

TML, VC3 partner to provide “TECH” answers at Conference

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This year at TML’s 80th Annual Conference, the league is making a special effort to provide our members with the opportunity to get answers on the most urgent technology challenges facing Tennessee cities: cybersecurity, disaster recovery, cloud services, and more.

Attendees will take advantage of a series of 20-minute breakout sessions scheduled throughout the conference on these topics and visit the centrally located TECH area staffed throughout Sunday and Monday to engage our technology partner, VC3, with any questions. *(See Page 4 for a schedule of the TECH sessions being offered.)*

TECH is an acronym for Technology Empowered City Hall and the banner for TML’s ongoing effort with VC3 to identify needs and offer related services to our membership. The focus of the breakout sessions and the TECH space are inspired by a year spent learning from city leaders about the needs in their cities.

Two years ago, our own office was looking for a new IT partner. TML chose VC3 because of what they’ve accomplished in their 20-year partnership with the Municipal Association of South Carolina. First we worked together to modernize our IT, address vulnerabilities in our network, and adopt up-to-the-moment monitoring of our workstations and server. We also hired VC3 to provide our phone service, update our website, and to build a new integrated database. After the success of these projects, TML approached VC3 about helping our members address these same challenges. The obvious place to start was cybersecurity.

Back in 2014, some of TML staff computers were hit with a ransomware virus. In that moment of discovery, when we first realized ransomware had taken over one of our workstations, we were terrified and confused about what to do next. Fortunately we had taken steps just months earlier to implement file sharing restrictions that mitigate the scope of infection, back up all of our data to the cloud, and have a process in place for disaster recovery. The result: we didn’t have to pay the ransom, we didn’t lose any data, and it only took two days to get us back to 100 percent. This is far different from the horror stories we read about in the news. Local governments are under attack in every state, and for each story in the news there are many others quietly suffering with the consequences of a breach.

With our own experience in mind, TML leveraged our partnership with VC3 to offer a thorough, affordable way to assess vulner-



abilities in municipal networks and practices so that our member cities can prepare in order to avoid the worst consequences of a cyber attack. VC3’s security analysis culminates in a comprehensive report that prioritizes next steps and prepares city officials to understand their needs without confusing language.

We reported on the results of Tullahoma’s security analysis in the Feb. 4, 2019, issue of *TT&C*, where Tullahoma City Manager Jennifer Moody shared: “We are fortunate to have gone through this analysis. Cities need to prioritize the understanding of their IT structure. You have to realize the cost of recovering from one of these attacks, the lost productivity, the lost time, and the potential for lost data should be enough to encourage us to be proactive.”

It’s been very educational for TML staff to see the results in those cities that have participated already, and we’re using what we’ve learned about the status of municipal IT in Tennessee to develop technology services for member cities and towns through the new TECH program. To ensure due diligence in understanding the needs of Tennessee cities, in March of this year TML hosted a roundtable discussion in our offices featuring mayors and city managers from across the state. The discussion focused on how IT issues are handled, what projects are currently being pursued, what citizens are asking for, the role various staff plays, the use of third parties, and how the big problems are currently being addressed in those cities.

I was surprised to learn how similar the needs in TML’s office are to those of our member cities. We’re a small staff of 11 with a local server, hosted email, and some specialized software. Like most cities, we don’t have a full-time IT staff. Instead, one person on staff with very little IT training

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TN Supreme Court holds cities not required to share liquor tax proceeds with counties

In five separate lawsuits, the Tennessee Supreme Court has held that cities with their own school systems are not required to share with counties the tax proceeds the cities receive from the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption, called “liquor-by-the-drink.”

Tennessee imposes a 15 percent tax on liquor-by-the-drink sales. Except in private clubs, sales of liquor-by-the-drink are only allowed in cities or counties that have approved it by referendum. Businesses, such as bars that sell liquor-by-the-drink, collect the tax from customers and forward it to Tennessee’s Commissioner of Revenue.

Under Tennessee law, the Commissioner of Revenue keeps half the tax proceeds for general education purposes. The commissioner then sends the other half back to the city or county in which the liquor-by-the-drink sales were made. The five lawsuits centered on what happens to tax proceeds sent back to a city with its own school system that has approved the sale of liquor-by-the-drink when the county in which the city



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is located has not approved such sales.

For more than 30 years, cities that have approved the sale of liquor-by-the-drink have kept their portion of the liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds and used them for their own independent school systems. The cities have not shared the liquor-by-the-drink proceeds with

the counties.

In April and May 2014, five Tennessee counties—Blount County, Bradley County, Coffee County, Sullivan County, and Washington County—filed lawsuits against cities that had been receiving liquor-by-the-tax proceeds since 1980. None of the five *See TAX on Page 4*

Municipal elections held in 20 cities

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A total of 20 cities across the state have held municipal elections so far this spring, bringing both new and familiar faces to boards, commissions, and councils across Tennessee.

Some races set historical records, such as Jackson’s mayoral race that will have its first run-off election in nearly 50 years and Waverly’s Minnie Lou Warren, who has become the longest-serving elected official in city history.

BLUFF CITY
A municipal election was held on May 21 in Bluff City.

Incumbent Eric Ward will be joined by newcomers Jeff Broyles, and Carol Keith on the Bluff City Board of Mayor and Aldermen, defeating incumbent Sandra Madison as well as newcomers Kimberly Arrowood, Melvin King Carrier, David K. Harmon, and Carolyn Harris Payne for the three open seats on the board.

BOLIVAR
Bolivar elected members to its city council on May 21.

Incumbent Larry McKinnie Sr. staved off challenger Donell Polk Jr. to retain his Councilman District A Position 2 seat while incumbent Todd N. Lowe defeated challengers Daisy M. Harvey and Jimmy W. Howell to retain his Councilman District B Position 1 seat.

They will be joined by two

newcomers on the council. Carol B. Spinks defeated fellow challenger Lajuana Polk for the Council District A Position 1 seat while Larry Crawford defeated fellow newcomer Barbara Jean Fitzhugh for the Councilman District B Position 3 seat.

BRENTWOOD
The city of Brentwood held an election for its city commission on May 7.

Incumbents Anne Dunn and Ken Travis will be joined by newcomers Susannah Macmillan and Nelson Andrews on the Brentwood City Commission.

The board has since elected Ken Travis to serve as the city’s vice mayor.

Other challengers who ran for the four open seats include Wyatt Rex Allen, John Magyar, Dale Pacetti, Stevan Pippin, and Terrence A. Smith.

BRISTOL
Bristol held a municipal election on May 21.

Newcomers Vince Turner and Mahlon Luttrell defeated David L. Champan, Danny Lee McDonald, Miles Vance, and Steve Willinger for the two open councilman at-large seats. Turner and Luttrell will replace incumbent councilmembers Michelle Denise and Jack Young, who did not seek re-election.

Write-in candidate Rebecca R. Akard received 13 votes for the juvenile court clerk position for the city of Bristol.



DAYTON

The city of Dayton held an election for its city council on April 17. Incumbent city councilmembers Jim Lewis and Bobby Doss ran unopposed for the two open seats on the council and were re-elected to their seats.

DUNLAP

The city of Dunlap held an election of its city commission on May 4. Incumbent commissioners Jeff Harmon and Alan Jones both ran unopposed and were re-elected to their seats on the city commission.

GATLINBURG

The city of Gatlinburg held a municipal election on May 21.

Incumbent Mike Werner retained his post as Gatlinburg’s mayor over challenger George E. Hawkins. Newcomer Chad A. Reagan also defeated fellow challenger Jeff Ownby for the Commissioner Seat B previously held by Hannah Helton Harper.

Incumbent Ryan F. Desear ran unopposed and was re-elected to his Commissioner A seat.

HOHENWALD

Hohenwald held a city election for its city council on May 2. Incumbent Don Barber will be joined by newcomers Scottie D. Bass, Kevin King, and Cody Mitchell on the Hohenwald city council, defeating incumbent Janet C. Turner and challengers Mike Ricketts, Todd Laster, and Michael R. Simmons for the four open seats. Danny McKnight ran unopposed and was re-elected to his mayoral seat.

JACKSBORO

Jacksboro residents voted in a municipal election on April 6, electing two members of the city council.

Gene Stevens and Jerri Starrett defeated fellow challenger Jimmy Snodgrass for the two open seats on the council. Stevens and Starrett will replace outgoing Alderman Ray Green and Vice Mayor Mattie Lou Nance.

JACKSON

The city of Jackson held an election for its city council on May 7.

For the first time in 48 years, Jackson will hold a mayoral run-off election between Scott Conger and Jerry Woods. Conger garnered the most votes among the five candidates who ran for the position with Woods coming in second. Other challengers who did not garner enough votes to participate in the run-off include Jimmy Eldridge, councilwoman Vicky Foote, and Mark Johnstone. Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist announced he would not be running for re-election this term.

Conner re-elected Jackson’s *See ELECTIONS on Page 9*

TNECD Best Practices series launch – make plans to attend TML Conference workshop to learn more

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Are you ready to learn more about TNECD Rural Development best practices and programs that are available to your community? If so, make plans to attend the Sunday morning workshop at the upcoming TML conference to learn more.

TNECD’s Community and Rural Development programs connect communities to funding and technical assistance, identify and build off community assets, and advance economic development across the state.

Since 2015, TNECD has invested more than \$288 million in projects in all 95 counties; this includes grant funding or consulting services for more than 1400 projects. Information on these investments made in your community will be presented during the Best Practices Workshop on June 23 at 10:30 am. This workshop will feature the

TNECD Rural Development Best Practices Series that is a growing resource of 75 stories with metrics that capture your best projects and highlight success stories from across the state.

Information will be presented to prepare town and city leaders to predict and measure outcomes for projects in all funding areas including site development, broadband, infrastructure development, downtown development, tourism enhancement, workforce development and agriculture. The series features local and regional projects across Tennessee that show what worked, how community leaders did it, and how other communities can replicate the work.

The best practices recognize successful community implementation, encourage replication, support the innovative use and leveraging of TNECD programs, build understanding and support for TNECD Rural Development



programs, and provide local officials with information for use in local communications, reporting and project development.

Each best practice story provides details on the project’s scope and leadership, participating partners, and local, state and federal funding sources that include CDBG, ARC, DRA, state and other funding utilized in implementation. Economic and community ROI metrics are presented to illustrate the impact of the investments that were made.

TML is partnering with the TNECD Community and Rural Development project team to present the Best Practice Series in regular articles in the *Tennessee*

Town and City. The new resource can also be found on the TNECD Rural Task Force website (tn.gov/ruraltaskforce).

We hope that your municipal leaders will check the *TT&C* and the TNECD Best Practices website often as new stories arranged by TNECD program categories will be added during the summer and fall of this year.

Workshop speakers will include Brooxie Carlton, TNECD Deputy Assistant Commissioner and Dr. Bridget Jones, TNECD Best Practices Project Consultant who will provide more information on how you can use this new TNECD Rural Development resource.

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



BARTLETT

Officials with the city of Bartlett and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) recently broke ground on the newest TCAT facility to be located at the Bartlett Corporate Park. TCAT Bartlett will provide training to support the growing industry in the Southwest Tennessee Region, and offer our residents access to the skills they need to start a rewarding career. The 18-acre site will be the fourth TCAT location in the Greater Memphis area. The facility is slated to open in the fall of 2020 and accommodate up to 400 students each year. Construction of the facility is being financed through a state grant.

COLLIERVILLE

Collierville's Morton Museum received an award of excellence from the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM) Conference for the second year in a row. The museum also received awards of excellence for temporary exhibits for its "How It Works: Collierville's Public Works" as well as awards for special events for stories of service, in educational programming for its Art of Paper workshop, and in volunteerism for volunteer Mike Ellicott. Located in Collierville's historic downtown, the Morton Museum is devoted to Collierville history in a building gifted to the town in 2008 by Morgan Morton. The museum opened at its present location in 2012 and serves as the gateway to downtown Collierville.

COLUMBIA

Visit Columbia, the destination marketing program for the city of Columbia, announced a partnership with CrowdRiff, an AI-powered visual content marketing platform, to showcase social media user photos through engaging galleries on the VisitColumbiaTn.com website and through digital marketing by leveraging the power of visual content marketing. This partnership will enable Visit Columbia to easily and effectively discover the most engaging visual content for their destination, as well as share and manage their owned and curated content across all marketing channels. Additionally, in joining the larger CrowdRiff Tennessee Partner Network, Visit Columbia will be able to easily feed user-generated content directly to the state level tourism marketing organization, the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, to promote on the state travel website TnVacation.com and their other marketing channels.

FAYETTEVILLE

Hematite, Inc., will establish an auto supply production facility in Fayetteville, investing \$11.5 million and creating 70 jobs in the next five years. The company will retrofit a vacant industrial building at 49 East Park Drive in Fayetteville. Hematite plans to be operational in the third quarter of 2020. Hematite manufactures precision products from recycled materials for the automotive industry. The company's products are designed to manage the impact of acoustics, airflow and water on vehicles. Hematite also designs and manufactures industrial products. Founded in 1978, Hematite is headquartered in Ontario and also operates a facility in Englewood, Ohio. It employs approximately 280 people.

GERMANTOWN

The town of Germantown is one of 57 communities across the nation who will share in \$4.1 million in

grant funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town program. Germantown will receive \$50,000 to support community design workshops and the creation of a public art master plan. The project is titled ArtsLaunch Germantown and will be led by Germantown Performing Arts Center Executive Director Paul Chandler and the city's Public Arts Commission. The plan will be led by an experienced consultant and employ local artists to create and facilitate a variety of community engagement/visioning tools to generate comprehensive and inclusive conversations about how public art will live in Germantown. Partners include the city, the Public Arts Commission and the Germantown Performing Arts Center.

JONESBOROUGH

The town of Jonesborough has become only the sixth community in the country and the second in Tennessee to receive 10-gigabit fiber optic internet after Chattanooga. The faster speed allows users to upload and download more quickly and is provided through Brightbridge. One of the first businesses to receive the internet service was a café in downtown Jonesborough and soon, the use will spread throughout Washington County. Johnson City will be the next city that will be wired for the service.

JOHNSON CITY

Johnson City has received the 2018-19 High Performance Government Award from government software company Cartegraph. The prestigious honor recognizes local government organizations that leverage modern operations management technology to solve problems, work smarter and improve their communities. The city of Johnson City was among 10 municipalities to earn the national award based on their accomplishments using Cartegraph software in several core areas, including infrastructure management and improvement, operational efficiency, citizen engagement and data-driven decision-making. In its adoption of Cartegraph, the city integrated unrelated applications into a single solution to manage the workflow of multiple departments. The departments of Public Works and Water and Sewer Services have 240 employees using Cartegraph. These users complete an average of 1,000 tasks each week. Two other departments, facilities management and parks and recreation, are expected to begin using the software this year.

MT. JULIET

The city of Mt. Juliet has secured \$7.8 million in grant funds for new greenway and sidewalk projects. The Mt. Juliet Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is helping guide city commissioners on plans for new walking, run-

ning, and cycling infrastructure improvements citywide. Projects include the \$2.2 million second phase of the Town Center Trail between West Division Street and the railroad from 4th Avenue to South Greenhill Road already underway, a \$10.5 million construction of the Cedar Creek Greenway from Charlie Daniels Park to Golden Bear Gateway, and installing bike and pedestrian lanes on the Mt. Juliet Road bridge over Interstate 40. Two sidewalk projects are also planned for Lebanon Road. The first is a \$943,000 project that will build sidewalks between Nonaville Road and North Mt. Juliet Road. The second is a more than \$1 million to build sidewalks along Lebanon Road from North Mt. Juliet Road to Park Glen Drive as well as a connection to existing sidewalks in the Park Glen subdivision. A \$1.24 million sidewalk project will also connect Belinda Parkway between Providence Trail and Mundy Memorial Park. Sidewalks will also be built in the Woodridge Place area connecting to Elzie D. Patton Elementary and Mt. Juliet Road.

NASHVILLE

Western Express, Inc., will invest \$88 million and create 225 new jobs in Nashville. The freight and transportation company is an asset based over the road carrier headquartered in Nashville. The company was founded in 1991 and operates more than 2,600 tractor trucks and 6,500 trailers. In 2018, Western Express was ranked a top 25 carrier based on revenue in the U.S. Western Express employs more than 2,100 full-time positions in Tennessee and has a total of 3,600 employees worldwide. With this expansion, Western Express will add new technology, business services and back office support at its headquarters in Nashville. The company will also invest in new trucks, trailers, GPS and other transportation related equipment. In addition to the 225 headquarters positions, Western Express will hire more than 350 driving associates each year over the next five years.

OAK RIDGE

The U.S. Department of Energy has selected Cray Inc., to build a \$600 million next-generation Frontier supercomputer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The computer is expected to come online in 2021 and will have the ability to do more than a quintillion calculations per second – up to 50 times faster than the average modern supercomputer. The U.S. Department of Energy said the project will ensure that America leads the world in science, data, and computing resources. Oak Ridge is home to the current speed and processing champion, the Summit supercomputer, which came online in June 2018, and several title-holders over the last decade.

Gatlinburg welcomes to longest pedestrian bridge in North America



Gatlinburg is now home to the longest pedestrian suspension bridge in North America after Gatlinburg SkyLift Park opened the Gatlinburg SkyBridge. In addition to being the longest suspension bridge in America, it is the third longest suspension bridge in the world. The bridge is 680 feet long with glass floor panels at its highest point and features an observation area, snack shop and bar, and gift shop. The bridge gives unique views of the Gatlinburg parkway and surrounding mountains. The bridge and park are open daily and year-round.

Erwin officials cut ribbon on downtown park renovations



Erwin officials recently cut the ribbon on \$80,000 in renovations to the Gathering Place park downtown. Largely funded by grants, the improvements to the park include the installation of a brick patio and gas fire pit, string lighting, shade screens, a covered stage, picnic tables, benches, outdoor furniture, new landscaping, and an underground irrigation system.

Winchester honors late chief at new police building



Winchester Police Chief Ritchie Lewis unveils a tribute plaque to the late Winchester Police Chief Dennis Young during a building-dedication ceremony as City Councilman Willie Womack and Mayor Terry Harrell look on. Young was instrumental in the creation of the new building before his death in 2017. Young led the Winchester Police Department for 17 years and had a total of 36 years in law enforcement.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Brian Abston, city commissioner for Mt. Juliet's District 4, has announced his resignation from the city commission as he will be moving out of his district. Abston's resignation became effective on May 24 when he moved to another residence in Wilson County. Abston has served more than six years as a commissioner and was in the middle of his second term when he announced his resignation. Abston is a partner in a sales firm that works with telecommunications providers.



Brian Abston

Jim Bryson has been appointed as the deputy commissioner of parks and conservation for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Bryson is founder and president of 20/20 Research Inc., a market research consulting, project management and technology firm based in Nashville that was launched in 1986. He served for four years as a senator in the Tennessee General Assembly representing Williamson and Davidson counties, and was his party's nominee for governor in 2006.



Jim Bryson

Charlie Cardwell, a Davidson County trustee and Metro Nashville's longest-serving government employee, died May 13 from complications following a heart attack. He was 83. Cardwell was appointed trustee in 1993 and had been re-elected by Nashville voters to six four-year terms afterward. A Nashville native and graduate from the former Howard School that now serves as Nashville government offices, Cardwell served in U.S. Navy before becoming a clerk in the city's finance office. During his career, he served as Metro finance director, deputy mayor, and state revenue commissioner under Gov. Ned McWherter.



Charlie Cardwell

Mike Davidson, city manager of Cookeville, will retire from his position on June 30 after a 22-year career with the city. Davidson has been selected as Cookeville's city manager after a nationwide search in 2015.

Before that, Davidson had served as the city's interim city manager. A Cookeville native, Davidson's more than two decade career with the city has also included serving as Cookeville's assistant finance director and finance director. A certified public accountant, Davidson also served as a legislative auditor with the state of Tennessee before coming to work for the city of Cookeville.



Mike Davidson

Tim Ellis, city manager of Goodlettsville and TCMA director has been selected as the 2019 Local Government Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee State University ICMA Student Chapter. Ellis has more than 30 years of experience in local government administration, beginning his career in the parks, recreation and tourism field. He was appointed Goodlettsville's assistant city manager in 2007 and city manager in 2011. In 2017, he was recognized as the City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA).



Tim Ellis

David Jernigan has been hired as the new information technology manager for the city of Tullahoma. Jernigan has been employed by Motlow State Community College as a network security manager since 2013 and before that as a PC support manager since 2008. Jernigan holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and holds a certification in cyber-security from the University of Memphis.



David Jernigan

Shari Meghreblian has received the Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Conservationist of the Year award for her work as Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Meghreblian pro-



Shari Meghreblian

posed the development of the first comprehensive and statewide water plan to safeguard the future of the state's water resources. The concept of TN H2O became a central part of Gov. Bill Haslam's administration and, ultimately, reflects the views and needs of Tennessee's diverse regions and industries. After leaving the state, Meghreblian now owns Triple Edge Strategies, a consulting firm that advises public and private sector leaders about navigating the crossroads of energy, environment, and the economy.

Chris McCartt, assistant to the city manager of Kingsport, will take over as Kingsport's city manager after the retirement of current city manager Jeff Fleming, who will step down in June after 35 years with the city. McCartt has served as Kingsport's assistant city manager since 2008. A native of Jonesborough, McCartt began his career with the city of Kingsport in 1997 as a transportation officer in the Metropolitan Planning Organization and then became the MPO coordinator in 2001. In 2004, he was selected as the development services manager and held that role until he was selected as the assistant city manager. McCartt holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's in public administration from East Tennessee State University.



Chris McCartt

Julie Mix McPeak has announced she will leave her position as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) for the private sector. McPeak will be leaving the state on June 14. TDCI Deputy Commissioner Carter Lawrence will serve as interim until a new commissioner is appointed. McPeak was first appointed to the commissioner position in 2011 and is the immediate past president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). She was the first woman to serve as chief insurance regulator in more than one state, having previously served as executive director of the Kentucky Office of Insurance. McPeak holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from the University of Louisville.



Julie Mix McPeak

Collierville Fire Department welcomes new firefighters



The Collierville Fire Department is pleased to announce the addition of three firefighters to serve in the Collierville community. The new recruits are (pictured left to right) Matthew Phillips, firefighter and advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT); Skylar Hunt, firefighter AEMT; and Andrew Waymire, firefighter paramedic.

Nolan Ming has been selected as the new city administrator for the city of McMinnville. Ming has served as the city's director of community development since 2015. He also serves as the treasurer of the Middle Tennessee Codes Officials Association. Before coming to McMinnville, Ming was director of the Warren County Building and Environmental Codes Department. He also worked in the private sector as a director of store design and construction of Boombah, Inc., in Illinois and as director of nationwide operations for Burnham Nationwide in the Chicago area for 10 years. Ming has a bachelor's degree in community development and public administration from Central Michigan University and studied architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Nolan Ming

Sunny Sandos has been hired as the new staff attorney for Johnson City. Sandos comes to the city from East Tennessee State University where she served as executive director of planned giving. Her duties there included planned gift arrangements through the drafting of proposals for trusts, gift annuities, wills, life insurance policies, and life estates. Sandos also owns Sandos Law, PLLC, which serves the entire state of Ten-



Sunny Sandos

nessee through a web-based practice focused on estate planning. Her experience also includes seven years in private practice, with an emphasis on civil litigation and municipal law. Sandos is a faculty member of the National Business Institute in estate planning and previously served as an adjunct professor at ETSU. Sandos holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications from ETSU and earned her law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Mark Watson, city manager of Oak Ridge, has received his doctorate from the University of Tennessee having successfully defended his dissertation titled "City Managers, Mayors and Councilmembers: Local Stability in Tennessee." A second-generation city manager, Watson has been city manager of Oak Ridge since 2010 and counts among his major accomplishments the creation of the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, a new Peace Pavilion for the International Friendship Bell, and renovations at both the Alexander Guest House and Historic Jackson Square. Watson's efforts have also brought about a much-needed revitalization of the city center with the Main Street Oak Ridge project. Watson has served as city manager for six different cities in Texas, Montana, and Arizona since 1981 and served as a U.S. local government policy guest lecturer at China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.



Mark Watson

No loan is too large or too small



Livingston recently closed a \$1.8 million capital outlay note with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) issued to finance waterline improvements. Livingston has used TMBF's various loan programs 11 times since 1996. Pictured are Phyllis Looper, city clerk; Mayor Curtis Hayes; and Linda Mooningham, TMBF marketing director.



White House recently closed a \$10 million fixed-rate loan with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund to finance the construction of a new community event center for the city, which will include an event center, senior center, and administrative offices. The loan will also be used to finance the cost of the demolition of the current facility and the renovation of the current gymnasium. Seated from left to right are Gerald Herman, city administrator; Mayor Michael Arnold; and Derek Waston, city recorder. Standing left to right are: Kevin Krushenski, TMBF marketing representative; and Linda Mooningham, TMBF marketing director.



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STATE BRIEFS



Tennessee has fallen four spots on the annual *U.S. News and World Report 2019 Best State Ranking*. Tennessee was ranked 30 out of 50 in this year's last, down from its 26 out of 50 rank in 2018. States on the list are ranked on multiple metrics including health care, education, economy, fiscal stability, infrastructure, and crime. Tennessee was ranked first in terms of fiscal stability, 12 out of 50 in economy, and 13 out of 50 in infrastructure. However, the state received a ranking of 26 out of 50 in terms of the opportunities available to residents, 35 out of 50 in education, 37 out of 50 in how it takes care of its natural environment, and ranked 43 out of 50 for both crime and corrections as well as health care.

Tennessee saw a 3.6 overall decrease in violent crimes in 2018, according to the TBI's recent *Crime in Tennessee Report*. Murders declined 8 percent, weapons laws violations decreased 1.1 percent, and rapes were down 4.7 percent though kidnapping and abductions increased by 2.7 percent. Of all crimes reported, more than 53 percent were crimes against property, 27 percent crimes against persons and 19.6 percent were crimes against society. For the full report, visit <https://t.co/AcaDoTIIIv>.

Tennessee has the third highest number of opioid prescriptions per capita and is one of the states with the highest drug use, according to statistics compiled by financial literacy site Wallet Hub. The study compared all 50 states and the District of Columbia in factors like teenage drug use, adult drug use, children living in homes where drugs were used, opioid prescriptions, drug arrests, drug laws,

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counties had approved the sale of liquor-by-the-drink. All five lawsuits claimed that Tennessee statutes required the cities to share a portion of those tax proceeds with the county schools.

The cities disputed the counties' claims, arguing that the statutes allowed the cities to keep the tax proceeds for their own schools.

In the five cases, the trial courts reached varied results, some holding in favor of the counties and others holding in favor of the cities. The cases were all appealed. In four of the appeals, a panel of judges on the Court of Appeals held in favor of the cities. In one case, however, a different panel of judges on the Court of Appeals held in favor of the county.

To resolve the conflict in the Court of Appeals' decisions, the Tennessee Supreme Court granted permission to appeal in all five cases. The Supreme Court held in favor of the cities in all five appeals.

In its opinion, the Court noted that, for more than 30 years, cities and counties across Tennessee had been handling liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds in the same way:

employee drug testing policies, and the availability and accessibility of drug treatment programs. Tennessee ranks 14 out of 51 in terms of drug use and 10 out of 51 in drug use and addiction. However, the state ranks 32 out of 51 in how it deals with drug-related health issues and rehabilitation.

The Tennessee State Park system is a finalist for the 2019 National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, hosted by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Tennessee State Parks is one of only two state park systems in the nation to receive accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Tennessee State Parks joins three other finalists in the state parks category: Florida State Parks, Maryland Park Service and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit www.nrpa.org/goldmedal or www.aapra.org.

Tennessee's preliminary unemployment rate has remained at an all-time low of 3.2 percent for the third consecutive month. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD) announced that the April 2019 percentage rate remained unchanged since the record was set in February. Tennessee employers added 5,000 new nonfarm jobs between March and April. The professional/business services sector experienced the biggest increase, adding 2,600 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector was close behind with 2,400 new jobs added during April.

cities kept their portion of the tax proceeds for their own schools and did not share the proceeds with the counties. The Tennessee General Assembly was aware of this longstanding practice.

During that 30-year period, the General Assembly amended the liquor tax laws several times, but it chose not to amend the laws on the cities' responsibilities as to distributing the liquor tax proceeds. This indicated that the legislature agreed with how the cities and counties were applying the liquor tax statutes.

Considering the specific language in the statute, the legislature's awareness of the cities' 30-year practice of keeping the liquor tax proceeds for their own schools, and the legislature's failure to amend the statute during that 30-year period, the Supreme Court held that the legislature did not intend to require the cities to share the tax proceeds with the counties.

To read the unanimous opinions in each of the five lawsuits, all authored by Justice Holly Kirby, visit the opinions section of the Tennessee Supreme Court website at TNCourts.gov.

TML Annual Conference TECH Sessions

Make plans to attend the breakout sessions, engage the professionals in the TECH area, and empower your city to be secure and efficient as you serve your community.

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(me) wears the "IT" hat and works with a third party to meet our goals.

That was the case in 2014 when we were hit by ransomware: I didn't know the value of cloud backups or why we should change the way we handled our data to secure it. Thankfully that value was explained to me in a way I could understand, and the solution didn't require a massive new investment, just new practices to ensure our staff was using the tools we put in place to protect our work.

Knowing how TML avoided disaster thanks to the foresight and expertise of IT professionals, we're committed to giving our members the same benefit through our partnership with VC3.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:20 - 9:40 am	10 Ways to Engage Residents Online
10 - 10:20 am	Partnering With Your IT Team to Meet the City's Goals
10:40 - 11 am	Training Employees: Avoiding Cyber Attacks Without Breaking the Bank
12:30 - 12:50	Why Both Small and Large Cities are Moving to Microsoft Office 365
1:10 - 1:30 pm	Open Records and Email: Following the Law

MONDAY, JUNE 24

8 - 8:20 am	Disaster Recovery: It's More Than Just Backups
8:40 - 9 am	Partnering With Your IT Team to Meet the City's Goals
11:10 - 11:30 am	Training Employees: Avoiding Cyber Attacks Without Breaking the Bank
11:50 - 12 pm	Questions to Ask to Avoid Being the Next Ransomware Victim
12:40 - 1 pm	Analyzing a Move to Cloud Computing? What Questions to Ask
2:30 - 2:50 pm	Avoid Flying Blind - Let Your City Data Help Navigate the Way
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Business Continuity: Planning Before Disaster Strikes

April revenues exceed estimates by \$259 M

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Stuart McWhorter announced that revenues for April exceeded the monthly revenues from the previous year. Overall state revenues for April were \$2.15 billion, which is a growth of 10.92 percent more than last year and \$258.9 million more than the state budgeted.

"With three months remaining in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, it is anticipated that state revenues will exceed the budgeted estimate. Nevertheless, we will continue to monitor our monthly tax receipts closely, being mindful that economic conditions may change," said McWhorter.

General fund revenues exceeded budgeted estimates by \$238.1 million, while the four other funds that share in state tax revenues were \$20.8 million more than the estimates.

Sales tax revenues were \$9.5 million more than the estimate for April and they were 3.13 percent more than April 2018. For

nine months, revenues are \$222.3 million higher than estimated. The year-to-date growth rate for nine months was 5.46 percent.

Franchise and excise tax revenues combined were \$183.7 million higher than the budgeted estimate in April, and the growth rate compared to April 2018 was positive 19.08 percent. For nine months, revenues are \$170.4 million more than the estimate and the year-to-date growth rate is 6.41 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 9.45 percent.

Gasoline and motor fuel revenues for April increased by 11.3 percent compared to April 2018 and they were \$3.6 million more than the budgeted estimate of \$101 million. For nine months revenues are more than estimated by \$4.9 million.

Tobacco tax revenues were \$1.6 million less than the April budgeted estimate of \$20.5 million. For nine

months, they are \$7.2 million less than the budgeted estimate.

Hall income tax revenues for April were \$45.6 million more than the budgeted estimate. For nine months, revenues are \$47.5 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax revenues were \$6.4 million more than the April estimate, and on a year-to-date basis, August through April, revenues are \$11.9 million more than the estimate.

Business tax revenues were \$9.6 million more than the April estimate. For nine months, revenues are \$23.1 million more than the budgeted estimate.

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

Year-to-date revenues, August through April, are \$510.4 million more than the budgeted estimate. The growth rate for eight months is 4.64 percent. General fund revenues are \$462.4 million more than the budgeted estimate and the four other funds are \$48 million more than estimated.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



The U.S. birthrate is at its lowest point in 32 years after declining steadily over the past four years, according to data recently released by the National Center for Health Statistics. The birth rate declined 2 percent over 2017 with approximately 3.78 million babies born in 2018. That is roughly 11.58 babies per 1,000 people. Vermont had the lowest birth rate of any state while Utah reported the highest. Births to teen mothers declined 7 percent

over the past year. In fact, the only age group that saw an increase in births was women between the ages of 30 and 40.

The U.S. unemployment rate has fallen to its lowest level in half a century with the U.S. Department of Labor reporting that employers added 263,000 jobs in April, well above what analysts had forecast. The national unemployment rate also decreased to 3.6

percent. Employment has grown for more than 100 months in a row and an estimated 20 million jobs have been created since the Great Recession ended in 2009, mostly before the election of President Donald Trump in 2016. While economists have reported that job expansion has not been fast-paced as in the 1990s or pre-Recession 2000s, the slower pace may be an indication that the jobs being created are more stable.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Public Entity Partners will meet in regular session on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. local time at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., in the Knoxville Room for the purpose of considering and transacting all business which may properly come before the Board. Additional information concerning the meeting may be obtained by calling the office at 800-624-9698.

MEETING OF TMBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund Board of Directors will meet in regular session on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. local time in the Gatlinburg Room of the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., for the purpose of considering and transacting all business which may properly come before the Board. Additional information concerning the meeting may be obtained by calling TMBF office at 615-255-6416.

MEETING OF TML BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League will meet in regular session on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 3 p.m. local time in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., for the purpose of considering and transacting all business which may properly come before the Board. Additional information concerning the meeting may be obtained by calling TML's office at 615-255-6416.



Let's Build BlueCross Healthy Places Together

The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation is creating active, healthy spaces across our state that bring people and communities together. We'll reach urban and rural areas taking on projects of all sizes.

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2019 TML Conference complete lineup features dynamic speakers, workshops

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

12 noon
Meet & Greet with CMFOs
1 - 5 pm
Registration

1 - 2 pm
Workshop 1
 ADA: *What City Leaders Need to Know*
 Speakers:
 Richard Stokes, MTAS HR Consultant, and
 Elisha Hodge, MTAS Legal Consultant

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. In 2016, Tennessee cities began hearing about the enforcement of ADA implementation within their cities and the risk of lost federal funding. This session will provide you with the basics of a city leader's role in maintaining compliance so that your city does not risk lost funding and litigation.

Workshop 2
Utility Board Training (Module C)
 Speaker: Steve Wyatt, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant

State law mandates that all utility board members, which may include city council members, attend 12 hours of utilities training within 12 months of their initial election or appointment. Module C is a 4-hour session that provides training on Water and Wastewater regulations, and includes discussion about challenges and policy making decisions.

2:15 - 3:15 pm
Workshop 3
Revenue Forecasting
 Speaker:
 Brad Harris, UT-MTAS Finance Consultant

The budget is driven by its revenue base, but cities don't have a lot of latitude when it comes to revenue options. What can a city do? Can we "grow" our base? How do we forecast what we have available for appropriation? This workshop will explore various revenue sources and demonstrate forecasting models that make the most use of what will be available in order to operate with a reliable budget.

Workshop 4
Utility Board Training (Module C)
 Speaker: Steve Wyatt, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant
 Module C continued

3 - 5 pm
TML Board Meeting

3:30 - 4:30 pm
Workshop 5
 Public Records and the Sunshine Law
 Speaker:
 Elisha Hodge, MTAS Legal Consultant

Whether it is new case law or a new provisions within the Tennessee Code, the requirements for complying with the Tennessee Public Records and Open Meetings Acts are constantly changing. As citizens become more aware of their rights under these Acts, local officials must also be aware of the rights and responsibilities of their respective cities. This session will provide a general overview of each Act and will include information on recent cases and changes to the Tennessee Code that impact the manner in which cities hold public meetings and respond to public records requests.

Workshop 6
Utility Board Training (Module C)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

6:30 am
Golf Outing *The Links at Pine Hill*

9 am - 5 pm **Registration**

9:30 am - 5 pm **Exhibit Hall Open**

10:30 - 11:30 am
Concurrent Workshops
Workshop 7
2019 Legislative Review
 Speaker: TML Legislative Staff

The TML legislative staff will provide an update on Internet sales tax revenues, liquor-by-the-drink tax, and other hot topic issues.

Workshop 8
How Cities Interact with Deaf Community
 Speaker: Poppy Steele, Founder, SignClub

Up to 10 percent of your community could be deaf or hard of hearing. Are you prepared to communicate with them? What would you do in an emergency? What does the law say is your responsibility? What resources are available to you and the families in your area? Come learn some basic, impactful information about the deaf community you serve. This interactive session is packed full of practical application and resources to put into practice.



Poppy Steele



Workshop 9
ECD Best Practices Using Grant Funding
 Speakers:
 Brooxie Carlton, Deputy Commissioner, Rural Development, TNECD; and
 Bridget Jones, TNECD Project Consultant

Are you looking for some great ideas or just some tips on how to successfully use TNECD grant money in your community? This workshop will highlight success stories across the state and will feature local and regional projects that have been funded by TNECD Community and Rural Development and Rural Task Force partners.

Workshop 10
Utility Board Training (Module C)
 Speaker: Steve Wyatt, MTAS Utility Operations Consultant
 Module C continued

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Lunch
11:45 a.m - 1:45 pm
J.R. Wauford & Co. Ice Cream

1:45 - 2:15 pm **District Meetings**
District 1
 Todd Smith, City Administrator, Greeneville
District 2
 Tony Cox, City Administrator, Morristown
District 3
 Bill Graham, Councilman, Dayton
District 4
 J.H. Graham, Councilman, Crossville
District 5
 Richard Driver, Mayor, Lafayette
District 6
 John Hickman, City Manager, Waynesboro
District 7
 Mike French, Alderman, Sommersville
District 8
 Terry Jones, Mayor, Millington

2:30 - 4:00 pm
Opening General Session
 Presiding: TML President
 Wallace Cartwright, Shelbyville Mayor
 Welcome: Jim Strickland, Memphis Mayor

Real Lessons in Crisis Leadership
 Speaker: Lt. Col. Robert Darling

On Sept. 11, 2001, Lt. Col. Robert Darling was working in the White House Military Office when he was quickly recruited to provide his military expertise and became a key liaison between Vice President Dick Cheney, the National Security Advisor and the Pentagon. He worked directly with the National Command Authority to respond to the terrorist attacks. Darling witnessed firsthand the enormity of the crisis and leadership decisions that were made that day on behalf of all Americans. His presentation is insightful, inspirational, and patriotic and will instill in every person the important role each of us play in supporting our military as they continue to defend America.



Lt. Col. Darling

4:15 - 5 pm
TML Affiliate Roundtables

Do you have burning questions you need answered about fire, parks and recreation, or public works? Come to the exhibit hall where TML Affiliate Organizations will be set up to respond.

6 - 8 pm **Host City Reception**
Halloran Center for Performing Arts

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 - 8:45 am **Breakfast**
8 am - 3 pm **Registration**
9 am - 3 pm **Exhibit Hall Open**

9 - 10 am
Concurrent Workshops
Workshop 11
Blight Removal & Neighborhood Revitalization
 Panelists:
 • Danny Schaffzin, director, Experiential Learning at Univ. of Memphis Law School
 • Brittany Williams, staff attorney, former blight steering team manager
 • Patrick Dandridge, Environmental Court Judge, former blight prosecutor, former code director
 Moderator: Steve Barlow, director, Neighborhood Preservation, Memphis attorney

Blighted properties, in particular those that are vacant and abandoned, cause profoundly negative consequences on afflicted communities. Neglected properties decrease surrounding property values, undercut local housing markets, threaten safety and security, and reduce local tax revenue. They also

correlate with poor health outcomes, high utility bills, evictions, and lower academic achievement for children. There is no single agency, foundation, department or firm that can alone fix the scourge of problems. To the contrary, effective efforts to build a quality environment in communities require cross-sector coalition building that is practical in its focus.

Workshop 12
Tech Tools in the Public Sector
 Speakers: Ty Cobb, Columbia Fire Chief, Jose Periu, Columbia firefighter, and Kevin Bingham, Collierville GIS Manager

Today, technology plays an increasingly important role in how city governments deliver services to their residents. In Columbia, the Columbia Fire Department is using an unmanned drone as a new tool for its first responders. The drone provides a bird's eye view during search and rescue missions, firefighting and training exercises, and during critical incidents like a flood. In Collierville, the town has developed a stormwater inspection system using their GIS based software. This new system has greatly improved Collierville's ability to manage the stormwater permitting process in a much more efficient way. Come learn how these new and proven technologies can be used in your city to address emergency responses and to be more efficient, effective, and responsive to your residents' needs.

Workshop 13
Census 2020 - Is your City Ready?
 Chris Conklin, U.S. Census Bureau

It's T-minus one-year until the 2020 Census, and now's the time to make sure your community is ready. Local leaders have a critical relationship with every census, both as consumers of the invaluable data it produces and as partners in helping to ensure their communities are accurately counted. While this will be the 24th census conducted, technological advancements and outstanding decisions have sparked a number of questions. Get an update on where federal preparations stand, and learn what measures you can take today to increase the accuracy of your community's count next year.

Workshop 14
Audit Findings and Reporting Issues
 Speaker: Jean K. Suh, TN Comptroller, Local Government Audit Division

This workshop will include information on common reporting deficiencies, audit findings, CMFO Act Compliance Issues, and the 2019 Audit Manual updates.

10 - 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 - 11 am
Second General Session
 Presiding: TML Second Vice President
 Jill Holland, McKenzie Mayor
 Speaker: Mark Arend, *Site Selection Magazine*
How to Get Noticed in the Crowd of Options?

When companies seek out new communities in which to expand or relocate facilities, a range of both qualitative and quantitative factors are part of their site selection decision. Mark Arend, editor-in-chief of *Site Selection Magazine*, will discuss how the nation's leading site selectors evaluate potential locations and what it takes to land a project. This session will help city leaders better understand the competitive environment for their sites and be able to identify targets for improvement.



Mark Arend

11 - 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am - 12 noon
Annual Business Meeting
 Presiding: TML President
 Wallace Cartwright, Mayor, Shelbyville
 Executive Director's Report
 Nominations Committee Report
 Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund Report
 Public Entity Partners Report

11:45 am - 1 pm **Lunch**
1 - 2:30 pm **J.R. Wauford Ice Cream**
1:15 - 2:15 pm **Door Prizes**

2:30 - 3:30 pm
Concurrent Workshops
Workshop 15
Development Districts 2.0
 Speakers: John Bucy, Executive Director,

Northwest Tennessee Development District; and Joe Barker, Executive Director, Southwest Tennessee Development District

Did you know your development district has both a grant writer and a grant administrator on staff to help city governments improve the safety and the quality of life in their communities? In addition, your Tennessee Development Districts have staff experts in strategic planning, regional planning, solid waste, environmental issues, historic preservation, housing, small business loans, and rural roads/transportation-related issues. Your development districts also work tirelessly to help the elderly and disabled in your region. Come learn about the myriad level of services they provide and how you can access a team of experts to move your community forward.

Workshop 16
The Cybersecurity Life Cycle
 Speaker: Joe Howland, Chief Information Security Officer, VC3

Securing your city's resources from malicious attacks and potential losses is an ongoing process. Many of the first steps toward better security are free and immediately within your reach: do you have a password policy? Has your staff been trained to detect and respond to spam? Is your staff using the same versions of Windows products? From picking the low-hanging fruit to planning for more significant measures this workshop will help prepare you for the Cybersecurity Life Cycle.

Workshop 17
Managing the Drug Fund
 Speaker: Rex Barton, MTAS Police Management Consultant

This workshop will explain the allowable expenditures from the drug fund, including drug enforcement and non-recurring general law enforcement expenditures. It will also include a review of the revenue streams that contribute to the funds, as well as provide an overview of the accounting process for cash expenditures.

3:30 - 3:45 pm **Break**

3:45 - 4:45 pm
Concurrent Workshops
Workshop 18
Open Records, Body Cameras, and Issues with Emerging Technology
 Panelists:

- Deputy Chief Don Crowe, Memphis Police Department, Information Technology
- David Moore, MTAS Police Management Consultant
- Elisha Hodge, MTAS Legal Consultant
- Joe Howland, Chief Information Security Officer, VC3

All Tennessee cities fulfill Open Records requests from the public. As new technologies are emerging that can help simplify the process of retaining, reviewing, and redacting records, other new technologies like law enforcement body cameras are creating complicated records that demand a lot of consideration. In this workshop you'll learn how current records practices intersect with available technology as well as how to prepare for the new records of tomorrow.



Dep Chief Crowe

Workshop 19
What Are Opportunity Zones?
 Speakers: Lamont Price, TN Investco Director, TNECD; and
 Brooxie Carlton, Deputy Commissioner, Rural Development, TNECD

Opportunity Zones are a new community development tool established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. This new tool is designed to drive long-term capital to low-income communities. The new law provides a federal tax incentive for investors to re-invest their capital gains into Opportunity Funds. There are 176 census tracts in Tennessee that are qualified opportunity zones. These low-income tracts were nominated by Tennessee and certified by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Workshop 20
Financial Warning Signs
 Speaker:
 Kay Stegall, MTAS finance consultant

This workshop will cover issues that should trigger municipal elected and appointed officials to ask questions about the financial condition of their municipality. It will review the importance of the financial function in governments and help participants identify warning signs in financial statements.

6:30 - 11 pm
Public Entity Partners Reception

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

8 - 10:30 am
 Annual Awards Breakfast
 • TML Achievement Awards
 • TML Annual Awards
 • TCMA Awards
 • Murphy Snoderly Award

80th TML Annual Conference

Be sure to visit the TML Marketplace at TML's Annual Conference
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ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

COLLIERVILLE. The purpose of this classification is to perform bookkeeping and fiscal work for various financial and accounts management functions. Work involves receiving, preparing and processing financial documents; performing accounts payable and/or receivables work; advanced customer service / accounts management tasks; reconciling accounting transactions; maintaining and balancing accounting ledgers; creating and maintaining accounting databases and automated files; and preparing records, reports and summaries regarding assigned fiscal operations. Requires an associate's degree with major course work in Accounting, Finance, Business, or a related field; supplemented by vocational/technical training in bookkeeping or basic accounting; supplemented by one year of previous experience and/or training involving basic accounting, bookkeeping, office administration, customer relations, personal computer operations, and specific experience in area of assignment, such as customer account maintenance, billing, accounts receivable, collections, accounts payable, or payroll; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must be able to pass a work related physical and drug test. The work of this job is primarily sedentary. Salary is \$29,375 - \$40,000 (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. EOE.

ASSISTANT CITY RECORDER

MILLERSVILLE. The city of Millersville is accepting applications and resumes for assistant city recorder. This position will assist in the accounting, administrative and support services of the city including, but not limited to, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, general accounting, cash management, risk and asset management, utility accounting and property taxes. Annual salary \$32,000-\$47,000 DOQ plus benefit package. Application and complete job description available on the city's website at www.cityofmillersville.com or apply at Millersville City Hall, 1246 Louisville Highway, Millersville, TN 37072, or email application/resume to cityrecorder@cityofmillersville.com. Position open until filled. EOE.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

ELECTRICAL
COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has an immediate opening for and electrical building inspector. This position performs responsible enforcement of town codes and ordinances and investigative work in the inspection of all town commercial, industrial, and residential structures and properties. This position requires high school diploma or GED supplemented by technical or college level courses in building construction, electrical, mechanical, or structural engineering or related areas; and five years of experience in the building construction industry, skilled construction trades or in comparable code enforcement work, three of which must be in the assigned area of electrical trades; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must obtain two certifications from the International Code Council as a residential and commercial inspector in the assigned area of responsibility within 12 months of employment and maintain certifications throughout employment. Must have valid motor vehicle operator's license at the time of hire. May require attending meetings after normal business hours. Candidate must be able to pass a work related physical and drug test. Salary is depending on qualifications, with excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, submit an original Town of Collierville application, 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.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

HUMBOLDT. The city of Humboldt has an immediate opening for a state of Tennessee certified building inspector. The city desires the certified building inspector to also be a

state of Tennessee certified electrical inspector. The employee will be responsible for technical work in the enforcement of building and zoning codes and city ordinances. Duties also include other support services under the general supervision of the Mayor. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/equivalent and current certification as building inspector through the state of Tennessee. Applications may be obtained at the mayor's office located at 1201 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343, M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Completed applications must be submitted either by mail or in person at the above address, fax (731-784-9072) or email (mpatterson@clickl.net), with Building Inspector Application in the subject line. EOE.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

SPARTA. Qualified applicants are being sought by the city of Sparta, with a seven-member council and a population of 5,071, for the position of city administrator. The city has an annual budget of \$20 million with approximately 80 full-time employees. The position oversees the day-to-day operations of the city and supervises all department heads, including police, fire, public works, water, sewer, and electric. The successful candidate must have a bachelor's degree in public/business management or related field and three years of government management experience or seven years of government experience. A master's degree and city management experience desired. Skills in budgeting, utility management, personnel issues, public safety, and long-range planning are essential. The successful candidate must have strong leadership, financial management, and interpersonal skills with experience in planning, land use, residential development, and infrastructure expansion. Salary: mid \$80s to high \$90s, DOQ. Resumes, along with a Cover Letter and three professional references must be received by April 29 at: The University of Tennessee, Municipal Technical Advisory Service, 120 Conference Center Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-4105, Attn: Warren Nevad. Electronic submissions shall be received at armintha.lovaday@tennessee.edu. Competitive salary and benefits package; including retirement, health and life insurance. Open until filled. EOE.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

GALLATIN. The Gallatin Public Works Department is currently accepting applications for facilities maintenance mechanic. The purpose of this position is to perform skilled work in general building and facilities maintenance, and in other areas owned or managed by the city. This is a 40 hrs per week, day shift position with some weekend work required. The starting rate is \$15.91 + excellent benefits. Position requires high school diploma/equivalent. Must have post high school education in maintenance or construction. Must have two years recent work experience in maintenance, construction, or building repair. Must possess a valid driver's license. To see the full job description and to apply, visit www.gallatintn.gov. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Telephone 615-451-5890 (HR/Personnel). EOE.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

HENDERSONVILLE. This position directs the activities of the finance department, including managing the city's financial activities and overseeing Human Resources and Risk Management functions. Assigns, directs, supervises, evaluates, and disciplines personnel; coordinates daily work activities. Plans, organizes, and manages the city's finances, including investments, cash management, revenues, disbursements, budget management, cost controls, general accounting, financial accounting and reporting, or other financial activities. Capable of completing Section 400 Codes and Policies Audit processes. Interprets, explains, applies, and ensures compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in accounting, finance, business administration, public administration, or a similar field. Must meet the state of Tennessee qualifications in Tennessee Code Annotated listed below: Must be a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO); or one of the following exempt designations and must comply with the continuing educational requirements of 6-56-404 and obtain approval by the Comptroller of the Treasury per § 6-56-405: an individual designated as a Certified Government Finance Manager (CGFM) ; an individual designated as a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO); an individual licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and in active status who has a minimum of five years of primarily government experience with at least three of those years in the state of Tennessee. Ten years of progressively responsible experience in governmental accounting and finance, including at least five years supervisory experience in local government financial administration or similar operational department. Must have a valid driver's license. To apply for this position, please send resume to marlene.guillen@odshsr.com

FINANCE DIRECTOR / PURCHASING AGENT

ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT is currently seeking a driven individual to fill the finance director / purchasing agent exempt position for our growing and financially sound county. The director must be well-versed in all aspects of financial management ranging from simple accounting to broad investment and banking operations. The ideal candidate will be an excellent leader as all departments of the organization will work closely with this position in seeking the success of Anderson County Government. The following partial list of essential job functions represents what is included in daily responsibilities: Responsible for all aspects of the county budget. Attends and documents all budget meetings, tracks budgetary items, creates budget documents and reports. Performs complex financial analysis, programmatic and policy research, as well as statistical work on budgetary, financial and management policy issues. Responsible for fiscal year-end closing for the county and coordinating the annual audit. Responsible for contracting, purchasing, or other financial obligations of the county. Produces county resolutions and state mandated advertisements of the county's proposed and adopted fiscal budget. Implements and administers the County Financial Management System of 1981. Reviews contracts and manages vendor relationships. Prepares reliable current and forecasting

reports for the legislative body. Serves on multiple County boards and committees in various roles. Overseeing office staff of the finance and purchasing departments. Minimum qualifications: proven experience as a lead financial officer or comparable role. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in accounting, finance, business administration, public administration or a related field, supplemented by two years' experience in accounting and/or budgeting (T.C.A § 5-21-106). Analytically minded, excellent communication, leadership and organizational skills. Excellent knowledge of data analysis, forecasting methods and county financial law. Tennessee County Governmental accounting and CPA certification preferred. Must possess and maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license. For consideration, please forward a cover sheet, resume and salary history to the Kim Whitaker at andersoncountyhr@anderson.org. Deadline for applications is June 10, 2019. EOE.

FIRE CHIEF

COVINGTON. The city of Covington is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of fire chief. Covington, located in Tipton County in West Tennessee, covers 9.7 square miles and has a population of 9,038. The city has two stations with 20 firefighters working 24-hour shifts and responds to approximately 2,200 calls annually. The department also provides first responder emergency medical services. The ideal candidate will possess highly developed technical, presentation, and communication skills. The ideal candidate will have in-depth knowledge and experience in the management of municipal fire departments. The ideal candidate will have significant operational experience in the various ranks of a fire department as his/her career has progressed. It is essential that the fire chief set high standards of professional excellence for the fire department, develop a superior training program for firefighters and staff, and establish a vision for the department. A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible supervisory and/or administrative experience in firefighting service. A bachelor's degree in fire science, public administration or a closely related field. State certification as a firefighter II and fire officer III from the Tennessee Commission on Fire Fighting. The candidate should have state of Tennessee certification as an emergency medical technician or higher. Will be examined by city physician to determine if the candidate can perform all essential duties required of this position. Must be physically able to complete a job task related physical abilities test annually. Residency within the county is required within 90 days of employment. The full job description can be viewed at www.covingtontn.com. Salary range: \$70,000 to \$75,000. In addition, Covington offers a progressive benefit package that includes paid vacation, paid sick days, and holidays, health, dental and vision insurance and retirement plan through TCRS. It is the policy of the city of Covington to promote, and ensure equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, veteran's status, or disability. Qualified persons should submit an application, resume of experience and qualifications, letter of interest, salary history, and four professional references to: Tiny Rose, Director of HR, City of Covington, 100 W. Washington St, Covington, TN 38019. Applications may be found at covingtontn.com or the HR Department. Closing date for applications is May 31.

GIS SYSTEMS MANAGER I

COOKEVILLE. The Cookeville Planning Department is accepting applications for the position of GIS systems manager I. Requirements are a degree in GIS, cartography, computer science, information systems or closely related field, plus four to six years of progressively responsible experience in GIS administration and development in local government, or an equivalent combination of technical training, skill and experience. In depth knowledge of ArcGIS Advanced, Basic, Server and Pro. Ability to apply GIS hardware and software to automated mapping and spatial information processing with experience in ArcGIS Model Builder or Python Scripting. GISP Preferred. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. Possession of an FAA Remote Pilot License or the ability to obtain one within the first 6 months of employment is required. Pay range \$41,516 - \$62,275. DOE. Applications/resumes must be submitted online at www.cookeville-tn.gov. Position open until filled. EOE.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

SHELBYVILLE. The city of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the full-time position of heavy equipment operator for the public works department. Requirements include ability to operate heavy equipment i.e. backhoe, track hoe, bulldozer, grader; ability to shoot grade with transit or laser level. Construction and concrete experience required. CDL preferred. Minimum 5 years heavy equipment experience. Past employment references must be furnished with application. Must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license. Work schedule will be Monday - Thursday 6 am - 4:40 pm. Applications and a copy of the job description may be picked up at city hall during normal business hours or download from the city website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street no later than 4 p.m. May 29. EOE / drug free workplace. Successful applicants will be required to pass background check, physical, and drug screen.

MAINTENANCE WORKERS

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has multiple openings for maintenance positions available in the grounds and parks, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, and streets and drainage divisions. These are semi-skilled and unskilled manual work positions as part of a public works/utilities or grounds crew performing routine maintenance and construction tasks for various public works/utilities or grounds projects. Must possess high school diploma or GED; supplemented by 6 months previous experience and/or training involving construction, landscaping, or maintenance work in area of assignment; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. May require possession and maintenance of a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) including appropriate endorsement(s) depending on the position. Salary is \$24,960-\$29,637, depending on qualifications, with excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, you must submit an original 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. EOE.

NATURAL GAS CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR/INSPECTOR

GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin Public Utilities Department is currently accepting applications for a natural gas construction coordinator/i is to perform technical and administrative work in the inspection, installation, construction, repair, and maintenance of natural gas lines and appurtenances. This is a 40-hours-per-week, day-shift position. Weekend work required. The starting rate is \$19.33 per hour + excellent benefits. High school diploma/equivalent, with two to five years recent work experience in natural gas distribution operations or related field; or an equivalent combination of education, experience, and training. Must have a valid, appropriate driver's license. To see the full job description and apply, visit www.gallatintn.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

PLANNING, CODES DIRECTOR

WHITE HOUSE. The City of White House is currently accepting applications for planning and codes director. The position requires graduation from an accredited college or university with a four-year degree in planning, geography, geology, urban studies, public administration, or similar necessary to understand the principles and practices of municipal planning. At least four years of experience in a municipal, county, or state planning environment is required. Certification by American Institute of Certified Planners is highly desired. Applicants must hold current certification in Plans Review. Possession of a valid Tennessee Operator's License appropriate to the assignment is required. Starting salary is \$58,113.33 to \$69,078.48 annually DOE with an excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, you must submit a city of White House application. Applications and additional details on how to apply are available on the city of White House's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or in person at the Human Resources Office at 105 College Street, White House, TN 37188. Position open until filled.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SHELBYVILLE. The city of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the full-time position of planning and community development director (planning director). The Planning Director will be responsible for daily administration of all planning and zoning activities, including comprehensive planning, and the administration of subdivision regulations. The Planning Director will also implement and manage municipal projects related to the development of this growing community. The ideal candidate will have at least a bachelor's degree in urban planning or a related field. (master's degree preferred), and a minimum of three years' city planning experience. Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at city hall during normal business hours or download from the city website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street no later than 4 p.m. May 28. EOE/drug free workplace. Successful applicants required to pass background check, physical and drug screen.

POLICE CHIEF

SPARTA. The city of Sparta is seeking qualified applicants for the position of police chief. The successful candidate will oversee a total of 14 investigators and uniform officers. Directly supervises one secretary. Is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and evaluation of the department. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. The police chief is appointed by and works under the general supervision of the city administrator. Bachelor's degree in law enforcement, criminal science, or related field and eight to 10 years of law enforcement experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience required. Open until filled. A job description and additional application information is available by contacting the city of Sparta, P.O. Box 30, Sparta, TN 38583; by phone- 931-836-3248; or by email l.jeffries@spartatn.gov.

POLICE OFFICER

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has multiple openings for a police officer. 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 U.S. 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 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, submit an original Town of Collierville application, available to download at www.collierville.com, or 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.

POLICE OFFICER

HENDERSONVILLE. The city of Hendersonville is currently seeking applications for a police officer. Entry level base pay for an un-certified police officer will be \$40,000 annually. Pay is adjusted once officers become POST certified. Must be a U.S. Citizen, H.S. or GED equivalent, be able to qualify in accordance with the TN POST standards, have or be able to obtain a valid TN drivers' license, meet all physical and mental requirements, pass written exam and physical agility testing, and be able to pass a stringent background check To apply and for all other information regarding the police officer recruitment: go to www.hvilletn.org and view the job openings page under the Human Resources Department or come by Hendersonville City Hall at 101 Maple Drive North, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Closing date, June 7 at 4 pm CST. Written exam will be June 14, at 9 am CST at the Hendersonville City Hall. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER

SHELBYVILLE. The Shelbyville Police Department is accepting applications for police officer. Successful applicants will be required to pass a background check, physical, psychological, and drug/alcohol test prior to final consideration for the position. Applicants must be minimum age of 21 years old. Applications and a copy of the job description will be accepted until position is filled and may be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street Shelbyville, TN 37160. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at city hall or download from the city website: www.shelbyvilletn.org EOE/ drug-free workplace.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SPRINGFIELD. The city of Springfield is currently seeking a new director for the public works department. The director plans, organizes, directs, controls and evaluates all activities of the department and oversees department personnel. The position is also responsible for administrative function such as budgeting as well as preparing cost estimates for construction projects. The director works under the general supervision of the city manager. Bachelors' degree from an accredited degree-granting, four year college or institution in management, public administration, business administration, construction trades, engineering, political science, or applicable area of study; prefer 10 + years of progressively responsible supervisory/management experience in street construction and maintenance, stormwater operation, drainage construction and maintenance, and management of employees – 5 of which were in a mid-level or higher decision-making position; or a combination of experience and training equivalent to the required knowledge and abilities. Salary range: \$72,280 - \$99,465 (DOQ). To apply or for more information, visit our website at springfield-tn.org or contact the Personnel Office at (615) 382-2200. Accepting applications until May 31. AA/EO Employer.

PURCHASING / RISK MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

WHITE HOUSE. The city of White House is currently accepting applications for purchasing / risk management specialist. The position requires an associate's degree with a bachelor's degree preferred in accounting, finance, business, or related field. Under general supervision, this position performs the technical aspects of the purchasing functions, the disposal of city surplus and/or impound property, and the maintenance of the city's property and liability insurance policies. This is a paraprofessional position requiring good judgment in making daily decisions. This position aids and cooperates with all departments in meeting their needs for operational supplies, equipment, services, and risk management. This position requires management of various vendor files, creates reports regarding purchasing, maintenance of certain insurance policies, processing of property and liability insurance claims, and performs other support duties as required. Starting salary is \$19,25 to \$22,88 hourly DOE with an excellent benefits package. To apply for this position, you must submit a city of White House application. Applications and additional details on how to apply are available on the city of White House's website at www.cityofwhitehouse.com or in person at the Human Resources Office at 105 College Street, White House, TN 37188. Application deadline: May 30, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

TRANSPORTATION/LONG RANGE PLANNER

CLEVELAND. The city of Cleveland is accepting applications for the position of transportation/long range planner. Qualified applicants will have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in community planning, transportation planning, public administration, engineering, landscape architecture or other related field. A minimum 2-4 years of transportation planning related experience is desirable. A related master's degree and/or AICP certification are desired and may be considered as a partial substitute for experience. Experience with GIS is required and experience with TransCad transportation modeling software is desirable. Experience with website maintenance and social media communication is desirable. Experience in the collection and analysis of data relevant to issues in passenger and freight transportation issues is important, as is experience in multi-modal transportation planning issues. Understanding of the relationships between land use and economic development and transportation planning is important. Proof of education and experience is required. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. This position will have a role in the development and maintenance of the planning documents and processes for the MPO, including the Unified Planning and Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Work will include collecting and analyzing data and preparing maps, reports and other planning documents; for the purpose of making recommendations and providing information to the MPO coordinator and others for use in the MPO's transportation planning process. Will participate in transportation corridor studies and other duties as assigned. In addition to preparing written reports, the transportation/long range planner will be able to represent the MPO in meetings of technical staff, transportation officials, and others, and assist with the MPO's public participation efforts and performs other duties as assigned. Applicants should submit a resume with cover letter and three references to the City of Cleveland Human Resources Department Office, PO Box 1519, Cleveland, TN 37364-1519, or submit by email to Kimberly.Spence@kspence@clevelandtn.gov who may be contacted at (423)-472-4551 for questions. Starting salary range is \$45,024 to \$50,427. (DOQ). The city offers a competitive benefits package. The position will be open until filled.

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Complete NLC Fiscal Conditions Survey

Analysts now predict that the next recession will occur in 2021. How is your community preparing?

Each year the National League of Cities conducts the City Fiscal Conditions survey of city finance officers. The survey provides insights into city revenue and expenditure trends, the fiscal policy choices that cities are making and the most positive and negative factors affecting local budgets. This year NLC is adding

a special section to uncover how cities are preparing for the next recession. City Fiscal Conditions has been a critical resource for city leaders, who utilize the survey to compare their fiscal position with others and to communicate with the public, and for federal and state government leaders, who utilize the survey to understand how their policy choices will affect cities.

TML is working with NLC to ensure that Tennessee cities and towns are well represented in this



year's survey.

Please complete the survey before Friday, June 14, 2019.

Take the survey here: https://nlc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6uo6QDJ4EmHaNmd



June 1: Coopertown

Coopertown Barrell Festival
Join thousands in celebrating the heritage of the barrelmaker in Coopertown, just 25 miles north of Nashville. Hundreds of vendors will showcase their wares along Old Coopertown Road in this free event. Enjoy live cooper demonstrations, a classic car show, antique tractors, music, food, shopping, history exhibits, a "Cooper of the Year" contest, kids zone, and more in this annual fundraiser. Festivities kick off at 7 a.m. and go until 4 p.m. Visit www.barrelfestival.com for more information.

June 1: Red Boiling Springs

Folk Medicine Festival 2019
Once again, biodynamic farmers, organic gardeners, healing arts, craftsmen of all kinds, singers, musicians, dancers, storytellers all come together on the banks of Salt Lick Creek to celebrate the restorative power of nature. There will be two entertainment stages, an arts and crafts market, quilt show, old skill demonstrations, Old Tyme photography, children's area and food court. Visit <https://vision2020inc.com/> for more info.

June 1: Elkton

Elkton Hey Day Fest
Held at the Elkton City Park, come out for food trucks, trade and craft booths, corn hole tournament, basketball tournament, classic cars, and Battle of the Bands. Bring a lawn chair and plan to spend the day. No admission. Event begins at 10 a.m. For more info call Brandy Blade at 931-468-0727.

June 7-8: Oak Ridge

Secret City Festival
Experience two days of music, food, history, science and more. The Secret City Festival celebrates the best of the once "Secret City." For more info, visit www.secretcityfestival.com.

June 13-16: Manchester

Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival
The seventeenth annual four-day music festival kicks off in Manchester on June 13, bringing together artists from diverse genres including country, rap, rock, pop, jazz, folk, gospel, ragga, and more. Visit www.bonnaroo.com for more information.

June 15: Bell Buckle

25th Annual RC and Moon Pie Festival
The 2019 Bell Buckle RC-MoonPie Festival will be the biggest deal yet. This year's festival will feature music, food, entertainment, games, and a parade. For more information, visit bellbucklechamber.com.

June 15: Oak Ridge

21st Annual Lavender Festival
Lavender Festival is a free annual event in Historic Jackson Square, featuring 150 artisans, live music, great food, informative presentations, Tennessee wine tasting, children's activities and more. For more info visit www.jacksonsquarelavenderfest.org.

Municipal elections held in 20 cities

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District 5 from 2011 to 2017, and he is the grandson of the last mayor to win a Jackson mayoral run-off, Bob Conger, who was the city's mayor from 1967 to 1989. Woods is a former school superintendent and former interim vice president of Lane College.

Incumbent Johnny Dodd fended off challengers Marshall Brooks and Andrea Michelle Givens-Moore to retain his District 2 seat, which Dodd has held since 1999. Incumbent Ernest Brooks II earned his fifth term on the council, defeating challengers Robert P. Curlin and Shelia L. Godwin for the District 3 seat.

Harvey Buchanan will begin his seventh term on the council after defeating Andre' Darnell to retain his District 4 seat. Incumbent Ross T. Priddy defeated challenger Mary Stewart to retain his District 4 seat.

Newcomer Paul Taylor was elected to the District 6 seat, defeating fellow challengers Jerome Cephus III and Mitch Hatchett. Marda Wallace will also be a new face on the council, winning the District 7 seat over challengers Jeff Howell, Kurt Mullen, Robert Spencer, and Tracie A. Walker.

Incumbent David Cisco has been elected to his sixth term on the council representing District 9 after defeating challenger Amber Christiana Gallagher. Cisco has been on the Jackson City Council for 25 years.

Challenger Gary Pickens ran unopposed for the District 1 seat while Russell Allen McKelvey ran unopposed and won the District 8 seat.

KINGSPORT

Voters went to the polls in Kingsport May 21.

Pat Shull, a former Kingsport alderman and current Sullivan County commissioner, was elected as the new mayor of Kingsport, defeating former state representative Nathan Vaughn and current vice mayor Mike McIntire for the seat as well as newcomers Joe Carr and Dennis Mabb.

Incumbent Tommy Oltzman and Darrell Duncan, who has served on the board before, were both elected to the two open seats on the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen. They defeated challengers James Phillips, Chris Bulle, Charles Honaker Jr, and Chris Mills.

MAURY CITY

Residents of Maury City went to the polls on May 4 to elect town officials.

Newcomers Bobby Wells, Wendy G. King, and Erica L. Nance along with incumbents

Billy Gibson and Letha S. Johnson, and took the five open seats on the Board of Aldermen. Challenger Bradley T. Walls also ran for one of the five open seats. Incumbent aldermen George E. Simmons, Danny Vaughn Sr., and Bobbie Williamson did not run for re-election.

Incumbent Rayce Castellaw ran unopposed and retained his mayoral seat.

MCEWEN

The city of McEwen held elections for its board of mayor and aldermen on May 18.

Brad Rachford ran unopposed and was selected as the new mayor of McEwen. Incumbent mayor Cecil Ross did not run for re-election. Newcomer Heather Leegan also ran unopposed and was elected to the open alderman at-large seat.

Incumbent Kim Moultrie held off challenger Jimmy Larkin to retain her Ward 4 Alderman seat.

MORRISTOWN

The city of Morristown elected members of its city council May 7.

Newcomer Al A'Hearn defeated fellow challenger Steve Lawrence for the Ward 4 seat previously held by Dennis Alvis.

Incumbent Gary D. Chesney ran unopposed for the mayoral seat. Incumbent Ken Smith ran unopposed for the At-Large Council Member seat and incumbent Chris M. Bivens ran unopposed for the Ward 2 Council Seat.

PARKERS CROSSROADS

The city of Parkers Crossroads held an election for its city commission on May 7. Incumbent John F. Simonton ran unopposed for his seat and was re-elected to the city commission.

PIGEON FORGE

Pigeon Forge held a municipal election on May 14.

Incumbent Ken Maples defeated challenger Logan Baker to retain his seat on the Pigeon Forge City Commission. Current mayor David W. Wear ran unopposed for his commission seat and was re-elected.

RED BOILING SPRINGS

Voters in Red Boiling Springs elected members to the city council on April 27.

Former mayor Kenneth Hollis defeated incumbent mayor Joel Coe and former council member Terry Newberry for the mayoral seat in Red Boiling Springs. Hollis previously served as the city's mayor from 2006 to 2011.

The three open council seats went to incumbent councilman Michael Rich, long-time Red Boiling Springs Elementary School employee Linda Lee Carver, and Robbie Wayne McGowan, a write-in candidate. Current council member Joe Hill decided to not seek re-election while current council member Danielle Rufener only garnered two write-in votes after missing the petition deadline.

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Fallen officers remembered during 2019 memorial service



Gov. Bill Lee addresses law enforcement officers and the families of fallen officers at the 2019 Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony during the Fallen Officers Memorial held at the War Memorial Plaza in Nashville. Lee said that words are "inadequate" to offer comfort or express gratitude to fallen officers and their families but thanked them for their service to the state of Tennessee.



A single red rose sits in the wreath left at the memorial for fallen officers after the ceremony. Lisa Baker, the widow of Dickson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sgt. Daniel Baker, placed the rose in honor of her husband whose name will be the most recent added to the memorial. Baker, 32, was killed in the line of duty last year.



Members of the Tennessee State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police salute the family members of fallen officers as they are introduced at the 2019 Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial service held at the Fallen Officers Memorial on the War Memorial Plaza in Nashville.



Above: Metropolitan Nashville Police Sgt. Henry Particelli performs his song "For the Good Guys" as part of the memorial service. Scottie DeLashmit, president of the Tennessee FOP state lodge, said he asked Particelli to participate in the ceremony after hearing him perform the original song at the dedication of the new Nashville Police Headquarters.



Left: Law enforcement officers pause during the playing of "Taps" by the Metro Nashville Police Honor Guard and the rifle salute performed by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Officers from across the state of Tennessee gathered to remember fallen officers at the memorial ceremony.



Officers with the Maryville Police Department attend the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial service at the War Memorial Plaza in Nashville. In addition to law enforcement, the families of fallen officers were honored during the ceremony.



The Shelby County Sheriff's Office Pipes and Drums perform a bagpipe processional after families of fallen officers and law enforcement officials are introduced at the ceremony. The Memphis Police Pipes and Drums also performed "Amazing Grace" at the end of the service.