



June 9 - 12 in Knoxville

New sessions added to Annual Conference lineup

Protecting the availability of a clean and reliable water supply in Tennessee is vital to support the state's growing population and sustain economic growth.

Deputy Governor Jim Henry and TDEC Commissioner Shari Meghreblian will help kickoff a panel of local government officials and industry leaders to discuss concerns about the state's aging drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

Earlier this year, Gov. Bill Haslam appointed a steering committee to formulate a plan to protect Tennessee's valuable water supply. Come hear how you can provide valuable input into the development of a statewide plan that addresses water availability.

The workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 11, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 301 B of the Knoxville Convention Center.

Also on the agenda are two experts on civility in government.

Cassandra Dahnke and Tomas Spath co-founded the Institute for Civility in Government to address the decline in civil discourse in politics and government – and the impact that it has on policy and community life.

Now – 20 years later – Dahnke and Spath have developed a strong track record of positive relationships with elected officials on all sides of the political aisle. They have developed a multi-tiered educational approach that encourages civil behavior from those officials, while working to provide citizens at-large with the necessary skill-set to identify and practice civility, and expect it in return.

Based on their book, *Reclaiming Civility in the Public Square: 10 Rules That Work*, this session will provide tips on how to maintain civility and review what civility makes possible, and what incivility prevents.

Their session will be a part of a lunch program offered on Monday, June 11, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ballroom EFG of the Knoxville Convention Center.

A complete listing of all the conference offerings can be found in the conference program booklet or on TML's mobile app.



Jim Henry
Deputy Governor



Shari Meghreblian
TDEC Commissioner



Cassandra Dahnke
Institute for Civility in Government



Tomas Spath
Institute for Civility in Government

Cities hold municipal elections

BY KATE COIL

TML Communications Specialist

Elections were held in five Tennessee municipalities during the spring of this year.

The municipalities of Berry Hill, Dover, LaFayette, Loretto, and Rockford all held elections between March and May this year.

Voters in another five municipalities are expected to go to the polls this June while election season kicks into high gear in August and November.

A total of 68 municipalities will hold elections coinciding with the Aug. 2 mid-term primaries while nearly another 200 cities and towns plan to host elections coinciding the Nov. 6 mid-term elections.

BERRY HILL

Berry Hill held its biennial city election on March 20 with two of the three board of commissioners' seats up for grabs.

Mike Galehouse and Dennis Sheffield – who was appointed to fill the remainder of retiring mayor Beth Sartain's term in 2017 – both ran unopposed. After the election, Greg Mabey was selected to serve as the city's mayor while Mike Galehouse was selected to serve as vice-mayor for the next two years.

DOVER

Dover Mayor Lesa Fitzhugh retained her seat in an uncontested

race in the city's March 6 election. Challenger Mike Pulley unseated incumbent Paul Bud Berry in the race for the Ward 1 Alderman seat. Berry previously served as Dover's vice mayor. Incumbent Robert "Boo" Beecham defeated challenger Archie Story in the race for the Ward 2 Alderman seat.

LAFAYETTE

The city of Lafayette held a municipal election on May 1 in which three of the six Lafayette City Council positions were up for grabs.

Incumbent Steve Turner retained his seat on the board while challengers Seth A. Blankenship and Jerry Wilmore were elected to the seats previously held by Marcus Smith and Jerry Wix. Challengers Tom Roberts and Tim Wooten also ran for the open seats.

LORETTO

Two candidates ran unopposed in Loretto's April 24 municipal election.

Incumbent Jesse E. Turner was elected to a four-year term as mayor while Steve McMasters was re-elected to his four-year alderman seat.

ROCKFORD

Incumbents Jennifer L. Brown and Sandra L. Hitson were both re-elected to the two open seats on the Rockford City Commission.

Free Conference mobile app available

Connects to all smartphone devices

A mobile app featuring the 2018 Annual Conference information is available for free and is accessible from any smart phone device.

The app was developed by the Tennessee Municipal League to help improve smartphone users conference experience with this easy to use digital guide. It contains detailed conference information on workshops, speakers, exhibitors and special events – and it's all at your fingertips.

To download the free app, it's as easy as searching for "2018 TML Annual Conference" in the Apple App Store or Google PLAY Marketplace. There is a web app available for Blackberry and Microsoft phones.

How to Use It

Once your app has successfully downloaded to your phone, the conference schedule, workshop information, vendor contact information, plus much more is accessible through easy, navigable functions.

Schedule. To access the conference schedule, tap on the schedule icon and scroll up and down, or flip left and right through the different days. You can also tap the arrows at the top corners to switch between dates. Touching

an event will reveal a description; and if it's a workshop, speaker bios are also available. As an added feature, you can create your own personal schedule by touching the plus symbol next to events. You can also set reminders for yourself. Conference events are color-coded by each event type. By using the filter button at the top to apply a filter, you can quickly reference categories such as food, workshops, or special events.

Speakers. To learn about each of our conference speakers, scroll through the list and tap on the speaker's photo to reveal their bios.

Exhibitors. The exhibitors' section includes contact information, booth numbers, and links to company websites. And once you've left the conference, you can always refer back to this app to find all the contact information you need to get in touch with a vendor.

Convention Center Map. A detailed map of the Exhibit Hall, home of the TML Marketplace vendors, are available in this section, as well as maps of the convention center where the workshops and general sessions are held. You can move maps around, or swipe left and right between maps, or zoom in or zoom out. The room numbers on the schedule correspond to the



rooms on these maps. The booth numbers attached to exhibitors in our exhibitors' section correspond to numbered booths on the Exhibit Hall map.

If you need help while at the conference, find a TML staff member to assist you. After the conference, contact Mark Barrett at TML at 615-255-6416.

Municipal Bond Fund reaches \$4.53 Billion

Savings to cities exceeds \$630 million

The Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) reached a pair of milestones recently. Since inception, TMBF has loaned more than \$4.53 billion and has now closed over 1,440 loans.

"These milestones show TMBF's ongoing commitment to providing your community with the loans you need at the lowest cost so that you can create opportunities for your communities to grow," said Charles G. "Bones" Seivers, President and CEO of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund.

The TMBF was created by the TML Board of Directors in 1986 to provide municipalities in Tennessee with low-cost funds. It began full operations by offering a pooled variable rate loan program as well as an alternative loan program.

To date, the TMBF variable rate program has saved cities and counties more than \$630 million in interest costs alone. TMBF was created for the sole purpose of saving cities and towns money. "I feel we are accomplishing our mandate," added Seivers.

In recent years, the TMBF has

made a few changes in an effort to better serve Tennessee communities. TMBF began offering a fixed-rate loan option in addition to its variable-rate option. Since adding the fixed-rate option, TMBF has grown and the fixed rate loan option has become very popular.

"We could not have done this without all the hard work of our dedicated board members and our extraordinary staff," Seivers commented. "They work hard every day to make sure that we are providing you the best service and the loan options you want at the best price. We work with a number of banks in an effort to get our borrowers the lowest cost of funds that we can find."

TMBF feels that the valuable part of its job is maintaining a great relationship with all municipal officials. This is a practice we have strived to create for more than 30 years.

"When we look at the number of repeat borrowers, we get a renewed sense of dedication that makes us work harder every day to prove that the faith these commu-



Charles G. "Bones" Seivers
TMBF President/CEO

nities have placed in us is not misplaced," Seivers said. "I sincerely appreciate our partnership with the Tennessee Municipal League, and our relationship with all cities and towns in the state."

Seivers stated that he is excited about the future of TMBF.

"We offer many features and advantages that can save you money. All we ask is that you give us a chance to provide you with options. We were created by you, for you. Our board of directors is composed of municipal officials, and we are always here for you."

Why we need a National Infrastructure Map

BY TERESA W. GERTON

Route Fifty

Setting priorities is hindered by the lack of systematic information available on the nation's inventory of infrastructure assets, their location and condition.

It is widely accepted that the general condition of America's infrastructure is poor and that major investments are needed. In its latest annual Infrastructure Report Card, the American Society of Civil Engineers issued an overall grade of D+ and estimated that \$4.6 trillion would be needed to address the challenge.

Even though major investment in America's infrastructure was called for by many of the candidates running for president in 2016, including President Trump, positive movement on this issue has been stymied by political gridlock. One can blame partisan politics. But, perhaps we find ourselves at a political impasse for other reasons.

Perhaps we lack a clear, data-driven picture that could provide public administrators, politicians, industry partners, and citizens alike a common understanding of this enormous infrastructure challenge at sufficient geographic detail that it has meaning to them. Perhaps we need a National Infrastructure Map. On May 1, the National Acad-



Crews in Johnson City work at night to repair a water line break.

emy of Public Administration, in partnership with the American Geographical Society, the National Academy of Construction, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Arizona State University, convened leaders in public administration, infrastructure development, geospatial technology, and data integration/open data—spanning industry, government, universities, and the social sector—to tackle this very basic question.

These organizations came together on this important issue because all understood that to have a hope of a coherent national infrastructure investment strategy, we must have a common understanding, a common picture of our national

infrastructure. We must know the condition of all of our highly interdependent infrastructure systems, and how they are arrayed geographically, at a very fine scale if we are to set priorities for investment.

This is not just a problem for the federal government. Infrastructure is a fundamentally intergovernmental challenge that requires transparency and accountability across local, regional, and federal governmental organizations of all kinds.

Priority setting is an inherently political process that requires the recognition of mutual interest and deal-making. But this political process cannot function well in the absence of good information. See **MAP** on Page 6

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



BANEERRY

The city of Baneberry has earned a Firewise USA recognition from the National Fire Protection Association based on their efforts to reduce the vulnerability of homes and landscapes in their community to wildfire. Baneberry joins 21 communities in Tennessee to earn this recognition since the program started in 2002. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry presented officials with a commemorative plaque honoring the accomplishment. The free and voluntary Firewise USATM recognition program allows communities to apply for grants from the Division of Forestry to implement projects specified in their Community Wildfire Protection Plans. For more information about the Firewise USA program visit www.BurnSafeTN.org.

BRISTOL

The city of Bristol has received a donation of 52-acres of land to its Steele Creek Park. Located south of the park's nature center, the land is the last remaining portion of the original 12,500 acres settled by the park's namesake, David Steele, in the 1770s. The land was donated by James Lovett, Steele's fourth-great grandson, and features a 40-foot pond as well as habitat suitable for butterflies, birds, salamanders, and frogs. A 600-square-foot cabin constructed on the property will also be given to the park, which has plans to further restore it. Much of the land originally owned by David Steele was used to create an 86-acre lake by TVA in the 1930s. Property left over following TVA developed used to create Warriors Path State Park in 1946 and then given to the city of Bristol to open Steele Creek Park in the 1960s.

DAYTON

Coil Design will invest \$3.4 million to establish its corporate headquarters and a manufacturing plant in Dayton, creating nearly 70 jobs in the next two years. Coil Design Corporation will occupy the former Goodman Manufacturing plant in Dayton, investing in new equipment and facility upgrades. The plant is expected to be operational by the second quarter of 2018 and will produce and design cooling and heating coils for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the HVAC and refrigeration industries as well as the aftermarket. The company intends to hire machine operators, copper flame brazing technicians, assembly workers, drafters, engineers and sales personnel.

DICKSON

A former country club and golf course is on the way to being the newest Dickson city park. The city recently purchased the Dickson Country Club and renamed it Henslee Park in honor of the club's founders. The club was opened in 1927 by the Henslee family, who operated the course and country club until 1958. The club and course closed in 2012, briefly reopening in 2017 as the Pine Hills Golf Club. The city plans to redevelop the 126-acre property purchased for \$1.35 million once the purchase becomes final on July 1. Plans for the park include turning former golf cart trails into walking trails and stocking ponds for fishing. Dickson officials said the purchase was a rare opportunity to acquire green space within the city limits.

KNOXVILLE

City officials in Knoxville have

unveiled plans for a \$150-million science and discovery center expected to open in two years. Funds for the new museum will come from the Clayton Family Foundation with \$100 million going to the 150,000-square-foot, three-story facility and an additional \$50 million for a museum endowment. The museum is slated to be built on the current site of the Knoxville Police Department, which plans to move into a larger facility. The museum will operate under a separate 501(c)3 from the Clayton Family Foundation with its own executive director. The museum is expected to attract 2 million per year, and planners are hoping to keep the average price for a family of four to visit the museum at around \$50.

LEXINGTON

Engineer Spray Components will create 22 new jobs with the 7,000-square-foot expansion of the company's Lexington facility. The expansion comes after ECS patented a new spray nozzle that significantly reduces wind drift, and will add \$700,000 to the company's \$1.3 million payroll. Founded in 1995, ECS works in conjunction with Wilder, Inc., to manufacture spray nozzles and components for agricultural use. The company has facilities in Canada, Central and South America, China, and Europe.

MARTIN

Dong-A Hwa Sung Co., LTD., will locate its first U.S. operations in Martin, investing \$13 million and creating 220 jobs. The South Korean-based home appliance and automotive supplier has made the largest and only foreign-direct investment made not only in Martin but also Weakley County with the location of the new facility. Dong-A will locate its new operations to a 100,000-square-foot building in Martin where it will supply companies like LG and others across Tennessee and North America. Established in 1974, the company supplies rubber and plastic components for the home appliance and automotive sectors. The company's customers include major automotive companies including Hyundai/Kia, Nissan and GM as well as home appliance manufacturers including LG Electronics and Samsung Electronics, among many others.

MEMPHIS

Memphis has been selected as one of 10 cities to take part in a two-year, nationwide study on how drones can safely be used in community settings. One of 150 cities who applied to participate in the program, Memphis will be working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and FedEx to explore safe and effective ways to use drones. Drones will be used at Memphis International Airport to enhance safety and security by inspecting the fence line for intruders as well as fly over runways and taxiways to make sure the areas are clear. The study will tackle the most significant challenges in integrating drones into the national airspace while reducing risks to public safety and security.

MORRISTOWN

Petoskey Plastics, Inc., will expand its operations in Morristown by investing \$29.6 million and creating approximately 70 jobs. Petoskey Plastics will add 30,000 square feet to its existing Morristown manufacturing facility, which specializes in polyethylene film. The investment will increase capacity at the facility, which has multiple extrusion lines utilizing recycled materials, converting lines and a four color offset paper printing press. Work on the expansion is slated to begin in the second quarter of 2018 and will be finished by the fourth quarter of 2018. Petoskey Plastics is an environmentally-focused film, bag and resin manufacturer. The company supplies the automotive, medical, grocery, retail, packaging and construction industries. Headquartered in Petoskey, Mich., Petoskey Plastics operates three manufacturing plants across the U.S. and employs more than 400 associates.

MURFREESBORO

The city of Murfreesboro has opened a new \$55.4 million

police department headquarters on North Highland Avenue. The 135,600-square-foot structure was renovated into a state-of-the-art police headquarters complex through the work of Brentwood-based Bell & Associates Construction, James Kennon, and The Architect Workshop, a Nashville-based architecture and design firm. To provide room for the growing police force, the new headquarters is located in a former hospital facility acquired in 2013 for \$4.7 million. The new headquarters offers an 80-seat community room for presentations and meetings, an 80-seat training facility, a 911 communications center, a multi-use crime and forensics lab for evidence processing, an officer roll call room with video screen for shift briefings, a 360-degree virtual training simulator, as well as offices, collaboration spaces, and technical work stations to meet the needs of employees. The new building has also brought the headquarters and criminal investigations divisions under the same roof for the first time since 1973.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN

The town of Signal Mountain and the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund have entered into an agreement to preserve the historic school building that now houses the Mountain Arts Community Center. The Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund, which recently applied for 501(c)3 status, will raise funds to preserve the building in the town's name. One of the first projects slated under the new nonprofit is a renovation to the back portion of the building as well as installing sprinklers, wheelchair ramps, and other ADA-related construction. The town of Signal Mountain will provide \$35,000 toward the cost of sprinkler construction. Constructed in 1926 out of local stone, the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) was the first grammar school in Signal Mountain. Today, the MACC provides classes on music, arts, chess, fishing, cooking, martial arts, technology, health and fitness, and is home to the Tennessee Center for Puppetry Arts.

SPRING HILL

Construction of the Saturn Parkway/State Route 396 extension and widening of Beechcroft Road began on May 30 in Spring Hill. The \$47 million project is being undertaken by TDOT to improve connectivity, safety and commercial operations along this important corridor and neighboring routes for local and industrial truck traffic. Funding for the project includes \$37.6 million in federal funds and \$9.4 million in state funds. In addition, the developer of the auto parts manufacturing facilities along Beechcroft will fund roadway improvements fronting the two facilities. The developer of the new Harvest Point residential subdivision off Cleburne Road also will be constructing road improvements in front of its development. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

SURGOINSVILLE

RMC Advanced Technologies will locate its U.S. headquarters and establish a manufacturing facility in Surgoinsville, investing \$7 million and creating 54 new jobs. RMC Advanced Technologies, a subsidiary of Sigma Industries Inc., produces and sells composite components, offering products for the heavy-duty truck, coach, transit and bus, machinery, agriculture, and wind energy markets. RMC's new operations, which will be located in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park Spec Building in Surgoinsville, will be the company's U.S. headquarters and will also include manufacturing and production. Sigma Industries Inc. was founded in 2005 and is based in Saint-Ephrem-de-Beauce, Quebec, Canada.

TOONE

Chemring Group will invest \$40 million and create approximately 100 jobs by expanding its Kilgore Flares operations in Toone. Kilgore Flares Company is a manufacturing company within Chemring Countermeasures USA (CCM USA), a division of Chemring Group, and producer of defense countermeasures for the U.S. mil-

Athens holds 20th annual fishing derby, tai chi event



The Athens Parks and Recreation Department held its 20th Annual Fishing Derby and Comcast Cares Day at Athens Regional Park. The free fishing event encourages children 12 and under to try their hand at catching one of the 800 rainbow trout stocked into the pond by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The fishing derby was held in conjunction with World Tai Chi Day at the park, where the McMinn County UT Extension Office hosted tai chi demonstrations.

Oak Ridge employees train for utility rescue situations



Members of the city of Oak Ridge's electric department participated in a specialized rescue training, which included the use of a 150-pound dummy used to simulate a utility worker who has become incapacitated. To pass the test, individual crew members must climb the pole, free the victim, and safely lower them to the ground within four minutes. In a real-life scenario, crews would conduct this kind of rescue if a bucket truck was unavailable or unable to reach the victim, or if climbing the pole would be faster than using a truck. City electric department employees obtain certification through the training process annually.

Crossville, ECD officials break ground on business park site



Officials with the city of Crossville, Cumberland County, and TNECD celebrated a ground-breaking at the Crossville Interchange Business Park. The park recently received a TNECD Site Development Grant a 200,000-square-foot building pad will be constructed with the funds. The pad is one of the steps toward earning the site Select Tennessee Site Certification.

Outdoor fitness equipment comes to Columbia city park



Workers install new outdoor fitness equipment at Columbia's Fairview Park. Financed through a partnership with the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation, the outdoor fitness zone is near the park's pool and recreation center and allows exercisers of all abilities and fitness levels to get in shape. Officials with the city and Maury Regional cut the ribbon on May 4 for the new equipment, which was purchased from Greenfields Outdoor Fitness.

ity. The company will invest in new technology, processes, and equipment. Kilgore Flares plans to replace, refurbish, and modernize buildings on its campus. Construction of a new flare extruder and assembly facility and other invest-

ments will triple Kilgore Flares' current production capacity. The first expansion phase will begin in the third quarter of 2018. Kilgore Flares anticipates the expansion will be completed in 2022.

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PEOPLE



Charlie Brock, CEO of LaunchTN, will return to work in the private sector in October after four years with the state. Brock has served in his role since January 2013. A Chattanooga native, Brock has been a serial entrepreneur for nearly 20 years, having focused primarily on the growth of Southeast Tennessee entrepreneurship and ecosystem development. Under Brock's leadership, LaunchTN has built a statewide network to offer mentorship, how-to programming and capital to entrepreneurs building the companies of tomorrow. Brock will continue to serve through early fall 2018. His successor will be announced at a later date, following a search process with a committee led by Tom Ballard, emeritus board member of Launch Tennessee.



Charlie Brock

Daniel Estes has been unanimously selected as the new city manager for Elizabethton. An attorney, Estes has served as the assistant town administrator for Collierville since 2016 and plans to begin his new position on June 1. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Tusculum College, a master's degree in public policy administration from the University of Tennessee, and earned his law degree from Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Va.



Daniel Estes

John Lawless has been selected as the new city manager for Kingsport. Lawless previously served as the city's assistant city manager and will take over from interim city manager Debbie Finch, who has now returned to her role as city recorder. Lawless began his career with the city in 2016 when he was selected as assistant city manager. Prior to that, he worked in project management and event development for Vanderbilt University Medical Center from 2012 to 2014 and as a publishing manager for AT&T Advertising Solutions from 1986 to 2012. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication/journalism from Western Kentucky University.



John Lawless

Steve Mills, director of building and codes for the city of Hendersonville, has announced his retirement after 46



Steve Mills

years with the city. Mills' last day of work is June 13. He began work with the city of Hendersonville at the age of 19 as a building inspector trainee. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in 1979. He was later promoted to director of building and codes – a position he has held for 36 years. Mills has served as president of both the Middle Tennessee Code Officials Association (MTCOA) and the Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA). He has also served on national and international boards such as the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI), the International Code Council (ICC), and Governance Committee for the ICC Building Official Membership Council.

Coby Moon

has been named as the new fire chief for the city of Fayetteville. Moon has served as interim chief of the department since January and is a 24-year veteran of the Fayetteville Fire Department. Moon was one of 31 candidates who applied for the position after the retirement of former chief Danny Travis on Jan. 22.



Coby Moon

R. Lynn Murphy, public works director for the city of Clinton, has announced his intention to retire after more than 40 years of public service. Murphy's career began in 1985 as a 911 dispatcher for the Anderson County Sheriff's Department at which time he became one of the first to complete the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Donelson. Murphy then served as a patrol officer, patrol supervisor, and detective. While a deputy sheriff, Murphy was also a volunteer firefighter for Clinton and joined the department as a career firefighter/EMT in 1988. After reaching the rank of assistant chief, Murphy served as an adjunct instructor for the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy. He was later appointed Clinton's E-911 Director, and most recently has served the past 19 years as the city's public works director. He holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Walters State Community College and a bachelor's in political science from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

Melissa Peagler

will be leaving her position as town administrator for the town of Dandridge to take a planning position with the city of Hilton Head, S.C. Peagler's last day with the town of Dandridge is June 22. She has worked with the town of Dandridge since 2013, and before that served as the senior planner for the city of Morristown from 2004 to 2013. Peagler earned a bachelor's degree



Melissa Peagler

in urban studies from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in 2001.

Keisha Shoun

has been named director of communications and marketing for Johnson City, reflecting the restructuring of the city's former community relations department. Her duties will include continuing to manage citizen and media relations – as well as employee communications – and will enhance these services through a concentrated focus on technology. The restructured department new brand. Shoun began her career with the city in 2007 as writer/editor, was named public information specialist in 2013 and had served as interim community relations director since October. Prior to joining the city, Shoun was public relations manager for Crown Laboratories and spent nine years as a newspaper journalist. She holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from East Tennessee State University.



Keisha Shoun

Philip Spinosa Jr.

has resigned from his seat on the Memphis City Council to work as the senior vice president for the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce's Chairman's Circle. In addition to resigning from his council seat, Spinosa has also resigned as a district sales manager for FedEx Services to take the chamber position. Spinosa took office in January 2016 and was a strong advocate of the Neighborhood Sentinel program to put cameras in local neighborhoods as a crime prevention tool. Members of the city council will most likely appoint a new candidate to Spinosa's Super Council District 9, Position 2 to fulfill the rest of his term, which lasts until 2019.



Philip Spinosa Jr.

Dennis Wolf

has been selected as the first leader of the Lakeland Fire Department when it opens in July 2019. Currently serving as a fire management consultant with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), Wolf served as Germantown's fire chief for 15 years before his retirement in 2011. Wolf will officially retire from MTAS on Dec. 31 and begin his duties as Lakeland's Fire Chief on Jan. 1, 2019. Lakeland is the last of the six Memphis suburbs to establish its own fire department. Lakeland Fire Station No. 1 will be located on Beverle Rivera Drive near Canada Road and Interstate 40.



Dennis Wolf

Briley selected as mayor of Nashville in special election

Following a special election on May 24, David Briley has been elected the mayor of Nashville after gaining 54 percent of the vote.

Briley said he was "extremely humbled and grateful" that the people of Nashville decided to keep him as the city's mayor after he stepped into the role on an interim basis in March.

"We went through a tough period of time, but we all came together and we decided not to give up, but to keep moving forward, to come back together," he said. "We know that we have challenges, but I think we all also deeply understand and appreciate the fact that our city is going in the right direction."

Under Nashville law, Briley has stepped away from his law firm Bone McAllester Norton PLLC to serve as the city's mayor. He was able to remain with the firm as the city's vice mayor.

A lifelong Nashvillian, Briley is the grandson of Beverly Briley, who served as the first mayor of the new metropolitan government of the city of Nashville and Davidson County from 1963 to 1975. In addition to his grandfather, Briley's brother, Rob Briley, has served as a State Representative for Tennes-



Mayor David Briley

see's District 52.

Briley earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and earned a law degree from Golden Gate University, receiving honors for administrative and environmental law. In the period in between, he volunteered as an English teacher in Latin America.

He was elected an at-large councilman for Nashville in 1999 from 2007. He ran for mayor of the city unsuccessfully in 2006 and returned in 2015 as Nashville's vice mayor.

Briley is married to Jodie Bell and the couple has one child, Sam.

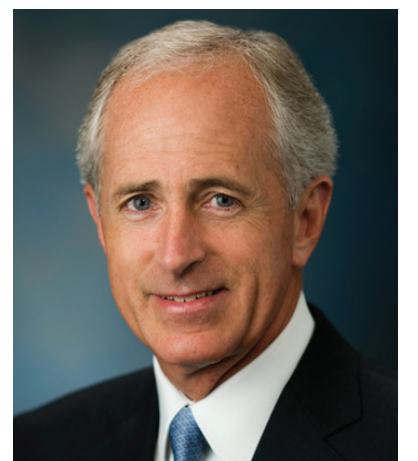
Corker receives award from Chattanooga Bar Association

Outgoing U.S. Sen. Bob Corker received the Liberty Bell Award from the Chattanooga Bar Association during the association's 60th annual Law Day breakfast.

Corker was the keynote speaker at the breakfast. The Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was surprised with the award following his presentation.

The award recognizes "community service that has strengthened the American system of freedom under law" and is the only recognition the bar association bestows on non-lawyers, CBA Executive Director Lynda Minks Hood told the audience at the Westin Hotel.

The former businessman,



U.S. Sen. Bob Corker

finance commissioner and Chattanooga mayor is not seeking re-election after two terms in the Senate.

Justice Clark lauded by state Bar Association

Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Cornelia A. Clark has been awarded the Tennessee Bar Association's prestigious Justice Frank F. Drowota III Award.

Named in honor of former Tennessee Chief Justice Frank Drowota, the Drowota Award is the TBA's highest award for service to the judiciary and has been given annually for more than a decade.

Clark was chosen for her decades of service to the legal profession in Tennessee, including the implementation of the Access to Justice Commission's first-ever strategic plan in 2010 and creation of the Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance (TFJA) in 2011.

A native of Franklin, Clark earned her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's in teaching from Harvard University. She completed her law



Justice Cornelia A. Clark

degree at Vanderbilt University in 1979.

She was appointed circuit court judge for the 21st Judicial District in 1989.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court in 2005, she served as director of the Administrative Office of the Courts for six years

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About a quarter of all 2015 Tennessee Promise students received a college degree after five semesters in the program, according to newly compiled data on the program. The 21.5 percent of students that graduated through five semesters, while still low, is a big jump over the previous year's community college graduation rate in 2014, when the program didn't exist, according to Tennessee Board of Regents numbers. The 2015 graduation numbers were almost seven points higher than the 2014 group. The numbers show that overall, 3,257 students in the 2015 cohort earned a degree or certificate within five semesters, an 82 percent increase over the students in the 2014 cohort before Tennessee Promise.

Tennessee law enforcement agencies now have a new resource to help combat domestic violence and connect victims with community-based domestic violence service programs. The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCl) has hired a new instructor to teach a Lethality Assessment Program – Maryland Model (LAP). Originally designed

for use by law enforcement, LAP gives officers and other first responders a model for effective domestic violence assessment in order to better understand domestic violence calls and prevent escalating violence that can lead to homicides. The program will be taught to every basic TLETA police recruit class in addition to conducting sessions with veteran officers at departments across the state.

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency generated more than \$1 billion to the state's economy in 2017, according to a new report. THDA's efforts to provide Tennesseans with affordable housing generated approximately \$1.1 billion in economy activity throughout the state both indirectly and directly. Of that \$1.1 billion, \$628 million was directly created by THDA, including the creation of 7,477 jobs and \$368.1 million in mortgage loans taken out by 2,922 families who participated in the 2017 Great Choice Loan Program. THDA funded the Tennessee Housing Trust Fund with \$7.9 million in profit generated from the Great Choice program.

Communities selected to participate in Tennessee Downtowns program

A dozen new Tennessee municipalities have been selected to participate in the sixth round of the Tennessee Downtowns program.

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe announced Alamo, Bell Buckle, Clinton, Dresden, Huntingdon, Jasper, Lexington, Lynnville, Newport, Trenton, Tullahoma, and Watertown will all take part in the program.

"I want to congratulate these 12 communities on being selected to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns program," Rolfe said. "Each community in this program is taking steps to enhance its downtown district, which not only promotes retail and tourism but also encourages economic growth. I look forward to seeing these communities continue to succeed in our state through the assistance of this program."

Since 2010, 58 Tennessee communities have participated in the program to assist local officials and volunteers seeking to revitalize traditional commercial districts. Tennessee Downtowns communities work through groups of local citizens who participate in a two-year program supported by the National Main Street Center. They also receive a \$15,000 grant to complete a downtown improvement project.

"We're excited to welcome 12 new communities into the Tennessee Downtowns program and look forward to working with them on their downtown revitalization goals," Main Street Program Di-

rector Nancy Williams said.

The newly selected communities have downtown commercial districts established at least 50 years ago and have demonstrated their readiness to organize efforts for downtown revitalization based on the successful "Main Street Four-Point Approach to Downtown Revitalization." The highly competitive selection process was based on historic commercial resources, economic and physical need, demonstrated local effort, overall presentation and probability of success.

Main Street revitalization is a comprehensive, incremental, self-help economic strategy that also focuses on developing public-private partnerships to enhance community livability and job creation, while maintaining the historic character of the district. Main Street and Tennessee Downtowns communities are eligible to participate in Commercial Façade Grant programs and Main Streets are eligible for Entrepreneur Grants.

There are currently 35 nationally-accredited Tennessee Main Street communities: Athens, Bolivar, Bristol, Brownsville, Cleveland, Collierville, Columbia, Cookeville, Dayton, Dyersburg, Fayetteville, Franklin, Gallatin, Greeneville, Jackson, Johnson City, Jonesborough, Kingsport, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, Maryville, McKenzie, McMinnville, Morristown, Murfreesboro, Paris, Pulaski, Ripley, Rogersville, Savannah, Sevierville, Sweetwater, Tiptonville, Union City, and Winchester.

April 2018 state revenues higher than expected, show increase from last year

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Larry Martin announced that revenues for April exceeded the monthly revenues from the previous year. State revenues for April were \$1.9 billion, which is a growth of 3.76 percent more than last year and \$128.3 million more than the state budgeted.

"Total revenues in April reflect significant improvement compared to this time last year," Martin said. "Much of the growth is driven by franchise and excise tax payments, business tax receipts, privilege taxes and sales tax revenues. Hall income tax revenues posted a significant reduction from receipts received in April 2017, but were expected to be lower due to several large early payments made in December and January of this fiscal year. All other tax revenues, taken as a group, exceeded the April estimates."

"While revenues look promising, we will continue to monitor revenue and expenditure patterns for the remainder of this fiscal year in order to financially posture ourselves for the future."

On an accrual basis, April is the ninth month in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

General fund revenues were more than the budgeted estimates in the amount of \$140.2 million while the four other funds that share in state tax revenues were \$11.9 million less than the estimates.

Sales tax revenues were \$12.4

million more than the estimate for April and they were 4.31 percent more than April 2017. April sales tax revenues reflect retail business activity that occurred in March. For nine months revenues are \$69.6 million higher than estimated. The year-to-date growth rate for nine months was 4.68 percent.

Franchise and excise tax revenues combined were \$135.9 million higher than the budgeted estimate in April, and the growth rate compared to April 2017 was positive 11.32 percent. For nine months revenues are \$171.5 million more than the estimate and the year-to-date growth rate is -1.28 percent. However, adjusting for the one-time payments received last fiscal year and this fiscal year produces a positive year-to-date underlying growth rate of 5.65 percent.

Gasoline and motor fuel revenues for April increased by 21.01 percent compared to April 2017 and they were \$2.8 million more than the budgeted estimate of \$91.1 million. For nine months revenues are more than estimated by \$8.6 million.

Tobacco tax revenues were \$2.6 million less than the April budgeted estimate of \$21.8 million. For nine months they are \$7.9 million less than the budgeted estimate.

Inheritance and estate tax revenues were \$400,000 less than the April estimate. On a year-to-date basis revenues for nine months are

\$2.9 million less than the budgeted estimate.

Hall income tax revenues for April were \$44.8 million less than the budgeted estimate. For nine months revenues are \$17.5 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax revenues were \$8.4 million more than the April estimate, and on a year-to-date basis, August through April, revenues are \$20.1 million more than the estimate.

Business tax revenues were \$14.5 million more than the April estimate. For nine months revenues are \$15.9 million more than the budgeted estimate.

All other tax revenues exceeded estimates by a net of \$2.1 million.

Year-to-date revenues for nine months were \$308 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund recorded \$270.2 million more than budgeted estimates and the four other funds \$37.8 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2017-2018 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation of November 29, 2016, and adopted by the first session of the 110th General Assembly in May 2017. Also incorporated in the estimates are any changes in revenue enacted during the 2017 session of the General Assembly. Estimates are available on the state's website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/finance/fa/fa-budget-information/fa-budget-rev.html>.

Henry Horton State Park restaurant earns first Eat REAL certification

Henry Horton State Park's restaurant, The Governor's Table, has become the first state park in the nation to achieve REAL Certified Status, a nationally recognized standard for foodservice operations focused on nutrition and sustainability from Eat REAL.

"At Tennessee State Parks, we have the health and wellbeing of our visitors in mind from the moment they enter the park," said Brock Hill, deputy commissioner at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. "This certification looked at our entire food service operation at Henry Horton to ensure we are being responsible, sustainable stewards."

The REAL Certified program in Tennessee is established through a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Health and Eat REAL and has recognized more than 100 REAL Certified foodservice operations across the state. REAL Certified is a holistic nutrition and sustainability certification program for the foodservice industry, developed by Eat REAL and modeled after the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification program.

The REAL certification process requires a voluntary audit whereby an Eat REAL approved

registered dietitian reviews menus, ingredients, preparation methods and sourcing. Points are awarded based upon a wide range of criteria, such as the use of nutrient-dense vegetables, fruits and whole grains; scratch cooking and minimally processed foods; healthier cooking methods and moderate portion size; unsweetened beverages and healthy children's options; and more sustainable sourcing methods, including local and organic.

Highlights from The Governor's Table review included preparing more food items from scratch using locally-sourced ingredients; providing healthy menu items, including a full salad bar and whole-grain breads; offering well-balanced children's menu items; offsite catering; and superior waste management practices.

The Governor's Table garden, tended to by community volunteers and managed by conservation worker Mark Matzkiw, is dedicated to growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing with the community that supports them. Restaurant



staff work to incorporate foods produced onsite into the menu and strive to make sure patrons' health is always a top consideration. In 2017, Henry Horton State Park received an award as the "Most Innovative Park of the Year" in recognition of their garden-to-table program.

"The team at Henry Horton State Park demonstrated an incredible commitment over several months to introduce healthier options and more sustainable practices within their restaurant," said Nikkole Turner, program manager for Eat REAL Tennessee. "Eat REAL is proud of this partnership and to support their strategic improvements. We know they are leading the way within the Tennessee State Parks system to improve the health of visitors and grow the local economy."

Other Tennessee State Park restaurants currently in the process of seeking Eat REAL Certification include Cumberland Mountain State Park, David Crockett State Park, Montgomery Bell State Park, Natchez Trace State Park; and Pickwick Landing State Park.

In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Health's Project Diabetes and "1305" grant and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Pick Tennessee Products, Eat REAL Tennessee worked with The Governor's Table to create a road map to meet a new level of foodservice standards, reflecting the mission of Eat REAL.

Since the inception of the Healthy Parks Healthy Person program in 2016, Tennessee State Parks have been dedicated to creating a culture of health, including within state park restaurants. Henry Horton State Park is one of the first to adopt a "garden-to-table" philosophy.

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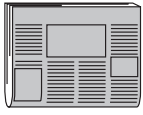
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GREENEVILLE. The town of Greeneville is accepting applications for an assistant finance director/accountant. Ideal candidate has governmental accounting experience. Bachelor's degree required. Salary range \$44,556 - \$55,165. Application available at the town website www.greenevilletn.gov. Mail to Attention: Human Resources, 200 N. College Street, Greeneville, TN 37745, or email to pfuller@greenevilletn.gov. EOE/Drug Free Workplace.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

BRISTOL. The city of Bristol is accepting applications for the following full-time position director of community development. Salary range \$65,927 - \$102,186 DOQ. Under executive direction of the city manager, the purpose of this position is to plan, organize, direct, and integrate the city's planning and code enforcement programs and services, and the Community Development Block Grant and Home programs and services. This position is responsible for policy development, program planning, budget management, administration, and operational direction of the Community Development Department functions. Has responsibility for accomplishing department objectives and goals within the guidelines established by the city manager and performs related work as assigned. This position interprets the department's codes, regulations, plans, policies, and functions for elected and appointed boards, citizens, the business community, and the public. Plans, organizes, controls, integrates, and evaluates the work of the community development department; with staff, develops, implements and monitors long-term plans, goals, and objectives focused on achieving the city's mission and council priorities; directs the development of and monitors performance against the annual department budget and the city's capital improvement plan budget; manages and directs the development, implementation and evaluation of plans, policies, systems, and procedures to achieve annual goals, objectives, and work standards that support the city's mission and values. Master's degree in planning, public administration, or related field required, with six years increasing responsible experience in municipal planning, zoning, permitting, enforcement, and consultation, two of which are 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 the operation of personal computers and be knowledgeable in the field of Geographic Information Systems with some knowledge of ArcView preferred. To be considered, candidates must complete an application and upload a resume at: <http://bristoltn.org/jobs.aspx>. EOE

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN II

COLLIERVILLE. The purpose of this classification is to perform skilled manual multi-trades work in the repair, maintenance, replacement and general upkeep of town buildings. High school diploma or GED; supplemented by three years previous experience and/or training involving facility maintenance operations work, HVAC repairs, and electrical and plumbing repairs; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Electrical license, HVAC license with boiler attachment, and plumbing license preferred but not required. Must possess and maintain a valid Driver's License. Tasks require the regular and sustained performance of moderately physically demanding work, typically involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling, and that generally involves lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of moderately heavy objects and materials (20-50 pounds); may occasionally involve heavier objects and materials (up to 100 pounds). Salary is DOQ with excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, you must submit an official Town of Collierville Application. Applications are available to download at www.collierville.com, or you may obtain one from our Human Resources Office located at 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN, 38017, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Completed applications must be submitted either by mail or in person

to the above address. Collierville is unable to accept faxed or emailed applications. EOE

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

CLINTON. The city of Clinton is seeking qualified candidates for the newly established position of human resource manager. This position will report directly to the city manager, and will be responsible for providing full-scope human resource services to fellow department heads, employees, and elected officials. Typical duties will include: development and administration of various technical phases of the city's personnel program, including policy development and administration; risk management; benefits administration; recruitment, selection, and placement; position classification and pay; employee relations programs, performance management, employee development, and workforce diversity; and providing advice to city management and personnel. The successful candidate will be a self-starter with a change-agent mindset, and will be adept at collaboration with individuals on various levels of responsibility. The ideal candidate will have: five to 10 years of experience in a supervisory/managerial role in human resources in a comparably sized organization; local government experience is strongly preferred, but not required; a bachelor's degree in human resources, business, public policy, or comparable, from an accredited college or university - or equivalent experience; and one or more of the following certifications: PHR/SPHR, IPMA-CP/SCP; or be eligible to obtain certification within two years following appointment. The city provides a comprehensive benefits package, including 100 percent contribution of the employee's portion of premiums for health, dental, and vision insurance; state of TN retirement participation (TCRS); state of TN 457(b) participation; 401(k) with partial match; life insurance to 4.5 times salary; paid vacation leave; paid sick leave; paid holidays; and voluntary supplemental benefits packages. The hiring range for the position is from \$59,477 to \$74,349 annually, DOE. Applications will be accepted through close of business June 15. Email application, along with a cover letter and résumé to: geook@clintontn.net. EOE

MAINTENANCE WORKER

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville is seeking a maintenance worker for grounds and parks maintenance. Salary range is \$24,960 (DOQ) annually with excellent benefits package. This position is a semi-skilled and unskilled manual laborer as part of a parks and grounds crew performing routine maintenance and construction tasks for various public facility projects. Requires a high school diploma or GED; previous experience and/or training in maintenance and construction work in area of assignment is preferred; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job. May require occasional weekend work. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. The work involved in this job requires sufficient physical strength, stamina, and ability to pass a work related physical proficiency test and pre-employment examination including drug test. The work is physically demanding, may require lifting heavy objects, and may require working in inclement weather. Selection process may include: examinations, interviews, assessment centers, practical skills, etc. Drug testing may be required. To apply: submit an application to Human Resources Office, 500 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN. EOE 38017

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

JACKSON. The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) seeks applications for a municipal management consultant in its Jackson office. MTAS is an agency of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service and provides consulting, technical assistance, training, and research services to Tennessee cities. The position provides professional advice and assistance in the area of municipal management primarily to an assigned set of cities in Tennessee, regardless of size, on a broad range of issues and problems. In addition to providing direct client assistance, the management consultant researches, develops and maintains timely reports on critical issues; teaches municipal training courses within the context of a well-defined training curriculum; and assists other consultants in the agency in the performance of individual and team projects. This position performs other special project work as assigned. The position requires a master's degree in public administration or in a related field. This position requires at least five years employment in local

government, including three years as a city manager or six years as an assistant city manager. Preference is given to experience as a city manager or assistant city manager in a city with a minimum 10,000 in population. Extra consideration will be given for additional experience in city management or Tennessee specific experience. The position requires knowledge and understanding of the problems faced by city officials. It requires independent planning and processing of projects, questions, training, etc. The work is performed in both in the field and the office and as such, requires constant scheduling and updating of work activities. Each employee that drives a vehicle for work related business must have and maintain a valid driver license and insurance. This position requires extensive travel. Salary is based on a combination of professional experience and qualifications. Applicants must apply electronically and attach a cover letter, resume and three references with contact information. Please apply at: https://ut.taleo.net/careersection/ut_system/jobdetail.ftl?job=18000000P2&tz=GMT-04%3A00

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

EAST RIDGE. The city of East Ridge is currently seeking a qualified and experienced professional for the director of parks and recreation. This position is responsible for the administration and operations of the parks and recreation department to include: planning, promoting, and organizing programs, activities and sporting events for all ages; and maintaining, enhancing and developing parks, playing fields and recreational facilities. The successful candidate should possess quality communication and marketing skills, experience in recruiting tournaments and special events; as well as the ability to understand the varied functions of each sub-department. These duties are applied to Camp Jordan Park (a 275-acre recreation and sports facility located off Interstate I-75 at Exit 1 that includes an arena, soccer fields, ball fields, amphitheater, disc golf, and a two-mile walking path), East Ridge High/East Ridge Middle School (ballfields, soccer field, tennis courts, track and football stadium), East Ridge Community Center (meeting rooms, indoor basketball court and kitchen), and Pioneer Frontier Playground. Bachelor's degree in recreation or related field and a minimum of three years' experience in a responsible management position. Salary range \$54,472-\$68,090. A complete job description can be found at www.eastridgetn.gov. Please send resume and cover letter to Trish Perry, Human Resources Manager, 1517 Tombras Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412, or tperry@eastridgetn.gov. Police Chief

POLICE OFFICER

COLLIERVILLE. This position involves the performance of responsible, general duty police work in protecting the life, persons, and property of the citizens of the town of Collierville through even-handed enforcement of laws and ordinances. Must have an associate degree (60+ semester hours) from an accredited college; or two years' previous experience as a full-time law enforcement officer; or two years of active duty military experience. A degree in criminal justice or a related field is preferred, however, majors with a concentration in management, technology, behavioral sciences, physical education or other related fields are acceptable; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Incumbents must be citizens of the United States of America. Applicant must possess an Honorable Discharge and provide a DD214, if they have prior experience in the Armed Forces. Must possess upon hire or complete within six (6) months of hire the State of Tennessee Police Officer P.O.S.T. certification and maintain appropriate certification throughout employment. Must be in compliance with TCA 38-8-106. Applicants must have the ability to pass a work-related physical proficiency/agility test, a medical/physical examination, a psychological examination and background investigation. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. The work of this job requires sufficient physical strength, stamina, and ability to pass a work-related physical proficiency test and pre-employment examination. The work is physically demanding, may require lifting heavy objects, and may require working in inclement weather. All new hires must successfully complete a 365-day training and assessment period. Starting salary is \$36,000 annually (DOQ) with excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, you must submit an original Town of Collierville

Governor announces 2018 Environmental Stewardship winners

Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Shari Meghreblian have announced the winners of the 2018 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards.

Winners will be recognized for their achievements and positive impact on the state's natural resources in an awards ceremony to be held in Franklin on July 9.

"These recipients have gone above and beyond what's required of them, and I commend their passion and drive to make Tennessee a more sustainable and innovative state," Gov. Haslam said.

The Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards program recognizes exceptional voluntary actions that improve or protect our environment and natural resources with projects or initiatives not required by law or regulation. In its 32nd year, this year's awards

program covers nine categories: Building Green; Clean Air; Energy and Renewable Resources; Environmental Education and Outreach; Environmental Education and Outreach (schools); Land Use; Materials Management; Natural Heritage; and Sustainable Performance.

"A lot of TDEC's work focuses on education and partnerships that promote these types of voluntary actions wherever possible," said Commissioner Meghreblian. "These organizations demonstrate that environmental stewardship can be conducive to economic gains and healthier communities."

A panel of 18 professionals representing agricultural, conservation, forestry, environmental and academic professionals judged more than 75 nominations and selected this year's award recipients based on criteria including on-the-ground achievement, innovation and public education.

2018 Environmental Stewardship Winners

Winning Entity	Category
Bells Bend Conservation Corridor	Land Use
County Music Hall of Fame and Museum	Materials Management
Hytch	Clean Air
Whites Creek High School	Environmental Education and Outreach (Schools)
Knoxville Partnerships for Low-Income Weatherization	Environmental Education and Outreach
General Motors of Spring Hill	Sustainable Performance
Montgomery County Energy Upgrades	Energy and Renewable Resources
Window Cliffs State Natural Area	Natural Heritage
Crosstown Concourse	Building Green

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WATER PLANT OPERATOR II

GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin is currently accepting applications for a Water Plant Operator II in the public utilities department. The purpose of this position is to perform intermediate technical work in the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant; does related work as required. Work is performed under regular supervision. Limited supervision may be exercised over subordinate plant personnel. This is a 40 hours per week position. The shift could be first or second, depending on the needs of the department. The hourly rate is \$20.11 + excellent benefits. The following duties are normal for this position: oversees proper functioning of water pumps, motors, chlorinators, filters and chemical feeders making adjustments as necessary to maintain proper flow of water; performs manual cleaning or preventive maintenance duties as assigned; replenishes treatment equipment with chemicals; and collects water samples from designated points. Other duties may be required and assigned. High school diploma/equivalent with two years recent experience in maintenance work involving plumbing, mechanical and electrical repair and installation. Must have a valid, appropriate driver's license. Must possess a Grade IV Water Treatment Plant Operator certificate issued by the state of Tennessee, and must retain certification throughout employment. Interested persons should apply online at www.gallatintn.gov. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE.

UTILITIES MANAGER

PORTLAND. The city of Portland is looking for a utilities manager to manage its natural gas, water and wastewater operations and be responsible for the acquisition of natural gas supplies for present and future use; negotiating gas supply and disposition contracts, for maintaining and developing gas rates as well as the proper operation, maintenance, reporting, collection, treatment, distribution and/or disposal of water and wastewater. Directs personnel in accordance with department policies and applicable laws including interviewing, hiring, training employees; planning, assigning and directing work; corrective action, performance

counseling and problem resolution. Responsible for adherence to OSHA/TOSHA regulations; and acts as chairman of the Safety Committee. A bachelor's degree in business administration, industrial management, political science, civil engineering or related field is required; and eight-plus years of work experience at a senior level in a combination of public works, utilities operation and management; AND combined five-plus years of experience in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater treatment, wastewater collections, natural gas operator qualifications, and OSHA. Prefer certifications in water treatment; wastewater treatment; water distribution system operator; wastewater collections system operator; and natural gas operator qualifications. Position is covered under RSPA regulations, which require pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing. Must pass a post-offer/pre-employment physical and background check. Employment applications available online at www.cityofportlandtn.gov and at city hall or qualified candidates may send their resumes to City of Portland, ATTN: Human Resources; 100 So. Russell St., Portland, TN 37148.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

BRISTOL. The city of Bristol is accepting applications for the following full-time position of zoning administrator. Salary Range \$44,311 - \$68,682 DOQ. Under the direction of the community development director, the position is to perform professional, technical, managerial, and administrative work within the Planning and Zoning Division. Job functions include, but not limited to: administration of zoning activities, interpretation and application of Tennessee state statute, Sullivan County, and Bristol city codes, ordinances and regulations, communication with other departments, public agencies and the general public, initiation of actions necessary to correct deficiencies or violations of regulations, extensive research for city projects, and development of strategies to promote efficient land use consistent with community goals and objectives. Excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills to present research findings to various boards and committees. Prefer master's degree in planning or a related field with three years of experience in the planning profession or bachelor's degree in planning or related field and five years of professional planning experience. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification is desirable. To be considered, candidates must complete an application and upload a resume at: <http://bristoltn.org/jobs.aspx>. EOE.

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Why we need a National Infrastructure Map

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Priority setting in infrastructure is hindered by the lack of systematic information available on the nation's inventory of infrastructure assets, their location and condition.

All politics is local and infrastructure is local, yet granular information on the location and condition of infrastructure across the nation is not readily available in a way that can enable a positive-sum politics.

To solve this problem, it is imperative that leaders from every sector join in a thoughtful dialogue about how we, together, can help envision our national infrastructure challenge in a common geographic context that allows us to understand the very specific interdependences that exist between our very real local, regional and national infrastructure needs.

In an age increasingly defined by internet-based systems and open data, the challenge is not primarily one of technology. Geographic information systems for capturing location-based data on infrastructure have been broadly adopted by public agencies and private organizations at every level of government for decades.

But access to this information is constrained by a variety of factors, including the lack of interoperability across systems, jurisdictional issues, and proprietary rights. Moreover, data is collected for different purposes using different standards and, therefore, is often not comparable.

Consequently, information on the nation's infrastructure is uneven and stovepiped. Infrastructure challenges cannot be assessed in an integrated way or communicated effectively to the relevant decision-makers and constituencies.

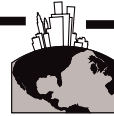
However nerdy this may sound,

the lack of an online, digital National Infrastructure Map that organizes such information for citizens and policymakers alike is a major cause of our nation's inability to achieve political consensus on infrastructure investment. Its absence leaves us unable to govern across the divide.

Congress should be investing in the creation of a National Infrastructure Map—one that provides political leaders and citizens with readily available, systematic, comparable, location-based information about the nation's infrastructure to support an informed political process for determining priorities and acting on them.

Done right, this will help overcome the public leadership challenge that has left us stalled, enabling political leaders at all levels of government, across our nation, to marshal support among citizens and key stakeholders around a positive vision for a better nation.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Emma remained the most popular name for girls in 2017 while Liam became the most popular name for boys, according to information recently released from the U.S. Social Security Administration. Emma has been the most popular girls name for four years in a row, followed in popularity last year by Olivia, Ava, Isabella, Sophia, Mia, Charlotte, Amelia, Evelyn, and Abigail. Liam bumped Noah out of position as the top name for boys, and was followed in popularity by Noah, William, James, Logan, Benjamin, Mason, Elijah, Oliver, and Jacob. Michael fell out of the top 10 for the first time since World War II while Emily fell out of the top 10 for the first time since 1990. Amelia, Evelyn, Logan, and Oliver are all new to the top ten list.

Loneliness is emerging as a major public health concern, particularly among older Americans. A recent study from Brigham Young University found that weak social connections can shorten a person's lifespan by 15 years – roughly the same amount as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Research from the American Psychological Association also found that those without social networks had a 50 percent increased rate of early death. More than 42.6 million adults aged 45 or older suffer from chronic loneliness, according to an AARP study. More than a quarter of the U.S. population lives alone and more than half is unmarried. Advocates and organizations like AARP are getting involved with local governments to combat the issue, promoting events like senior adult

nights and animal foster programs for the homebound.

Pedestrian deaths are on the increase across the U.S. and larger vehicles may be to blame. Pedestrian deaths have been climbing in recent years, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, with vehicles accounting for 45 percent of pedestrian fatalities. A recent study found that SUVs were involved in pedestrian-related deaths at a far higher rate than any other type of vehicle. Approximately 81 percent of collisions between an SUV and a pedestrian resulted in death, compared to an average of 46 percent for all over vehicle types. The reason for this may be because SUVs are becoming more prominent on roadways, and the size of the vehicle makes them more deadly in collisions.

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The city of Tullahoma closed a \$7 million fixed-rate loan for several public works infrastructure improvement projects within the city. The city first borrowed through the TMBF variable rate loan program in 1986 and has used various TMBF programs 23 times since then. Pictured standing are: Sue Wilson, finance director; Linda Mooningham, TMBF marketing director; and Rosemary Golden, city recorder. Seated is Mayor Lane Curlee.



The city of Jackson closed on a \$9 million fixed-rate loan for various infrastructure projects within the city. Pictured are Tommy Green, TMBF representative; Mayor Jerry Gist, Al Laffoon, city recorder; and Sam Dawson, assistant to the mayor.

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Excellence in Community Planning and Development - Jonesborough

Known as the oldest town in Tennessee, Jonesborough has progressed by leaps and bounds in recent years by renovating downtown structures and landmarks into havens for arts and culture, improving tourism and recreation offerings, and making improvements to municipal facilities.

In recognition of town efforts to revitalize and reinvigorate the community, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Jonesborough with an award for Excellence in Community Planning and Development.

The home of the National Storytelling Festival for 45 years, Jonesborough has cemented its reputation as a home for arts in Tennessee. To continue promoting arts and culture in the community, Jonesborough has turned its focus in the past year to renovating and refurbishing institutions that draw both local and international audiences to the arts in Tennessee.

One of these areas of focus was the purchase and lease of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. Through a partnership with USDA, the city prevented the center from being sold and has further solidified Jonesborough as the National Storytelling Festival's home.

The town purchased and restored the former Booker T. Washington School into the McKinney Center at Booker T. Washington School. Home of the city's Mary B. Martin Program of the Arts, the former school is now teaching arts classes and holding events for artists of all ages.

The town has also worked on the redevelopment of the Jackson Theatre on Main Street, an art deco theatre complex dating back to the 1940s. Jonesborough has received a \$500,000 state grant for the estimated \$3 million project. Plans for the

completed theatre include showing independent films, concerts, theatrical plays, and events with the annual Storytelling Festival.

Downtown revitalization has also been a major project for Jonesborough in the past few years. Town staff worked with Equinox Environmental of Asheville, N.C., to develop a downtown streetscape plan that upgraded utilities, expanded sidewalks, brought in new landscaping, and installed wayfinding signage. New bathrooms were installed downtown and a new state-of-the-art senior center was constructed to better facilitate senior-oriented programs and activities.

The town also purchased a former gas station on the gateway into the historic downtown area, which was then converted into the Boone Street Farmers' Market. The town leased the building to the Jonesborough Farmers Market organization while the Carter County Work Camp Inmate Crew renovated the building into a seven-day-a-week, year-round outlet store for the Jonesborough Farmers Market.

A former train depot on the Norfolk-Southern line was also renovated into the new Chuckey Depot Museum in Jonesborough. The railroad museum features a restored caboose and provides educational opportunities. The town has also developed several park areas including the Golden Oak Park, W.C. Rowe Park, Lincoln Dog Park and Arboretum, and extended the Lost State Scenic Walkway.

In terms of municipal facilities, Jonesborough has developed and relocated its fleet maintenance facility, renovated the town recycling center, promoted a new initiative creating financial and operational stability, expanded the municipal wastewater plant, and improved both local transportation and the local water system.



Above: The town of Jonesborough recently acquired the International Storytelling Center, a focal point of the city's arts and literature community. Jonesborough has been the home of the National Storytelling Festival for more than 45 years. In addition to the International Storytelling Center itself, venues across Jonesborough are used to host events associated with the festival.

Right: The town of Jonesborough purchased the site of a former gas station in its historic downtown area, which was then converted into a space for the Boone Street Farmers Market. The market brings farmers, food products, and artisans to the heart of the community. The Boone Street Market also features a commercial kitchen available for classes and making products that often sell at the market.



Excellence in Entrepreneurial Leadership - Unicoi

Located amid the Cherokee National Forest, the natural beauty surrounding the town of Unicoi is both an asset as well as a unique challenge when it comes to economic development. Local leaders in Unicoi have taken an innovative approach to growing business in the area and, as a result, have developed a facility that is now drawing entrepreneurs from three states.

In honor of the efforts taken by the town of Unicoi to combine tourism, education, and local resources into an economic development driver, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Unicoi with an award for Excellence in Entrepreneurial Leadership.

While the town of Unicoi has a population of under 4,000 residents, its small size has not stopped the town from dreaming big and innovating new ways of bringing in business. City leaders understand first-hand the importance of entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs create new jobs and employ local residents; and play a pivotal role in creating a unique sense of place that enhances a community's quality of life.

To further encourage new business and entrepreneurship, the town of Unicoi established the Mountain Harvest Kitchen, a food business incubator and education facility that is designed to offer citizens access to professional-quality and commercially-used food processing equipment.

Those interested in developing their own early-stage wholesale and food retail businesses can use the kitchen to experiment with new recipes, develop products, and manufacture safe products in a state-of-the-art structure. The business incubator is the only one of its kind in a 50-mile radius and, as such, has brought in both entrepreneurs and farm growers from Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina. As a result, the small town business incubator has become a regional resource.

Plans for the Mountain Harvest Kitchen began 11 years ago during a strategic retreat as a way to combine both local agriculture and tourism to boost the economy. Land was purchased adjacent to the town's new visitor center and an old, vacant structure was renovated to make the new kitchen facility.

The town of Unicoi worked with organizations including the



Local residents attend a class on culinary knife skills at the Mountain Harvest Kitchen in Unicoi. In addition to providing entrepreneurs in the food industry with a space to make and workshop their products, the kitchen teaches classes on a variety of subjects ranging from international cuisine to skills useful for those working in the food industry. Other classes have focused on cooking for different lifestyles, such as vegetarian recipes and recipes for diabetics.



Chef Bobby Lang teaches a class on the use of a combi-oven, a combination oven-steamer, at the Mountain Harvest kitchen. The class was aimed at hospitality managers, kitchen managers, caterers, cooks, restaurateurs, and others in the food industry.

First Tennessee Development District, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, the ETSU College of Medicine, the Tennessee Department of Health, Unicoi County, UT Extension, and the Appalachian RC&D to make the kitchen a reality. Numerous grants also helped finance the facility.

In addition to providing entre-

preneurs with a place to develop products and receive hands-on assistance from culinary professionals, the facility also offers classes for citizens on everything from bread baking, vegetarian cooking, knife skills, cooking dumplings, and truffle making to how to set up their own food-related business.

Excellence in Governance Kingsport

In its centennial year, the city of Kingsport continues to find innovative approaches to local governance through involving citizens, utilizing new technology, and cooperation among both elected officials and appointed staff.

In recognition of the city's approach of delivering both old and new services with an innovative approach, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Kingsport with an award for Excellence in Governance.

Together, Kingsport's Board of Mayor and Aldermen and municipal staff have strategically worked to provide both high-quality and innovative services to local residents. Leading up to the city's centennial, officials established the "OneKingsport Summit," a two-day period where citizen input was gathered and an advisory committee was formed to help guide the city into the future. The result of the summit were five projects aimed at providing a sustained economic impact and improving quality of life for citizens.

The city also recently established a 12-member Neighborhood Commission that advises and promotes initiatives to strengthen local neighborhoods. The group also serves as a liaison to city officials about programs that could benefit various neighborhoods. To better communicate with residents, Kingsport implemented "YourGov," a free service that allows residents to report non-emergency issues and

service requests using the web or a smart phone.

Kingsport has also worked to improve its infrastructure. In 2017, Kingsport finished a \$13.7 million raw-water intake project to continue to supply safe, reliable drinking water while ground-penetrating radar was used to obtain objective data and analyze every street in the city. The city also made major upgrades to Bays Mountain Park – the largest city-owned park in the state at 3,550 acres. The new pavilion at Lily Pad Cove serves as a multi-use facility in the scenic park.

While moving forward with a number of new projects, Kingsport hasn't forgotten its past. The Kingsport Carousel project was a jumping off point for many of the government-citizen collaborations the city has undertaken. Citizens and local leaders came together to carve, paint, donate, and operate the restored historic carousel that recently celebrated its 100,000th rider.

None of these projects would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Kingsport's elected officials and city staff, led by City Manager Jeff Fleming. Together, Kingsport officials have managed to provide top-notch traditional services while encouraging and supporting a variety of innovative approaches to service delivery by working together and showing a willingness to implement new and exciting approaches to government.



City employees, elected officials, and local residents gathered together for the OneKingsport Summit to help create a roadmap for the city's future.

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Officials with the city of Dunlap and Dunlap Industries cut the ribbon on the company's new solar array. The city has taken the lead on installing solar panels and other energy efficient equipment on municipal property, which has in turn encouraged local businesses and residents to consider more energy efficient options for themselves.

Excellence in Green Leadership- Dunlap

Once known as a hotbed of activity for the coal industry, the leaders of the town of Dunlap have both embraced their community's legacy of providing energy and moved it into a new, modern age by advocating for energy-saving upgrades to municipal facilities and bringing solar power to the town.

In recognition of the efforts of town officials to promote energy efficiency in both the private and public sector, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Dunlap with an award for Excellence in Green Leadership.

To promote both energy and cost savings, the town of Dunlap partnered with energy services company NORESKO to upgrade 130 city streetlights to LED bulbs, install high-efficiency LED interior and exterior lights at all city buildings, upgrade water meters, and install solar arrays on the roofs of nine municipal buildings including city hall, the fire department, police department, a city park, town maintenance facility, water treatment plant, and wastewater treatment plant. In total, the projects cost the

city around \$2.76 million

Dunlap Mayor Dwain Land, who also serves as president of the Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council (TREEDC), said the upgrades will eventually pay for themselves over several years with energy savings being used to pay by loans used to finance construction.

Businesses around Dunlap have also followed the city's lead and begun installing solar panels of their own to promote energy efficiency and savings across the community.

Not ready to rest on its laurels, Dunlap officials are also working to implement a free curbside recycling program to serve some 3,000 homes in the town. The program will also be funded from savings through the town's energy upgrades.

While it may take hard work and determination to secure grants and other funding for such projects, Dunlap is striving toward sustainability, beautification, and continual improvement.

Excellence in Public Works - Knoxville

To keep up with the growing needs of the city's fleet services and public works department, the city of Knoxville knew it was time to update its fleet services facility, and chose to do so in a way that employed both cost-saving and sustainable measures.

For the efforts taken by municipal officials in building an effective and efficient fleet services center while still taking into consideration the needs of taxpayers and environmental issues, the Tennessee Municipal League presents the city of Knoxville with an award for Excellence in Public Works.

The city's fleet contains more than 1,500 vehicles ranging from fire and police vehicles to mowers and trucks for sanitation, brush collection, and road work. As a result, the city's fleet services center has its hands full keeping the millions of dollars' worth of city vehicles in good operating condition. To ensure the continued health of the city fleet, Knoxville invested in a new complex at the site of the city's old engineering facility on Lorraine Street, which was also a brownfield site.

Using a TDEC-approved soil management plan, the new facility both incorporated some of the existing areas of the former building as well as a new 6,525-square-foot fire ladder truck building that allows ladder trucks to be extended and worked on indoors, a small engine repair and fabrication shop for smaller equipment, a welding room, a heavy equipment shop with six service bays and a parts facility, and a crew building for offices and an employee breakroom.

Sustainability was largely taken into consideration when constructing the new facility. In addition to soil management, the building includes water-reducing plumbing fixtures, LED lighting, and energy use controls. Knoxville's Fleet Management division is also working to be more en-

vironmentally friendly by use of compressed natural gas and propane fuel, specifying more electric vehicles, and obtaining a grant for a waste oil heater.

"This award is a great tribute to all of the partners that collaborated on this project, ultimately improving city services and beautifying the area," Knoxville Deputy to the Mayor and COO David Brace said. "We wanted our staff to operate from a building that mirrors the high caliber of services we provide."

The building, which showcases large windows, abundant natural light and a fresh color scheme, was designed by BarberMcMurry Architects. The Public Building Authority oversaw the project and Blaine Construction served as the contractor.

"The open layout makes our operations more efficient, and it consolidates city services in a way that makes it convenient for our customers – one-stop shopping," Knoxville Public Service Director Chad Weth said.

Weth added that a quick elevator ride to the city's employee health center has helped crew members quickly address on-the-job health concerns that occur in the field – checking the severity of a pulled joint, for example, or treating poison ivy.

Similarly, the city's engineering department has enjoyed the building's open floor plan, which makes collaboration on projects easier and improves quick access to engineering files.

"I'd say communication is one of the first improvements supervisors noticed after the move into the new public works service center," Knoxville Civil Engineering Chief Tom Clabo said. "The building's seamless design has directly influenced how we interact."

The Knoxville Public Works Service Center received a design award from the East Tennessee

Excellence in Fire Services - Murfreesboro

Working in one of the fastest growing municipalities in the state, members of the Murfreesboro Fire Department must both juggle the current needs of the community they serve while also planning ahead to ensure quality of service doesn't fall behind as the community expands.

To honor the efforts taken by the department to strengthen local leadership, provide excellent public safety services, communicate efficiently both internally and externally, and meet the needs of both employees and citizens, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Murfreesboro with an award for Excellence in Fire Services.

Under the leadership of Chief Mark Foulks, the department has worked both internally and externally to improve both current services and plan ahead for upcoming needs.

Internally, the department has developed a new organizational chart and job descriptions to better define the chain of command and duties of all employees. This has created a more transparent career pathway for employees. Additionally, the department has developed an external assessment center.

To better help the community at large, the department also created three new fire and life safety specialist positions to oversee the Community Risk Reduction program including analyzing department statistics, recommending programming, conducting safety



Members of the Murfreesboro Fire Department fight a fire at a commercial structure on Sloan Street. The department has reorganized its internal structure, constructed a state-of-the-art training center, and sought additional accreditation to improve its level of service.

inspections, and determining fire causes and origins. To provide quick and accessible medical care, the department increased their emergency medical service levels and provided advanced life support to fire companies. The department also constructed a state-of-the-art training center and has made great strides in ensuring there are adequate facilities and apparatus to serve the community.

Looking toward the future, the department is formalizing their planning process through a comprehensive fire department strategic plan and encouraging members to seek accreditation and professional development through programs like the Center for Public Safety Excellence's Commission on Fire Accreditation and the All Hazards Incident Management Team.

Excellence in Police Services - Gatlinburg

Throughout the year, members of the Gatlinburg Police Department find themselves responsible for bringing law and order not only to the less than 4,000 residents of their city but also to a tourist population that can sometimes reach as much as 15 times the number of Gatlinburg citizens.

To recognize the efforts of the police department to protect and serve both citizens and tourists through community policing and crime prevention programs, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Gatlinburg with an award for Excellence in Police Services.

One of the primary gateways to the most visited national park in the country, Gatlinburg can have as many as 60,000 tourists a day on top of the nearly 4,000 residents who permanently call the community home. To ensure that both residents and visitors are safe, the Gatlinburg Police Department has focused on service-oriented policing with customer service a priority for both residents and visitors.

In addition to answering calls and solving cases, the department focuses on proactive policies and programs such as bicycle patrol, walking patrol, motorcycle patrol, citizen out-of-town checks, and a Police Kids' Camp.

National attention was focused on the department in 2016 when officers worked around the clock to aid and rescue both residents and visitors who found themselves caught in the devastating wildfires that ripped through the area. Members of the Gatlinburg Police Department put their lives on the line for others, many not knowing if their own homes and families were safe while doing so.



Officers with the Gatlinburg Police Department investigate the site of a reported meth lab. In addition to the day-to-day tasks of the average police department, officers in Gatlinburg must also provide enforcement for the up to 60,000 daily tourists who spend their vacations in the community.

The Gatlinburg Police Department has 55 employees and is comprised of four divisions. These include two administrative positions, forty-one patrol officers and supervisors, four investigators and eight jailer/dispatchers. Each division of the department is responsible for specific duties that require expert training and experience to accomplish the goals of the department.

The department first became accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in July 1997 and remained a member until November 2009. The Gatlinburg Police Department has been a member of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program since 2010, with the most recent re-accreditation being in 2017.



The city of Knoxville recently constructed this new, state-of-the-art facility for housing and repairing its public works fleet. The new complex was built using sustainable architecture and energy efficiency materials. The facility also accommodates office space and an employee breakroom.

Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), presented at the 2018 Design Awards Gala. The state-of-the-art facility is a contender for the silver level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Envi-

ronmental Design) certification with its geothermal heating and cooling system, green roof and permeable brick pavers to filter water runoff.

Moving forward, the new fa-

cility will not only save the city and taxpayers money in the long run but also allows Knoxville's fleet services department to continue providing excellent and essential services to the city's residents.

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Excellence in Technology and Economic Development - Martin

Recognizing that even small communities need high-speed internet services to compete in the international marketplace, officials with the city of Martin have taken steps to become Tennessee's next gig city, providing high-speed internet services for residents, businesses, and students at the University of Tennessee at Martin as well as the other important services all communities require.

In honor of the efforts made by city officials to bring global connectivity to their local community, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Martin with an award for Excellence in Technology and Economic Development.

The process began in 2017 when the city began looking for a better way to take more accurate readings of its water system. Officials learned one of the best ways to do this was through a fiber optic network – the same technology that could bring the city internet service speeds that rival even major metropolises.

Working with cooperative WK&T Telecommunications, the city planned to wire 150 miles of fiber optic lines in the city to provide a one gigabit-per-second internet speed.

Additionally, the lines will offer broadband internet, digital television, phone and related services to communities. The city pays the cooperative \$300,000

per year over 30 years to build and maintain the network, which will serve as the foundation for a further \$10 million technological infrastructure investment in the area. Already, Martin estimates it will see a savings of \$100,000 on its public water system through use of the network in the first year alone.

The network is also being used as a catalyst to develop a local technology park aimed at software development, incubator business, and tech companies who can only succeed through the use of fiber networks. The city is also working with UT Martin for innovative partnerships.

“This is an innovative approach by a forward-thinking city,” WK&T CEO Trevor Bonnstetter said. “We commend city leaders for looking beyond the immediate challenge and forging a partnership that would not only help control their operating costs but would also make advanced telecommunications services available throughout the city.”

Of course, Martin officials haven't forgotten other important services their citizens require. The city has worked since 2004 to build and improve sidewalks throughout the community with Phase 7 of the project beginning soon.

Once realized, the sidewalk project will create a pedestrian pathway connecting Martin's



Workers install fiber optic cables in Martin as part of overall efforts to bring fiber internet access to the community. The new service will benefit local residents, businesses, and students at UT Martin.

greenway, downtown business district, and farmers market. The easier and safer access to downtown through these pedestrian

walkways has already created more business in the area, which in turn has increased the number of residents who shop and spend

time in downtown Martin.

The city also recently secured USDA funding at historically-low rates to construct a new fire station. The \$1.3 million Community Facilities Direct Loan will be used to add a third fire station to the city, lowering ISO ratings.

Construction is also underway at the new Martin Police Department, a more than 16,000-square-foot facility slated for completion this fall.

Citizens and city officials alike have also raised \$5.96 million of the \$7 million needed for a new library facility the city is investing in. The campaign aims to provide a new library facility for Martin with a dedicated children's library, space for group programs and events, public-use computers with high-speed internet, community meeting spaces with technological features, and special collections of books, art, and other media.

Martin is already reaping rewards from investing in the community – both in terms of technology and infrastructure. South Korean home appliance and automotive supplier Dong-A recently announced it will locate its first-ever U.S. facility in Martin. The company's \$13 million investment will create 220 jobs in the area and represents the first and largest foreign-direct investment made in Weakley County.

Small City Progress - Rockwood

Through improving municipal finances and tenaciously, seeking state and federal grants officials with the city of Rockwood have undertaken several major projects to improve the health, safety, efficiency, and quality of life for its citizens.

In honor of the cooperative efforts of city officials to reduce blight, increase energy efficiency, improve city services, and enhance local recreation opportunities, the Tennessee Municipal League is pleased to present Rockwood with an award for Small City Progress.

City staff working in tandem with the mayor and city council have worked tirelessly to improve city finances, housing, parks and recreation, and energy efficiency. Rockwood has more than quadrupled its general fund since 2012 and has had two perfect financial audits in that same period.

Additionally, Rockwood has received more than \$2.5 million in grants with an overall average match of 15 percent. These grants

have allowed for the construction of comfort stations, trails, greenways, congestion mitigation and air-quality projects, safe routes to school sidewalks and repairs, a bridge replacement, and numerous recreation grants.

Funds have also been used to demolish blighted properties and improve Rockwood's housing stock. In less than four years, more than 100 blighted or condemned properties have been eliminated, providing new space for redevelopment. The removal of these properties also reduced safety risks and hazards including rodents, insects, nuisance wildlife, crime, and other concerns. New houses have also been constructed on several empty lots, returning the properties to the tax rolls.

The city has also entered into a \$3.2-million energy performance contract with Trane to provide more energy efficient infrastructure for the city. The project will convert

more than 800 street lights and all municipal interior lights to LED bulbs. Additionally, HVAC systems will be replaced in most municipal buildings with new weatherized roofs being installed at the city hall, library, community center, and fire and police complex. The energy savings resulting from the project will allow the city to stay within its same debt structure without tax increases.

Rockwood has also utilized grants to purchase a new self-contained breathing apparatus and pumper truck for the fire department, construction of a new fire station, two new police vehicles, correcting road and drainage issues, new public works and parks and recreation equipment, as well as improvements at the municipal airport. A new ladder truck, a major paving project, and commercial development of the city's lakefront are all on Rockwood's agenda moving forward.



Officials with the city of Rockwood have used their improved finances and millions in grant funds to provide numerous improvements to the community. Funds have been used to demolish blighted structures to make way for new development, make municipal properties more energy efficient, purchase new equipment, and improve parks and recreation offerings.



Be sure to visit the TML Marketplace at TML's Annual Conference June 10-11 at the Knoxville Convention Center

The TML Annual Conference is fast approaching and the Exhibitor's Program plays a significant role in the entire conference experience. The services and products presented by the Conference Exhibitors help city officials solve problems and serve their community. Many city and town officials look to convention exhibitors for the latest information about the techniques, products, and services their municipalities need. Be sure and check out some of this year's highlighted vendors. By scanning the QR code with your smartphone app, you can learn more about each company listed below and featured in our on-line TML Marketplace showroom.

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