for public officials to become acquainted with best practices, the value of money concept, availability payments and all the other aspects of these types of collaborations. There are many information sources available. There is no longer a reason to delay critical projects because of a lack of funding.

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A federal judge recently approved **Detroit's plan to emerge from the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history**, fueling hopes that the revival of a city that for decades has been a national symbol of urban decline is at hand. The city's blueprint for moving forward allows it to shed \$7 billion of its staggering \$18 billion debt, even though many creditors—including some bond holders and the city's 21,000 pensioners—will have to endure far smaller cuts

than were originally contemplated. The series of deals hammered out with creditors, coupled with a "grand bargain" that brought an outpouring of state and philanthropic help, will allow the Motor City to emerge from bankruptcy less than 16 months after officially tumbling into insolvency. Meanwhile, it is still confronted with huge problems with public safety, blight and economic development, which led to its decline into bankruptcy.

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STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 6

James Van Huss

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 7

Matthew Hill

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 8

Art Swann

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 9

Mike Harrison

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 10

Tilman Goins

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 12

Dale Carr

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 14

Ryan Haynes

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 16

Bill Dunn

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 17

Andrew Farmer

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Martin Daniel

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Harry Brooks

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 23

Dan Howell

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 24

John Forgerty

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 26

Kevin Brooks

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 28

Gerald McCormick

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 29

Joanne Favors

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 30

Mike Carter

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 31

Marc Gravitt

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 33

Ron Travis

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 34

John Ragan

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 35

Rick Womick

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 37

Jerry Sexton

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 38

Dawn White

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 41

Kelly Keisling

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 44

John Mark Windle

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 46

William Lamberth

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 47

John Clemmons

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 52

Harold Love

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 55

Sherry Jones

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 59

Charles Sargent

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 61

Pat Marsh

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 62

Pat Marsh

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 63

Glen Casada

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 66

Sabi Kumar

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 68

Curtis Johnson

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 70

Barry Doss

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 71

David Byrd

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Steve McDaniel

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 76

Bill Sanderson

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 81

Johnny Shaw

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 83

Debra Moody

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 84

Craig Fitzhugh

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 85

Mark White

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 87

Joe Towns

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 89

Johnnie Turner

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 90

Karen Camper

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 94

Roger Kane

Maryville
City Council (Top 3)
Tommy Hunt
Fred Metz
Andy White

Madisonville
Mayor: Glenn Moser
Alderman, Unexpired Term
Susan Saunders
Alderman
Sherri Anderson
Linda Garrett-Hensley
Marvin (Booger) Hunt
Austin McDaniel

Medina
Alderman At-Large
Jonathan Roland
Julian Wisner Milan
Ward 1: Jay Black
Ward 3: James Fountain
Ward 3: Jason Marcle
(Unexpired Term)

McKenzie
Mayor: Jill Holland
Ward 2: David Hochreiter
Ward 3: Cassie Allen
Ward 4: Kevin Galimore
Ward 5: Dawn Ervin

McLemoresville
Alderman (Top 5)
Melanie T. English
Angie Martin
Mike Presson
Don Reed
Barbara Younger

McMinnville
Alderman (Top 3)
Everett Brock
Ryle Blair Chastain
Steve Harvey

Milan
Ward 1: Jay B. Black
Ward 2: Mike Oney
Ward 3: James Fountain
Ward 3 Jason Marcle
(Unexpired Term)
Ward 4: Tammy Wade

Millersville
City Commission (Top 3)
Bonnie Coleman
Jeffrey Kerr

Murfreesboro
Council
Bill Shacklett

Monteagle
Alderman
Delores J. Knott
Russell L. Leonard
Harry L. Parmley

Morrison
Mayor: Sue Anderson
Alderman
Chris Farley
Joe H. Hefner, Jr

Mt. Juliet
Commission
District 2: James Maness
District 4: Brian Abston

Newbern
Alderman (Top 3)
Justin Wright
Bradley Rogers
Kirby Ogden

Newport
Mayor: Connie Ball
Alderman
Jeffery C. Fancher
Roger Gribble
Mike Hansel
Bobby J. Knight
Mike Proffitt

New Tazewell
Alderman
Ward 1: Staley H. Leonard
Ward 2: Charles Brooks

Niota
Mayor: Lois Preece
Commission
Linda Ferrell
Steven Warren

Nolensville
Mayor: Jimmy Wayne Alexander
Alderman
Tommy Dugger
Brian Snyder

Normandy
Mayor: Rachel Prince Swift
Alderman: Phillip Prince

Oak Ridge
City Council
Warren Gooch
Rick Chinn
Kelly Callison
Ellen Smith

Obion
Mayor: Rodney Underwood
Council (Top 6)
Bob Anderson
Gracie Ashley
Patsy Barker
James Depriest
Polk Glover
Mike Miller
John Wherry

Oliver Springs
Mayor: Jerry Vann
Ward 1: Robert Miller Sr.
Ward 2: Jeffery Bass

Orlinda
City Commissioner (Top 3)
Alfred Brickles
Keith Gammon
Walter Lee Jr

Palmer
Mayor: Daniel T. Crabtree
Alderman: Sue A. Long

Parris
Commissioner (Top 3)
Charles Carlton Gerrell, II
Robert B. Sleadd, Sr.
Samuel D. Tharpe

Parrottsville
City Commission
Thad Balch
Dewayne Doodle Daniel
Ronnie A. Hommel
Jerry Hux
Judy Reed

Puryear
Alderman
Tellus M. (Mackie) Gallimore
Bryan Hall

Red Bank
Commissioner-At-Large
John Roberts
Commissioner 1: Terry Pope
Commissioner 3: Edward LeCompte

Ridgeside
Commission (Top 3)
Kurt J. Faires, Sr.
Blane Haywood
Janet Kelley Jobe

Ridgetop
Alderman (Top 2)
Mike Harris
Joshua S. Reasoner

Rockwood
Mayor: Mike "Brillo" Miller
City Council
Robert "Bobby" Anderson
Dudley J. Evans
Harold Holloway

Rocky Top
Mayor: Michael L. Lovely
City Council: Timothy L. Sharp

Rutledge
Mayor: Danny Turkey
Ward 1: Fred (Speck) Sykes

Samburg
Alderman (Top 3)
John Glessner
Robert Hoffman
Grant Reed

Signal Mountain
Council (Top 3)
Dick Gee
Chris Howley
Robert Spalding

Soddy Daisy
Commissioner (Top 2)

Robert Cothran
Rick Nunley

Smyrna
Mayor: Mary Esther Reed
Council
Marc Adkins
H.G. Cole
Regina Medlen
Lori North
Council, 2-yr term
Rick Wise

Shelbyville
Mayor: Wallace Cartwright
Ward 2: Sam Meek
Ward 4: William Christie
Ward 6: Thomas Landers

Springfield
Ward 1: James M. Hubbard
Ward 2: Bobby W. Trotter
Ward 3: Jeff Gragg

Sunbright
Alderman, Unexpired Term
Cheryl K. Bishop
Sunbright Alderman
Teresa (Terri) Ryon

Surgoinsville
Mayor: Merrell Graham
Alderman, 4-yr term
Dennis Anderson
Alderman, 2-yr Term
Shane Suthers

Thompson's Station
Mayor: Corey Napier
Alderman (Top 2)
Brandon Bell
Graham Shepard

Tracy City
Mayor: Larry Phipps
Alderman
Betty J. Cyr
Nadene Fultz-Moore
Bill G. Roddy

Trezevant
Alderman (Top 5)
Bobby James Blaylock
Pamela Cox Bryant
James R. Gilliam
Teresa Goodrum
Deb Rogers

Trenton
Commission (Top 6)
Michael Bubba Abbott
George Wade
Frank Gibson
Rickey L. Graves
Joe H. Hammonds
Dona Leadbetter

Trimble
Mayor: James A. Davis
Alderman
Don B. Byrd
Donna Sims Switzer
Sherri Gorman

Troy
Mayor: Deanna Chappell
Alderman (Top 5)
Daniel Pardue
Lewis Solmon
Brad Walton
Ralph Wheatley
Jesse Whitesides

Union City
Councilman-At-Large
Terry Hailey
Ward 1: Danny Leggett

Vonore
Mayor: Bob Lovingood
Alderman: John P. Hammontree

Walden
Mayor: Kenneth "Ken" Bell

Wartrace
Mayor: Thomas E. Hurt
Alderman
Patsy Gregory
Terry Mookie Smith

Watertown
Alderman (Top 3)
Kristie Bayse Cantrell
Brandon Howard

White House
Mayor: Mike Arnold
Ward 1 Alderman: Farris Bibb

White Pine
Alderman: Glen Warren

Woodland
Alderman: Tom Menees

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ASSISTANT BUILDING OFFICIAL
GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin is currently accepting applications for an Assistant Building Official. Duties include: Performing difficult technical and administrative work in the examination of plans and specifications for construction of residential multi-family, commercial and industrial buildings; Serving as the Building Official in his/her absence; Assisting the Building Official with personnel, department budget, and administrative issues for the building permit and inspection process. This is a 40 hrs. per week, day shift position. The hourly range is \$23.32-\$34.44 + excellent benefits. Must have five years experience in building department administration and any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from a community college with major course work in a variety of inspection specialties; Possession of a valid driver's license; Certification as a Plans Examiner and Building Mechanical, Plumbing Inspector (ICC or other approved model agency is acceptable). Interested persons must apply on-line at www.gallatinonthemove.com. Applicants may also come to City Hall at 132 W. Main Street and utilize the HR Department computers to apply. The City of Gallatin is an EOE/drug-free workplace. Telephone 615-451-5890 (HR/Personnel).

CODES INSPECTOR I
GALLATIN. The City of Gallatin is currently accepting applications for Codes Inspector I. Duties include: Conducting field inspections and re-inspections of residential, commercial, industrial and public facilities for compliance with building, plumbing and mechanical codes and other ordinances; Resolving complaints regarding defective construction and handling enforcement issues; inspecting existing buildings for hazardous conditions or structural failure. This is a 40 hrs. per week, day shift position. The hourly range is \$18.30-\$26.99 + excellent benefits. Must have any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school supplemented by course study in a variety of inspection specialties and considerable experience in the building construction trade; Possession of a valid driver's license; Certification by the state of Tennessee as a building inspector. Interested persons must apply on-line at www.gallatinonthemove.com. Applicants may also come to City Hall at 132 W. Main Street and utilize the HR Department computers to apply. The City of Gallatin is an EOE/drug-free workplace. Telephone 615-451-5890 (HR/Personnel).

E911 COORDINATOR
DYER COUNTY. The Dyer County E911 board is seeking applicants for its coordinator and after hours technician. The successful candidate should have the following and or equivalent combination of: Bachelor's Degree; NENA ENP Certification; NENA 911 Center Manager Certification; APCO RPL Certification; Management background in PSAP Operations, including but not limited to 911 systems, networks, and network operations; CAD operations and radio operations. The position is contractual and salary will be based on experience and education. Full job description is available by emailing jroberts@cityofnewbern.org. Resumes should be submitted by mail, email or in person at 103 Jefferson St, Newbern TN 38059 ATTN: Jason Roberts.

FINANCE DIRECTOR
The City of White House is accepting applications through close of business Thursday, December 4, 2014, for the position of Finance Director. This position is responsible for the oversight and management of the City's financial accounting and control systems. The incumbent manages staff and processes responsible for accounts payable, receivable, payroll, property tax, and the city court. The position performs complicated work involving significant public contact, managerial and organizational abilities, and budget management. Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, public administration or related field. Three to five years' experience in the field of finance, preferable municipal government; or any combination of education, training, and experience providing the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential job functions. Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) certification in the state of Tennessee highly preferred or must be obtained within two years of employment. Starting compensation range is \$54,017 - \$65,811 DOE plus benefits. Visit www.cityofwhitehouse.com for full job description and application. Applications and resumes should be returned to the HR office located at 105 College Street, or fax to 615-616-1058, or emailed to abrewton@cityofwhitehouse.com. EOE

PARKS & REC DIRECTOR
LEWISBURG. The City of Lewisburg is accepting resumes for a Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director oversees the development, management, and operation of all City parks and recreational facilities, Recreation and Youth Services. Work includes organizing, planning, coordinating, evaluating, and directing the work of professional staff and other support employees. Work is performed under the managerial direction of the City Manager. Required knowledge, skills, and abilities are but not limited to: comprehensive knowledge of administrative practices relating to parks and recreation. Comprehensive knowledge of the philosophy and principles of public park and recreation

services. Comprehensive knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions. Thorough knowledge of local, state, and federal planning agencies and funding grants. Ability to analyze operational problem areas and to make improvements. Ability to perform public appearances, interviews, and speaking engagements to promote Parks and Recreation services. Ability to use a personal computer for the purpose of creating reports, record keeping, and communication by e-mail. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in parks, recreational, and leisure services or related field, preferable from a National Recreation and Parks Association accredited college or university; minimum of one to three years of experience in public recreation at a organized recreational facility (ex. Community Recreational facility, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, etc.) experience should include planning and administration. Any equivalent combination of acceptable education and experience providing the knowledge, abilities, and skills cited above. Must have and maintain a valid Tennessee Drivers License and pass a post offer drug test. For more information, to view the full job description please visit our website at www.lewisburgtn.gov or contact Pam Davis, Recorder at 931-359-1544, pam.davis@lewisburgtn.gov. Resumes will be accepted until Nov. 21, 2014. The City of Lewisburg is an EOE, drug-free workplace.

PARK THEATER COORDINATOR
McMinnville. The city's Park & Recreation Department is accepting applications for a Park Theater Coordinator. Preferred skills, knowledge and abilities include: Knowledge of principles in performing arts program planning and in the maintenance of safe facilities, knowledge of effective methods of facility preparation for events; such as performing arts, rentals, and recitals and knowledge of sound, video and audio equipment. Preferred education and requirements include: Bachelor's degree from an accredited four year college or university and 2 years of work experience or Four years of progressively responsible experience in the field of performing arts of which one year must have been in a responsible supervisory, consultative, or administrative capacity. Position requires a background check, drug screen and physical. Must have a valid Tennessee driver's license. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications can be picked up at City Hall 3rd Floor or submitted on line. For more information, to view the full job description or to apply online please visit our website at www.mcminnvilletn.com or contact Jennifer Rigsby at 931.473.1209. The City of McMinnville is an EOE/Drug-free workplace.

POLICE CHIEF
JEFFERSON CITY. The City of Jefferson City, TN., is accepting applications for Chief of Police. Current Chief is resigning after 3 years of service to take a position with the State of Tennessee. Seeking a well-rounded individual with proven leadership skills; strong interpersonal, organizational, supervisory and decision making skills; ability to interact and communicate effectively with local, state, regional, and federal law enforcement personnel, local officials and the public; extensive knowledge of criminal and civil law. Position requires a team player who can work well with other city departments, the city manager, the city council and outside agencies. This position answers directly to the city manager. POST certification and a bachelor's degree with a major in criminal justice, public administration, business administration or a related field required. At least 10 years experience in the profession with 5 years in command/leadership position. Also provide management/leadership training and professional accomplishments. Information concerning the position may be obtained at jeffcity.com. Cover letter, resume and application to: John B. Johnson, Jefferson City Manager, P.O. Box 530, Jefferson City, TN 37760. Deadline Nov.17. or until filled. Jefferson City is an EOE/Drug-free workplace.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR
PORTLAND. The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator. Starting rate of pay is \$18.71 per hour DOE and qualifications. This position is full time, with full benefit package available including vacation, sick days, paid holidays; health, dental, vision, life/AD&D, TCRS retirement and supplemental voluntary benefits. Graduation from a standard high school or equivalent GED with additional formal training (post-secondary is preferred) in chemistry, biology, sanitary and/or environmental engineering or related fields as applicable to the wastewater treatment industry. At least 3 years' experience in the operation of a water treatment facility. Strongly prefer minimum of 1 year experience in supervision at the wastewater treatment plant level. Must possess a valid, State of Tennessee driver's license. Must possess a valid, State of Tennessee Class III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators license. Must achieve State of Tennessee Class IV Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator license within 18 months of placement in position. An application and job description may be obtained from the receptionist at Portland City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM. A complete job description is posted on the city's website, can www.cityofportlandtn.gov and by clicking the link: Portland Employment Opportunity This position is open until filled. Completed applications must be returned to: Human Resources, Attn: John Grubbs Portland City Hall, 100 South Russell Street, Portland, TN 37148. Pre-employment drug screen and physical may be required. The City of Portland is EOE.

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Tennessee History Festival: a step back in time



Paul Earnest, park ranger at Bledsoe Creek State Park, portrays a young Confederate soldier.



Bill Maddox from historic Mansker's Station in Goodlettsville



Nashville native Dennis Boggs portrays Abraham Lincoln along side soldier Seth Beon



Dan Kelly on fiddle and Marlin Rood on banjo perform toe-tapping songs and ballads from the 1860s.

Photos by Victoria South



Yarn spinning and basket weaving were featured.



Will Kinton, dressed as a U.S. Soldier of the late 18th Century from the Tellico Blockhouse in Monroe County, recounts war stories for the school children in attendance.

Perfect fall weather helped usher in the sights and sounds of Tennessee's past at the 11th annual Tennessee History Festival in Nashville. Held at the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, this two-day free event, brought history to life for people of all ages—from Spanish exploration and British military to labor reform and civil rights. Live historians portrayed famous Tennesseans such as John Sevier, Sgt. Alvin C. York and David Crockett, as well as British soldiers at Fort Loudon, Cherokees and suffragettes.

Canon fire during a black powder demonstration brought startled gasps from the audience, as visitors interacted one-on-one with characters such as President Abraham Lincoln. Pioneer reenactor Bill Hoover told tales from the Civil War front lines while stirring a pot of boiling chicken stew over an open fire. Shelby Park Ranger Hannah Paschall spent the day teaching youths how to dip candles in a cast iron pot, while other presenters demonstrated methods in early wood carving, yarn spinning, clothes washing and photography.

"We always have a very good turnout with school groups," said Michael Cole, park manager Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. "Our reenactors are drained after only a few hours of more than 1,500 school children coming through their displays or camps."

The living history re-enactors must be able to interact with the public, tell their story and interpret why or how it affected Tennessee or Tennesseans.

"We search far and wide to bring in the right people and are looking for more historic sites in Tennessee to come and promote their events and sites at next year's festival," said Cole.

Visitors could also experience several dozen other historic and cultural sites from all over the state. Several authors of Tennessee history books were available to sell and discuss their publications.

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