

Current status of Wayfair court case in Tennessee

Sales tax collection by out-of-state sellers

In light of the June ruling by U.S. Supreme Court in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, many are asking if Tennessee is any closer to requiring remote sellers to collect sales and use tax.

South Dakota v. Wayfair Eliminates Physical Presence Rule

On June 21, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* and overturned the physical presence rule that previously applied under *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota*.

Prior to *Wayfair*, a state could not require an out-of-state dealer to collect its sales tax unless the dealer had a physical presence in the taxing state.

After *Wayfair*, that physical presence rule no longer exists.

However, in May 2017, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation that prohibits the Tennessee Department of Revenue from enforcing the practice until the General Assembly reviews the *Wayfair* decision.

The Tennessee legislature is not set to convene until Jan. 8, 2019.

In the meantime, the Tennessee Department of Revenue released the following important notice on how the ruling will affect sales tax collections from remote sellers.

Sales Tax Rule 129(2) Not Currently Enforced

As detailed in Important Notices 17-01 and 17-12, Tennessee has established an economic nexus rule, Rule 129(2).

However, in May 2017, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation that prohibits the Tennessee Department of Revenue from enforcing Rule 129(2) until the General Assembly reviews the *Wayfair* decision.

Current status in Tennessee

If a seller has no physical presence in Tennessee, the seller is not required to collect Tennessee sales and use tax until the Department of Revenue issues public notice stating the specific date and circumstances under which such businesses must begin to collect and remit the tax.

However, the Department of Revenue encourages these businesses to voluntarily collect and remit the tax as a convenience to their customers.

Additionally, remember that all businesses with a physical presence in Tennessee have always been required to collect and remit the tax.

Businesses may register through the online Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP) under "Register a New Business."

Sellers may also register with Tennessee by accessing the Streamlined Sales Tax Registration System.

No Retroactivity

The Department of Revenue will not apply Rule 129(2) retroactively.

As stated above, businesses without a physical presence in Tennessee will not be required to collect sales and use tax until the Department of Revenue provides public notice stating the specific date and circumstances under which such businesses must begin to collect and remit the tax.

Sellers that had no physical presence in Tennessee and did not collect the tax will not be assessed for any periods that precede the Department of Revenue's notice.

To review the notice, visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/notices/sales/sales18-11.pdf>.

For more information visit www.tn.gov/revenue.



Tennessee's fair season in full swing now through October

While Tennesseans settle into a new school year and get ready for fall, the fair season is still going strong. Fairs fill a unique role in our communities, providing all visitors the chance to have fun, learn about Tennessee's agricultural past, and see the promise of its future. From big-name music acts to baking contests to pig racing, your local fair will offer a unique experience. Many fairgrounds have educational exhibits like pioneer villages or Native American camps that come to life during the fair with costumed guides, wildlife shows, and traditional craftsmen. Demolition derbies, beauty pageants, tractor pulls, car and cash giveaways, fiddling contests, cook-offs, and any number of events pull in crowds and heighten excitement. Find a complete listing of fairs throughout the state, fair dates, and contact information online at <http://www.picknproducts.org/fairs/index.html?QSTRING=HCO>

New Portland transportation service provides rides for aging population

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As populations across the state of Tennessee age, the city of Portland is joining the growing number of communities offering alternative transportation services for elderly residents.

Portland Adult Transportation (PAT) is a new service being offered by Portland CARES and has been funded through a \$50,000 grant the city of Portland received from The Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to provide transportation services for seniors.

Through the program, Portland residents who are 60 or older can pay either a \$25 yearly fee or \$5 per ride and be taken anywhere within Portland's city limits by volunteer drivers. Riders must schedule trips at least three days in advance and are allowed to make three stops per round trip.

The program comes at a time when many communities across Tennessee are looking to provide more support for aging populations.

According to the 2018 State of Aging in Tennessee report issued by the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, Tennessee is expected to see 32 percent growth in the number of senior citizens living in the state with those over the age of 65 accounting for 20 percent of the state's population by 2030. An estimated 28 percent of those seniors will live alone and around 10 percent will not own a vehicle. However, these residents often still wish to retain their independence.

Terri DeZwarte, coordinator



Through local organization Portland CARES, a new transportation service will allow volunteers to drive elderly residents to destinations within the city limits. As the state's population continues to age, the need for services aiding older residents who cannot drive may become more in demand, especially as these citizens wish to retain a sense of independence.

of the PAT program, said Portland has received a lot of positive feedback on the program from senior residents who want to retain their independence but don't want their need to travel to inconvenience loved ones.

"We want seniors to be a little bit more independent, especially as far as scheduling the things they need to do or want to do," DeZwarte said. "As we've been talking with seniors, many of them have a family member or two that are close but not necessarily readily available. They don't want their kids to take off work to do some-

thing like that. A lot of them would like a little more independence as far as doctor's appointments but also visiting the library and senior center. We want to help them be a little bit more social. Some of them just would like to go through the drive-thru and get a burger."

DeZwarte said the program has been in the works for more than a year.

"The city of Portland, the mayor's office and Penny Martin who runs Portland CARES had been talking about creating this program for 18 months," she said. "They had See **PORTLAND** on Page 4

U.S. Senate passes appropriations bill in third minibuss package

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On Aug. 23, the U.S. Senate approved, in a 87-5 vote, H.R. 6157, which includes both the Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bills.

This \$857 billion package accounts for two-thirds of the federal government's funding for Fiscal Year 2019 and represents movement of nine of the 12 annual appropriations bills by the Senate.

These bills have been contentious in the past and the Labor-HHS bill, in particular, hasn't passed a vote through regular order since 2007.

The Labor-HHS bill is largely good news for cities, with an increase in funding toward fighting opioid abuse, an increase in funding targeted at apprenticeship training programs, as well as a slight increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The bill also provides level funding for important programs previously suggested for elimination by the president's Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal including the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the LIHEAP program, among others.

When the U.S. House and Senate return from recess in September, they will need to

work to conference the spending bills more than 11 working days before the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30.

While there have been threats of a shutdown by the president, the Senate has been hard at work to prevent this from occurring.

It is expected that there will likely be a continuing resolution for the three remaining spending bills, including the Homeland Security bill that includes partisan conversations over funding for immigration reform including a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Thousands of small companies nationwide eligible for investment under Opportunity Zone program

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For state and local officials seeking to identify small businesses that could make for good investments under the recently created Opportunity Zones program, a New York City-based market intelligence firm says that it has data that could be useful.

The company, SMB Intelligence, earlier this month rolled out an interactive map and dataset that now feature about 2,800 small businesses and chains, located throughout the U.S., that are both "investable" and located within areas that are eligible for the program.

SMB describes itself as a "mission-driven" firm that seeks to "advance inclusive economic

growth" by bolstering small businesses.

"We think that Opportunity Zones has huge potential," the company's CEO and founder, Steve Waters, said. "We view it as: this is an excellent opportunity to direct capital to businesses that are often overlooked by traditional investors and lenders. We're basically trying to do everything we can to intentionally direct that capital toward entrepreneurs."

The Opportunity Zones initiative offers tax breaks for people and corporations that funnel capital gains, from investments such as stocks or hedge funds, into "Opportunity Funds."

These funds are expected to make investments in economically distressed census tracts designated as zones. Governors selected the

zones, which were then certified by the treasury department and the IRS. There are now zones in about 8,700 census tracts, in all 50 states.

Because the program is still in its early stages it's still unclear how far it will go toward amping up investment in poor areas.

Waters said that, as it stands, interest in real estate investment under the program appears to be strong, but that it's less certain capital will "naturally flow" from the Opportunity Funds to small businesses.

But he believes the data that his firm has pulled together can help on this front, providing agencies with a valuable reference as they put together documents that describe possible investments in their areas. He's not aware of anything else like it currently available.

There's been interest in the data. Since posting it online, he said, about 40 state and local agencies, and 50 investors have reached out to SMB about it. The firm has plans to provide the data, which is updated every two weeks, to 15 agencies on a pilot basis starting in September.

Waters said he's not sure yet how much the company might charge to access the information. He wants people to use it, but said it is labor intensive to assemble.

A footnote attached to a version of the interactive map that is currently available for free online explains that the company, which has a dozen people on staff, relies on "proprietary open-source intelligence" methods to compile the information. See **ZONES** on Page 6

NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



CHATTANOOGA

The city of Chattanooga will be installing litter traps at a local creek in the next nine months to better address the mounting issue of plastic waste being thrown into city waterways. City leaders want the trap to be highly visible to residents so they can see the impact littering is having on the waterway and better educate citizens about the volume of waste being disposed of improperly. Litter traps use water to guide trash into a large cage that can then be cleaned when full. The device can also contain oil spills. Traps can typically cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000 with the city of Chattanooga planning to finance their trap through a \$125,000 Tennessee Department of Transportation grant that provides one-time funding to community-based litter clean-up projects.

CLEVELAND

Officials with the city of Cleveland have cut the ribbon on the city's sixth fire station. Located on Westland Drive, Fire Station No. 6 is a state-of-the-art facility that features a kitchen, living area, exercise room, eight bedrooms, a two-truck fire bay, and vehicle exhaust system. Construction on the 8,600-square-foot-facility began in June of last year and the station is expected to be fully operational by October. Fire station personnel worked with city officials on the design of the structure to ensure it best served the city's needs.

FAYETTEVILLE

The city of Fayetteville has recently introduced blue-top fire hydrants as part of a \$2.8 million water redundancy line project completed on Huntsville Highway by Fayetteville Public Utilities. The 16 blue capped hydrants offer a higher than average water flow with more than 1,500 gallons per minute able to flow from the hydrant. According to color standards established by the National Fire Protection Association, blue tops represent "very good fire flow." Green tops represent a flow of 1,000 to 1,499 gallons per minute that is preferable for residential areas, orange tops a flow 500 to 999 gallons per minute considered "marginally adequate," and red tops a flow of below 500 gallons per minute considered "inadequate."

GREENEVILLE

The city of Greeneville has purchased a new 2018 Sutphen fire engine, to be housed at the city's Fire Station No. 4 on Mt. Bethel Road. The new truck, designated as Engine 4, replaces a 1991 Pierce fire engine that was customized to meet town needs. The decision was made to replace the 1991 engine after needed repairs began to outweigh the cost of a new engine. A bid to Sutphen matched needs the city requested and came in at \$570,000. The department utilized a USDA Rural Development grant to help with the purchase of the truck, which has additional storage for tools and equipment, mounted lights for nighttime operation, and is a lighter weight that makes it easier to navigate in neighborhoods.

JOHNSON CITY

Johnson City's Carver Recreation Center has added a new playground to its list of amenities. The playground is built on a synthetic surface and was inspected by Playground Guardian, which specializes in municipal and

school monitoring and on-site safety inspections. North Carolina-based Playworld Preferred manufactured the new playground equipment. The playground's design was inspired by nature, and its main structure is shaped like extended tree branches on which climbing ropes are connected. Swings, three slides, rock-climbing features, an elevated narrow crossing, and additional climbing and stepping features are included.

KINGSPORT

The Kingsport Mets minor league baseball team has an economic impact of more than \$1 million on the city, according to a recent study. The minor league season runs for three months in the summer, bringing out around 29,000 fans yearly. While the operation of the organization costs \$350,000, the team generates more than \$1 million in economic impact to the surrounding community. The team has called the city home for the past 38 years with 120 players making it into the major leagues from Kingsport. A minor league team has operated in the town since 1921, one of the longest relationships between a city and a minor league team in the nation.

LOUDON

The city of Loudon will receive a 2018 Transportation Alternatives Grant to help with construction of a Riverwalk from the Loudon County Senior Center to the city's post office. The walk is a multi-modal facility including a pedestrian bridge, striping, pedestrian signals, landscaping and pedestrian amenities. Construction of the project will begin in coming years as city officials continue to seek local input on the project. City officials are hoping the project will tie into other riverfront projects that are also ongoing within the city.

NASHVILLE

Nashville city officials have dedicated the 650-acre Mill Ridge Park in Antioch after a year-long planning process. The park will be located near Cane Ridge High School and will feature a "destination playground" with water features, picnic pavilions, a fitness loop, a special event lawn and outdoor performance space, trails, restrooms, native grasslands, parking, and other amenities. The first phase of the park will be east of Old Hickory Boulevard with construction beginning next year. The initial phase is expected to include festival grounds, the playground, wetlands and a greenway through the Moore Farm Grasslands. Officials are targeting completion of the first phase in 2020.

NASHVILLE

Corsair Distillery will expand its operations in Nashville, creating 52 new jobs and investing \$11.1 million in the area. The new facility in Nashville will consolidate most of the company's operations under a single roof while still keeping its two other Nashville operations going. The new 117,000-square-foot facility will also build a whiskey production facility in the Nations area of Nashville and have the capacity to produce 70 barrels per day and store 60,000 barrels in-house. Founded in Bowling Green, Ky., by two Nashville natives in 2008, the company moved to Nashville in 2010 and has expanded to three locations.

MANCHESTER

The city of Manchester has been awarded a \$960,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program to extend a bike lane on Highway 41 between the city and the Bonnaroo festival grounds. The extension would take cyclists from the Little Duck River Greenway along Wolf Creek to Busy Branch Road and the festival grounds. Once complete, city officials said pedestrians and cyclists would be able to use the path to travel between the festival grounds, Old Stone Fort State Park, and downtown without ever having to cross the road. The total cost of the project is expected to be around \$1.2 million with the city contributing \$240,000.



City of Brentwood awards \$341,100 to schools and recreation providers

For the past 32 years, Brentwood has awarded more than \$5.5 million dollars to Brentwood schools located within Williamson County. Schools use the money for non-recurring costs, such as books, technology, and special projects like the Computers on Wheels program. At its regular city commission meeting on Aug. 27, city officials presented representatives from 12 Brentwood schools with checks totaling \$239,100. This year's total is up 6 percent or \$14,100 more from last year. There is also one additional school in Brentwood this year with the addition of Jordan Elementary on Split Log Road. The city also presented four recreation and senior center service providers a total of \$102,000. That amount is 17 percent more than Fiscal Year 2018 and is the first increase in 10 years. The Brentwood Blaze, Brentwood Ball Club, Fifty-Forward Martin Center, and the YMCA received city funding which assists them in providing services to city residents that the city would otherwise need to provide.

133-year-old fire bell returns to Gallatin after restoration



Made in 1885, the first fire bell installed in Gallatin was recently returned to the city after being restored by the Verdin Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. The 1,007-pound bell was purchased by the city for its city hall, which then also included the fire department. The bell was rung to alert firefighters of emergency situations in the city. The bell will eventually be put on display in front of the fire station.

Pleasant View honors Eagle Scout with memorial trail



City officials, members of Boy Scout Troop No. 76, and other locals were on hand to dedicate the Jackson Webb Nature Trail at Pleasant View Community Park in honor of a local teenager who died last fall. Jackson Webb earned his Eagle Scout designation by building bird houses at the park near the nature trail, which city officials chose to rename in his honor following his untimely death. Webb's parents and brother cut the ribbon on the trail.

Bristol officials break ground on new city business park



Officials from the city of Bristol, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services (BTES), and other state and local agencies broke ground on a new industrial site within the Bristol Business Park. This marks the beginning of a grading and site preparation project that will result in a 50-acre site, 36 acres of which will be pad-ready, capable of accommodating a 450,000-square-foot building. The park, located along Highway 394, is owned by BTES and has been identified by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development as a Select Tennessee Certified Site.

PIGEON FORGE

Pigeon Forge has received a \$949,654 grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the development of a greenway. The grant will cover 80 percent of the cost of the extension of the Pigeon Forge Greenway, which will cover three miles from Library Drive to Dollywood Lane. The greenway extension is part of the city's long-range goal of coordinating a system of Pigeon Forge bikeways, greenways, and walkways with sidewalks, natural features and historic sites. A master plan for Pigeon Forge's bikeways, greenways and walkways is also in the works. It will include planning for the next 10 years, as well as projections for up to 20 years.

SPRING HILL

The city of Spring Hill has approved a new unified development code with a newly updated zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and development regulations. The city began the process of updating the code in 2016 and hired Chicago-based Camiros, Ltd., to oversee the project. The code is a key to implementing the city's comprehensive plan Spring Hill Rising: 2040. The plan, adopted in 2015, provides mapped and written policy about how land should be managed and how development should occur. Through the UDC process the city was able to address gaps in the previous development regulations while also adopting new codes that will increase the quality of development and enhance the quality of life in Spring Hill.

SPRING HILL

Faurecia Interior Systems will locate new operations in Spring Hill, investing more than \$30 million and creating 143 jobs in the area. With this location, Faurecia plans to manufacture door panel assemblies. The company plans to build a new 145,000-square-foot facility located at 3555 Cleburne Road. The automotive components manufacturer was founded in 1997, and has since expanded to 300 sites in 35 counties. Faurecia is the world's top supplier of seat frames and mechanisms, emissions control technologies and vehicle interiors.

WARTRACE

The town of Wartrace has recently received a Community Development Block grant to help upgrade the town's water system and hopefully allow for future development. The water system recently began leaking due to old equipment, and money will be used to replace 700 meters and make repairs to areas suffering from water loss. The total project is expected to cost about \$420,000 with \$390,600 coming from the CDBG program and \$29,400 coming from city coffers. In the meantime, the town will be sourcing some water from Cascade Springs, which has long provided water to the area.

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Dayton, Rhea County turn Chickamauga Lake into top bass fishing spot

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The city of Dayton and Rhea County are located in Southeast Tennessee on Chickamauga Lake. This reservoir, created in 1940, stretches more than 59 miles in length from its dam in Chattanooga to Watts Bar Dam in Spring City and offers abundant fishing and water sports assets.

In 2000, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) stocked Chickamauga Lake with Florida largemouth bass as a test case to build on the lake's habitat assets. By 2011, bass anglers began reporting astounding catches weighing in five bass over 30 pounds.

At that time, Rhea County was a distressed county; Dayton leaders saw an opportunity to create a new bass fishing marketing program and construct new tournament amenities to leverage their lake assets.

In 2011, the Dayton City Council appointed experienced local leaders to explore strategies from other communities to boost tourism through the creation of a bass fishing destination.

They also agreed to move forward with recruiting fishing tournaments Dayton leaders knew that bass tournaments and lake tourism worked in other communities and that they could leverage their assets to create the best fishing destination in the U.S. with the right plan.

In 2012, community leaders created the "Fish Dayton" brand. That same year Chickamauga made bass fishing news when five bass that nearly exceeded 45 pounds were weighed in at a tournament. This was an average of nearly nine pounds per fish, and the news spread fast on the bass tournament circuit.

In 2013, Dayton hosted the Walmart Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) Tour on Chickamauga Lake as a trial run to prove that they could host professional events.

The tournament winner caught a four-day total of 103.3 pounds which was the second largest in FLW Tour history. This event was televised, and the stage was set for the Fish Dayton bass fishing destination strategy to

fully develop.

Since that time, Fish Dayton branding, marketing, and tournaments have put Rhea County, Dayton and Chickamauga Lake on the map as one of the premier largemouth bass fishing destinations in the country.

Dayton leaders knew that they also needed infrastructure to support anglers and tournaments. They began the process to develop a vision for their Dayton Boat Dock facility that was built in the 1950's. They toured other successful communities and developed plans for their facility.

In 2012, city leaders approved a \$175,000 plan to upgrade the Dayton Boat Dock facility and worked with TVA to gain approval.

With TWRA's and TVA's assistance, the largest boat ramp on Lake Chickamauga with the capacity to launch 8 boats simultaneously and new parking for over 400 vehicles was constructed.

With these investments, Dayton became one of the few facilities in the nation that can accommodate large tournaments.

Additional facility improvements are in process with the next phase to include harbor dredging with shoreline and ramp improvements scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018 through Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and TNECD Asset Enhancement Grant funding.

Fish Dayton branding, tourism marketing, and infrastructure investments have positioned the community to capitalize on their lake access.

In July of 2018, Bassmaster ranked Chickamauga Lake No. 2 in the nation and No. 1 in the Southeast Region for the 100 best bass lakes in the country.

New tournament revenues, lodging, restaurants and tournament suppliers have produced many new jobs and a dramatic increase in sales and occupancy tax revenues.

Quality of life for residents has also been improved and Dayton's unique sense of community has been sustained.

Businesses in the Dayton Main Street district and the entire city have benefitted from the thousands of new customers that visit the community for tournaments and lake recreation.



Ranked as the top bass fishing lake in the Southeast and second best in the nation, Lake Chickamauga has become a major destination for anglers. The city of Dayton and Rhea County worked hard to provide the support and infrastructure needed to give tourists the best fishing experience possible.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fish Dayton has resulted in \$15 million in new private investments and hundreds of construction jobs for the community. Since 2015, two new hotels and five restaurants have been constructed or upgraded to meet the lodging and dining needs of tournament anglers and lake visitors. Dayton's lodging tax collections have grown 34.5 percent since 2014 when Fish Dayton began. Lodging tax revenues in 2017 were \$227,407, a 19 percent increase over 2016. The new Blue Water Lodge and Sleep Inn that opened in early 2017 contributed to this increase. This revenue source is projected to continue to increase again as a third new hotel is scheduled to break ground in August 2018. Dayton has seen the creation of 107 new full-time jobs linked to the new lodging and restaurants. Property tax collections are up more than \$160,000 annually, and the city's sales tax collections reflect that more than \$33 million new gross sales dollars entered the local economy in 2017 compared to the receipts in 2013. The new Blue Water Lodge significantly added to the private investment totals and is providing new lakeside lodging and amenities that enhance Dayton's lake tourism. Project results between 2014 and 2016 include:

EVENTS

Tournaments	22 (four professional, 92 amateur, 17 high school, 11 college competitions)
Participants	25,981 (for all registered events)
Event Staff	368
Full-Time Jobs	107+
Construction Jobs	200

2017 DIRECT TOURISM REVENUES \$5,142,888

Total Accommodation Revenues: \$1,219,050	(6,416 participants, two per room, staying overnight for four hotel nights at \$95 per night)
Total Food Revenues: \$933,250	(6,416 participants staying four days and 1,000 participants staying one day at \$35 per day)
Total Gas and Fishing Supply Revenue: \$2,457,328	(3,208 registered boats staying on the water for four days at \$191.50 per day for tackle, personal items, etc.)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues: \$533,280	(6,416 participants staying four days at 1,000 participants for 1 day at \$20 per day for tackle, personal items, etc.)

PROJECT FUNDING

ANNUAL FISH DAYTON PROGRAMMING \$130,000

*Projections for federal, state and local annual tourism marketing
City of Dayton: \$90,000 (annual events, promotions, events overhead)
Rhea County: \$25,000 (annual lodging tax earmarked for Fish Dayton events)
Tennessee Department of Tourist Development Marketing Grant: \$5,000 (brand building, professional angler boat wrap partnership, event, and website marketing)
Matching Grant Funds: \$5,000
Corporate Sponsorships: \$5,000 (tournament events overhead)

ONETIME INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS \$705,000

* State and federal grant funding, local match
City of Dayton - \$175,000 (Dayton Boat Dock facility upgrades)
\$10,000 (ramp and parking upgrades)
\$125,000 (harbor dredging, shoreline, and ramp improvements)
TWRA - \$30,000 (ramp and parking upgrades)
TVA - \$30,000 (ramp and parking upgrades)
Appalachian Regional Commission - \$335,000 (harbor dredging, shoreline, and ramp improvements)
Rhea County Asset Enhancement Grant Match - \$50,000 (harbor dredging, shoreline, and ramp improvements)

PROJECT LEADERSHIP and PARTNERS

Rhea County Economic and Tourism Council
City of Dayton
Rhea County
Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Tennessee Valley Authority
Appalachian Regional Commission
Local Corporate Sponsors - Blue Water Lodge, Holiday Inn, Sleep Inn, Bunch Marine, Dayton Boat Dock & Grill
Bryan College
Rhea County High School Eagle Anglers
Rhea County Sheriff's Department and Homeland Security Team
City of Dayton Police and Fire Departments
Chattanooga Bar Association
CATCH Ministry
Bass Pro Shops Chattanooga

For more information visit fishdayton.com.

TNECD ASSET ENHANCEMENT AND ARC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

The TNECD Asset-Based Planning program was developed through the Rural Task Force to assist distressed counties with strategic planning and development of short-term goals that would address the causes of distress: unemployment rate, per capita income, and poverty rate. In 2016, 23 counties participated in the program, and it was

expanded to include 21 more at-risk counties in 2017. TNECD and the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service worked with the communities to develop action-oriented goals based on the communities' assets. Following that process, TNECD wanted to ensure that the communities had the resources to accomplish their goals and created the Asset Enhancement Grant provided through the Governor's Rural Task Force and Tennessee Rural Economic Opportunity Act of 2016 and 2017. The mission of the Appalachian Regional Commission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia. Through ARC funding, TNECD is able to award grants each year for economic and community development projects including infrastructure development in the 52 counties in middle and east Tennessee served by the ARC.

The TNECD Best Practice Toolkit Series is a growing resource of project descriptions that highlight success stories across Tennessee. Featuring projects that have been funded by TNECD Community and Rural Development and Rural Task Force partner programs, the series fulfills Tennessee Rural Task Force recommendations to highlight success stories and show other communities how they can be replicated.

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Portland's ridesharing program services seniors

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to go through all of the paperwork and seek out grants for the program. Right now, the program will only offer rides in the city limits of Portland. We are hoping as the program grows we can expand the area we service and the hours we offer rides."

DeZwarte said the organization already has several riders signed up and is still working to train volunteers for the program before the service officially launches in the fall.

"We have several assisted living facilities here, and a lot of those residents don't have cars or no longer drive," she said. "There is a great need for this kind of service. We have had a lot of interest and have received a lot of calls already."

Volunteers for the program must be at least 21, have a valid driver's license, and undergo a background check with at least three hours per month committed to the program. DeZwarte said Portland CARES will also have training sessions with volunteers on issues such as courtesy and how to help seniors who may have mobility issues.

"We are doing basic backgrounds on assistance for elderly folks and handicapped folks," DeZwarte said. "We don't anticipate a lot of great lifting, but we are transporting people with oxygen and walkers. We are doing training on how to treat these clients, how to talk to them, and an online training program about assisted rides."

Volunteers will have magnetic stickers they can put on their cars and personal identification badges to show they are part of the PAT program. That way, participants can easily identify the person who has come to pick them up.

DeZwarte said volunteers can also derive benefit from the program.

"I have volunteered so much myself, and just the fulfillment you get for helping another person is wonderful," she said. "It's a great way to meet new people and to know that you're helping someone keep their independence. Even if you just made someone smile or got them out into some fresh air, it warms your heart and fills you up as much as you're helping them."

As America's population continues to age, DeZwarte said she can see other similar programs being developed statewide.

"I think these programs are catching on, and there are probably a lot more out there than we really know about," she said. "Smaller communities often don't have taxis or city bus services. A lot of older residents have health issues or don't feel secure driving themselves, but they still have things they need to do. A lot of seniors are also on a fixed income, so they have to watch what they spend. We hope that as this program catches on it spreads out so we can offer more to more people."



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



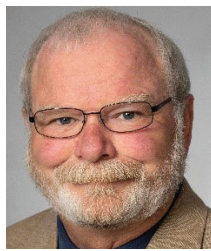
Laura Braam has been selected as the chief communications officer for the city of Nashville by Mayor David Briley.



Laura Braam

Braam will be joining the city from her current position as a principal at Franklin-based Sheridan Public Relations, LLC. She has more than 24 years of experience in public relations, public affairs, and communications including working as the director of communications for Currey Ingram Academy in Brentwood, vice president of McNeely Pigott & Fox, in public affairs roles in Washington, D.C., and as a reporter for three newspapers in Texas. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Washington and Lee University.

Keith Bruner has been appointed as the new chief building officer for the city of Kingsport.



Keith Bruner

Bruner has been with the city since 1998, most recently serving as a master building inspector. He will be the fifth person to hold the title of chief building officer for the city. Bruner served for five years in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of sergeant before leaving the service in 1984. He has served as the public works director for Surgoinsville, and as a building official and fire marshal for Church Hill before coming to the city of Kingsport. Bruner has served as president of Upper East Tennessee Building Officials Association (UETBOA), Tennessee Building Officials Association (TBOA), and Tennessee Plumbing & Mechanical Inspectors Association (TPMIA) during his tenure with the city.

Billy Church has been promoted to captain in the ranks of the Johnson City Police Department.



Billy Church

Church has been employed by the department since 1994, serving as a patrol officer, investigator, and in supervisory roles in the patrol and criminal investigation divisions. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Church graduated from Bethel University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is also a graduate of both the Southeast Command and Leadership Academy (UT-Chattanooga) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Randy Evans, chief of police for the city of Cookeville, has been named the new president of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police at the organization's annual conference in Knoxville. Evans will helm TACP for the 2018-2019

fiscal year, overseeing the organization's mission to provide law enforcement agencies with opportunities for professional training, leadership, management development, and legislative representation. Evans has been chief of police for the city of Cookeville since 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Tennessee Technological University.



Randy Evans

Marcus Floyd has been appointed by Nashville Mayor David Briley as the new advisor to the mayor for public safety and justice policy.



Marcus Floyd

Floyd previously served as an assistant district attorney for the city of Nashville. In his new role, he will serve as the mayor's lead on addressing policing issues as well as criminal justice issues such as gun crime and domestic violence. Before coming to work as an assistant district attorney in 2015, Floyd served as a judicial law clerk for the state's 21st Judicial District, a legal intern for federal public defenders and the 20th Judicial District, a probation officer in Nashville and Memphis, and as a youth counselor in Murfreesboro. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University and a law degree from the Belmont University College of Law.

Darren Gore has been selected as the director of Murfreesboro's new utility enterprises division, which was created by the city to head the water resources, electric, and solid waste departments along with the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport under one department. He will maintain oversight of the water resources department in his new role.



Darren Gore

Gore previously served as director of Murfreesboro's water resources department and has been with the city since 2005, when he was hired as assistant director of the water resources department. He has more than 25 years of experience in engineering and private sector industry. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering from Georgia Tech University.

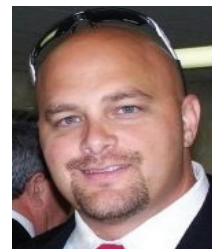
Angela Jackson has been selected to serve as the director of Murfreesboro's new Community Services Division following the administrative reorganization of city departments. The Community Services Division will oversee the city's parks and recreation department, golf department, senior center, grants admin-

istration programs, arts commission, and outside agencies. Jackson previously served as director of the city parks department, a role she has held since 2016. She joined the city in 2001 as assistant program coordinator for the Wilderness Station at Barfield Crescent Park and worked as a program coordinator for the Murfreesboro Greenway System and as assistant director of the parks department. She holds a bachelor's degree from Freed-Hardeman University.



Angela Jackson

Chris Mason has resigned as city manager of Oliver Springs after being elected as the trustee of Roane County. Mason began working as Oliver Springs' city manager in 2016. Mason holds an associate's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Tennessee Technological University. He began his career in 2000 with Yebo Wireless, Inc., and ventured in the public sector in 2008 when he was elected as mayor of the city of Harriman. Mason also served as a youth correctional officer with the Roane County Juvenile Court from 2008 until he took the position as Oliver Springs city manager in 2016.



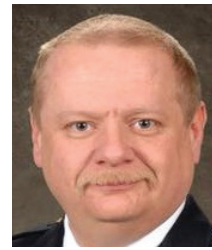
Chris Mason

Jennifer Moody has been selected as the new city administrator for the city of Tullahoma and will begin her work with the city on Sept. 10. Moody previously served as the assistant city manager for the cities of Murfreesboro and Columbia. Moody earned her bachelor's degree in international affairs from Xavier University and a master's in public finance, economic development, and public policy from Indiana University. She also served as a municipal management intern for the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (UT-MTAS).



Jennifer Moody

Pete Van Dusen has been selected as the new deputy fire chief for the city of Cleveland. Van Dusen will oversee the operations division of the department, which works closely with the battalion chiefs to better manage stations, assignments and training for the department, as well as work alongside Fire Chief Ron Harrison



Peter Van Dusen

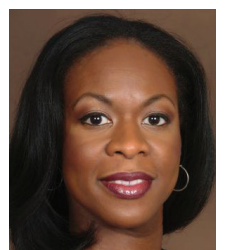
for the addition of Fire Station No. 6. He began his career in firefighting with the city of Cleveland more than 20 years ago, having served as a firefighter, driver, engine company lieutenant, and captain over the department's training programs. Van Dusen earned an associate's degree in fire science from Chattanooga State Community College and a bachelor's in management from Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Nate Williams has been selected as the director of the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department, which will now fall under the umbrella of the new city Community Services Division following reorganization of administrative departments. Williams will be taking over the parks department from Angela Jackson, who was appointed the head of the new Community Services Division. Williams has served as the assistant director of the parks department since 2017 and before that served as a recreation superintendent beginning in 2011. Williams holds a bachelor's degree in management from Middle Tennessee State University.



Nate Williams

Patrice Williams-Thomas will be leaving her position as the deputy chief operating officer for the city of Memphis to become the chief administrative officer for newly elected Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris. Thomas was named deputy chief operating officer by Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland in 2015. Prior to that, she served as a deputy director of Memphis Public Works. Thomas previously worked as senior financial analyst at Smith & Nephew Richards and manager at First Tennessee's Corporate Controller's Division. She is a graduate of Memphis Central High School, Christian Brothers University and the University of Memphis.



Patrice Thomas

Tony Young has stepped down as parks and recreation director for Ashland City after more than two decades in the role. Young was first employed with the city in 1995. He holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in recreation, park, and tourism services. In addition to his role with the city's parks department, Young was involved in the local 4-H Chapter, Kiwanis Club, and Ashland City's Summerfest. He officially resigned from his position on July 20.



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STATE BRIEFS



The number of drug overdose deaths in Tennessee increased yet again, setting a new record high for overdose deaths since reporting began. A total of 1,776 Tennesseans died from overdoses in 2017 with almost three-fourths of overdose deaths being from prescription opioids. Additionally, heroin was associated with 311 deaths – a 20 percent increase over the previous year – while fentanyl was associated with 500 deaths – a 70 percent increase from last year.

Advanced energy should become Tennessee's next target industry for business recruitment and economic development, according to the report from the Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at UT. Advanced energy is already involved in fields including aerospace, automotive, chemicals, plastics, rubber, and energy technology in general. Tennessee's current advanced energy already contributes \$39.7 billion toward the state GDP and employs 358,360 residents in some 18,170 businesses statewide. Approximately 80 percent of these jobs are concentrated in only 20 of the state's 95 counties with Memphis and Nashville having the largest advanced energy presence. The Knoxville area – which is home to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory – is the third.

Thousands more adults than expected have applied to participate in the new Tennessee Reconnect program aimed at bringing students 25 and older back into the classroom. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission expected that 8,000 to 10,000 residents would apply for the program, which provides scholarships for Tennesseans aged 25 and older to earn associates and technical degrees. A total of 31,000 students have already showed interest in the program with women making up 71 percent of the applicants. An unofficial canvass of those applying to the program found many

of the women signing up for the program were mothers returning to the classroom as their children have grown older so they can provide more financial support to their families.

Tennessee tourism's direct domestic and international travel expenditures reached a new all-time record high of \$20.7 billion in 2017, up 6.3 percent over the previous year, as reported by the U.S. Travel Association. Tourism also generated 184,300 jobs for Tennesseans, a 3.1 percent growth year over year. For the 12th consecutive year, tourism topped \$1 billion in state and local sales tax revenue, reaching \$1.8 billion. That marks a 7.6 percent increase over 2016, higher than the national growth of travel-related state tax revenues of 4.6 percent. A record 113.6 million person stays also were recorded in 2017, according to U.S. Travel.

Average wages increased for workers across Tennessee last year, according to data recently released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). The median wage for Tennesseans increased by 3.16 percent between May 2016 and May 2017 with the average worker earning \$33,870. Employees with post-secondary education received the highest jump in annual wages. The average wage for someone with a bachelor's degree was \$60,830, nearly twice the average salary of \$33,550 for those with only a high school diploma or equivalent. Those employed in management occupations had the highest average wage in the state at \$81,140 while the lowest average wage in the state was \$20,500 for those employed in the personal care and service operations sector. Williamson County residents had the highest average wage in the state with an average wage of \$104,367 while residents of Hancock had the lowest average wage in the state at \$27,987.

Tennessee's economy continues to grow

Tennessee's economy continues to show significant growth in 2018, according to a report recently released by the Secretary of State's office.

There were 10,888 new entity filings in the first quarter of 2017, which represents a 14.3 percent increase over the same time period last year. This denotes the 27th consecutive quarter of positive year-over-year growth.

As of June 1, there were 282,982 active entities in Tennessee, representing a 5.9 percent increase compared to the second quarter of 2017.

"This strong growth shows that Tennessee's economy continues to thrive. Companies are continuing to choose Tennessee as a destination to do business because of the friendly business climate," said Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett.

The *Tennessee Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators* report is created to provide a periodic snapshot of the state's economy based on a variety of in-

formation, including new business data from the Division of Business Services.

Limited liability corporations (LLCs) account for nearly two-thirds of all new filings, increasing by 20 percent.

Shelby County led the way among the state's four largest counties with 18.8 percent growth in initial filings. Hamilton County came in second at 11.5 percent with Davidson County trailing just behind at 11.4 percent. Knox County saw an 8.1 percent increase. The four counties accounted for 6,306 new entity filings during the first quarter of 2018, which is a 13.3 percent increase compared to the same time in 2017.

The state's unemployment rate remained unchanged from May to June at 3.5 percent. The state's unemployment rate remains below the U.S. rate of 3.9 percent.

The national economy saw strong economic growth with stronger consumer spending and export growth. Personal income grew by a robust 4.3 percent, while housing starts expanded.

UT Knoxville has \$1.7 billion annual economic impact on state

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville generates \$1.7 billion in annual income and supports more than 35,000 jobs in Tennessee, according to a study released by the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research.

That's up \$100 million since the last report was produced in 2015 and up more than \$785 million over the past 10 years.

"The flow of spending through the university, our students, and our visitors has a significant and positive ripple effect throughout the community and state," said Interim Chancellor Wayne T. Davis. "But these numbers capture only a fraction of what UT contributes to the state. Our biggest impact is educating our citizens and preparing Tennessee's future labor force."

The study was conducted by Bill Fox, director of the Boyd

Center, and Lawrence Kessler, research assistant professor, who used detailed revenue and expenditure data from 2017 to determine how much income, how many jobs, and how much state and local tax revenue are generated as a result of UT-related spending in Tennessee. The university employs more than 10,000 people, including faculty, staff, and students. In 2017, UT paid \$575 million in salaries and benefits.

Each dollar spent by employees causes more than one dollar in economic activity, according to the principle of economics known as the multiplier effect. The report shows that UT spending supports 35,232 full-time jobs in Tennessee.

"When our employees spend their paychecks, they're buying homes, groceries, and other goods that support local jobs and in turn

More than \$15M in grants awarded for parks, recreation projects statewide

More than 50 municipalities across the state of Tennessee will share in more than \$15 million in recently awarded parks and recreation grants by the state.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Commissioner Dr. Shari Meghreblian announced the series of grants totaling more than \$15 million to help fund parks and recreation projects in Tennessee communities.

"Easy access to parks, trails, walking paths, and other recreational facilities can make a good community a great community," said Haslam. "These grants provide the resources needed to help make Tennessee an even more desirable place to live, work, and raise a family."

TDEC will award approximately \$13.5 million in Local Park and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grants to 51 communities - including 42 cities - as well as approximately \$2.1 million in Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants to 15 groups, including nine cities.

"Local parks and recreational facilities provide a valuable service to communities," said Meghreblian. "TDEC is happy to support these projects that lead to an increased quality of life for Tennesseans."

The LPRF grant program was established by the General Assembly in 1991 to provide local governments with funds to purchase land for parks, natural areas, greenways and recreational facilities. The funds also may be used for development of trails and projects in parks, natural areas and greenways. All LPRF grants require a 50 percent match by the recipient.

Grant recipients were selected through a scoring process with careful consideration given to the projects that met the selection criteria and expressed the greatest local recreation need.

The RTP is a federally-funded program established to distribute funding for diverse recreation trail projects. The funds are available to federal, state and local government agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations that have obtained IRS 501c3 status and have a written trail management agreement with the agency that owns the property where the trail project is located.

RTP grants may be used for non-routine maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation, trailside or trailhead facilities such as restrooms, kiosks and parking lots, construction of new trails and land acquisition for recreational trails or corridors.

Funding for RTP grants is provided by the Federal Highway Administration through the Fixing Americans Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. TDEC administers this grant program for the state.

The maximum federal share for each project is 80 percent, with RTP grant recipients providing a 20 percent match. Grant recipients were selected through a scoring process with careful consideration given to the projects that met the selection criteria and expressed the greatest local recreation needs.

For more information, visit www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/res-recreation-educational-services/res-recreation-educational-services-grants0.html.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grants

Municipality	Amount	Project
Blaine	\$50,000	Playground upgrades
Clifton	\$148,000	Clifton River Park splash pad
Clinton	\$115,000	Playground upgrades
Dandridge	\$100,000	Field of Dreams splash pad and upgrades
East Ridge	\$500,000	Pioneer Frontier playground upgrades and splash pad
Elkton	\$15,500	Elkton City Park ball fields and upgrades
Etowah	\$375,000	Etowah City Park swimming pool
Farragut	\$325,000	Anchor Park upgrades
Fayetteville	\$500,000	Soccer complex development
Gallatin	\$500,000	Construction of ball fields
Gatlinburg	\$500,000	Mynatt Park improvements
Greeneville	\$190,000	Hardin Park inclusive playground
Harriman	\$412,500	Triangle Park upgrades; Harriman Community Center splash pad and upgrades
Humboldt	\$498,375	Bailey Park trail improvements, playground upgrades
Jamestown	\$200,000	Spangler Park, Sixth Street Park, and Viking Park upgrades
Johnson City	\$200,000	Caver Park splash pad
Kingsport	\$250,000	Borden Park LED lighting, Preston Forest Park parking lot, perimeter trail
Lakeland	\$500,000	First phase of sports complex
Lenoir City	\$500,000	Central Park splash pads, pavilion
Lexington	\$200,000	Playground construction, site improvements
Linden	\$148,434	Linden City Park improvements
Lobelville	\$79,140	ADA compliance, walking track, and playground improvements
Manchester	\$336,000	Championship Soccer Field lighting and upgrades, Fred Deadman Playground upgrades
Maynardville	\$193,287	Development of first city park
McKenzie	\$60,000	Playground equipment and splash pad for Mulberry and City parks
Nashville	\$500,000	Development of Aaitafama' Archaeological Park
Mt. Pleasant	\$75,000	Community splash pad and walking trail
Paris	\$500,000	Splash pad upgrades, restroom facility, and expanded parking lot
Parker's Crossroads	\$75,000	Upgrade to playground
Pleasant View	\$225,245	Lighting and parking lot expansion
Selmer	\$500,000	Drainage improvements and upgrades to ball fields
Signal Mountain	\$400,000	Marion Field and Driver Field renovations
Soddy Daisy	\$165,000	Northend Park improvements
Springfield	\$500,000	MLK Park Phase II
Tazewell	\$85,000	Tazewell Park improvements and ball fields
Unicoi	\$248,000	Outdoor amphitheater
Vonore	\$500,000	Heritage Park ball fields and improvements
Wartburg	\$96,000	Wartburg City Park renovations
Wartrace	\$75,000	Wartrace gymnasium renovations
Waynesboro	\$112,500	Waynesboro Sportsplex upgrades
White Bluff	\$315,000	Bibb-White Bluff Civic Center Phase II development
Whitwell	\$60,500	Whitwell City Park upgrades

Recreational Trails Program Grants

Municipality	Amount	Project
Carthage	\$88,000	Linear foot walking trail expansion and construction
Henderson	\$200,000	ADA walking trail
Hickory Valley	\$151,280	Trail near abandoned railroad bed
Legacy Parks Foundation (Knoxville)	\$200,000	Development of park and greenway at Powell Library and Beaver Creek watershed
Norris	\$200,000	Aquisition of trail maintenance equipment
Scotts Hill	\$44,720	Scotts Hill City Park trail improvements
SORBA Chattanooga	\$200,000	Develop 10-miles of mixed-use trail between Chattanooga, Red Bank, and Signal Mountain
Spring City	\$29,644	Veteran's Lakeside Greenway Phase I
Whiteville	\$75,520	ADA compliant trail at city park

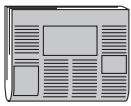


UT has on the state's economy," said Fox. "It does not account for the effect that education has on the future of our graduates or their participation in the state's workforce and economy."

UT has more than 245,000 alumni, including more than 141,000 who live and work in Tennessee.

The university is coming off a record year for enrollment, research, and giving.

The Boyd Center is housed in UT's Haslam College of Business. The center conducts research on national and state economic trends for UT, state agencies, and public and private organizations.



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ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR.

HENDERSONVILLE. The city of Hendersonville is currently accepting applications for assistant finance director. This position assists in the direction of the activities of the finance department, including managing the City's financial activities. Minimum qualifications include: a bachelor's degree required in a course of study related to the occupational field; CPA and/or CMFO required. Experience sufficient to thoroughly understand the work of subordinate positions to be able to answer questions and resolve problems, usually associated with three to five years of experience. Ability to be bonded. Annual Salary: \$73,822 or higher DOQ. To apply go to www.hvilletn.org or come by Hendersonville City Hall at 101 Maple Drive North, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Closing date for acceptance of application materials is Sept. 14 at 4 P.M. CST. EOE.

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

HOLLY SPRINGS, N.C. The town of Holly Springs is seeking experienced, professional candidates for assistant town manager to help lead this fast growing, welcoming, and high quality Wake County community. Position performs complex leadership work assisting the newly appointed town manager with a broad range of management functions for the town, primarily focused on planning, economic development, public works, utilities and infrastructure development. Position oversees strategic planning for capital infrastructure investments; manages assigned departments and personnel; administers and coordinates special projects and research; develops and implements policies and programs; conducts policy development; and assists the town manager with intragovernmental relations and issues with agencies, community partners and the public. Position oversees long-term strategic planning of the town's utilities and transportation systems. The position will also be instrumental in leading the implementation of \$40 million of Transportation Bond projects that voters will consider in a November 2018 bond referendum. Additional responsibilities involve representing the Town in a variety of meetings; preparing or coordinating financial and budget documents and/or projects; attending and presenting at town council meetings; and coordinating and preparing special research reports on a wide variety of functions and issues for the town. Position requires a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration or a related field and 8-10 years of experience in a municipal environment, five of which must have been at the senior management level with significant experience leading teams, overseeing major municipal services, and a history of strategic, innovative leadership. Master's degree in public administration or business administration preferred. Hiring range \$98,988 - \$112,000 depending on experience. Apply on the town's website at www.hollyspringsnc.us. Closing date Sept. 28.

BUILDING/ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

MT. JULIET. The city of Mt. Juliet is seeking candidates for a building / electrical inspector for building and codes department. Applications must be filed electronically and are available at the city's website, www.mtjuliet-tn.gov. Detailed job description and requirements are available online. The city accepts electronic applications until position is filled. The city of Mt. Juliet reserves the right to stop accepting applications at any time. For questions, regarding the electronic application process, please call (615) 754-2552. EOE/Drug-free Workplace.

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

MCMINNVILLE. The city of McMinnville is seeking well-qualified, innovative, professional applicants for the position of city administrator.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in public administration, or a closely-related field, with at least 5 years' experience in municipal government management and finance or experience and training in municipal management. Major duties include supervision of all city departments, staff employment and assignments, including work procedures and schedules, budget preparation, with the monitoring of revenues and expenditures, development and implementation of goals and visioning for the city, provision of proper reports, and initiation of grant writing. The administrator will perform duties which will reflect the needs of a progressive city by serving on various boards, committees, agencies and civic organizations that promote retail, tourism, and industrial development in the area. The administrator will possess all the skills necessary to complete the successful operation and management of the city while fulfilling the expectations of the elected officials. The city administrator is selected by reports to, and serves at the pleasure of the mayor and a six-member board of aldermen. McMinnville is located in Warren County, 70 miles southeast of Nashville and has a population of 14,000 citizens. It is designated as a National and Tennessee Main Street Community. Starting salary and benefit package will be market competitive, depending on the professional experience and qualifications. Reasonable relocation expenses will be negotiated. Interested applicants should email cover letters, resumes with references and salary history to Warren Nevad, The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service at warren.nevad@tennessee.edu by Oct. 1.

CITY MANAGER

EAST RIDGE. The city of East Ridge is accepting qualified applicants for the position of city manager. East Ridge is a city of approximately 22,000 with a Council/Manager form of government. Total budgets are approximately \$20 million. As provided in the city's charter, the city manager shall possess, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, at least three years of direct supervisory experience in government, and "such other qualifications as the city council may require." While not specifically designated under the charter, the council is interested in individuals possessing a background involving management and leadership, team building, communications skills, and experience in municipal finance, economic development and urban planning. The current manager is retiring at a salary of \$110,000 with a monetary city contribution to IC-MARC. Resumes may be submitted electronically to tperry@eastridgetn.gov or mailed to Ms. Trish Perry, Human Resources Manager, City of East Ridge, 1517 Tombras Avenue, East Ridge, TN 37412. City website: www.eastridgetn.org. Closing date Oct. 2. EOE/ Drug Free Workplace.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ATHENS. The Friendly City is seeking an energetic professional to join Team Athens as a codes enforcement officer. The position is responsible for enforcing city codes, ordinances, inspecting existing buildings to determine compliance, and maintenance of standards relating to health, sanitation, and safety issues. In addition, the codes enforcement officer manages operational and maintenance activities for city cemeteries. Knowledge of city codes, ordinances, and laws; knowledge of construction standards, materials, and methods; and excellent communication skills, both verbal and written are required. A current certification as a building inspector through the state of Tennessee is preferred; a bachelor's degree in planning or city administration and previous experience in city government is a plus. If you are interested in being part of the team that delivers timely, reliable service to citizens and play a key role to enhance the quality of life and help build a better, safer community, please submit your resume via email to nedmonds@cityofathensn.com or mail to City of Athens, ATTN: Human Resources, 815 N. Jackson St., Athens, TN 37303. You may also apply in person Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5p.m. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. EOE.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN

GALLATIN. The city of Gallatin Public Utilities Department is accepting applications for a cross connection control technician. This position performs field and technical work in the inspection and testing of commercial, industrial, and residential backflow prevention devices. Some essential duties include performing annual testing of backflow prevention devices and inspecting new construction for compliance with cross connection control requirements. This is a 40 hours per week, day shift position. The starting rate is \$16.71 per hour + excellent benefits. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma/equivalent with two to five years recent work experience in water distribution operations or related utilities experience; or an equivalent combination of

education, experience, and training. Must have a valid, appropriate driver's license. Must have current Tennessee Certificate for Testing and Evaluation of Backflow Prevention Assemblies, or obtain within six months of hire/promotion; and must retain certification throughout employment. apply online at www.gallatintn.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

ENGINEERING INSPECTOR

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has an opening for engineering inspector. This position requires the performance of intermediate technical work inspecting construction projects for compliance with plans and specifications. Requires a high school diploma or GED, an associate's degree is preferred but not required, with major course work in heavy construction, civil engineering, construction inspection, construction management or a related field; supplemented by five years' experience and/or training as a construction inspector, foreman, or a superintendent; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Knowledge of heavy construction, civil engineering construction inspection, construction management required. Must obtain stormwater certification within one year from date of hire. Must possess and maintain a valid motor vehicle operator's license. Must be able to pass a work related drug test. Salary is \$35,475 - \$40,500 annually (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 under the Employment Opportunities tab, 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.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has an immediate opening for equipment operator. This position includes driving and operating trucks, tractors and other equipment. Driving and maneuvering the vehicle constitute the majority of the work required to complete tasks for various maintenance, upkeep and/or construction projects. Equipment in this classification does not involve the operation of additional mechanisms other than those that are moderately simple and routine. This classification is reserved for those positions in which operation of included equipment is the primary function of the job. Requires High school diploma or GED, supplemented by vocational/technical training in vehicle operation, equipment operation and work in area of assignment; supplemented by one year of previous experience and/or training involving vehicle operation, job related equipment operation, and 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 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with Class "A" or "B" endorsement. Salary is \$31,200 (DOQ) 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 under the Employment Opportunities tab, 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. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

MECHANIC

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has an immediate opening for a mechanic. This position requires the performance of semi-skilled to skilled maintenance and repair work on a variety of automotive, construction, fire, police, and public service's vehicles and equipment. Work will be performed on both gasoline and diesel engines. Work also involves scheduling and performing preventative maintenance and repair on related equipment. High school diploma or GED; supplemented by four years previous experience and/or training in journey level automotive mechanic work and in a diversified automotive repair and/or maintenance shop; 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. Must be able to pass a work related drug test. Salary is \$30,899 - \$36,928 annually (DOQ) annually 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 under the Employment Opportunities tab, 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. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

POLICE CHIEF.

CROSSVILLE. The city of Crossville (est. population 11,500) is seeking resumes for the position of chief of police. Under the executive direction of the city manager, the chief of police is responsible for planning, directing, implementing and evaluating the activities of the police department. Responsibilities include recruitment and selection of personnel, succession planning, formulation of policies and procedures, and preparation of an annual budget. The ideal candidate must be P.O.S.T. certified and possess a bachelor's degree in police science, public administration, criminal justice, or related field; candidate will have served as chief, or assistant chief, a minimum of three to five years. Any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the person with the knowledge and abilities required to perform the job may substitute for the above, at the discretion of the City. Consideration will be given for FBI National Academy and/or Southern Police Institutes and FBI Leeds graduate. Salary will be a minimum of \$57,057.53 and negotiable DOQ/DOE. Position will also include a comprehensive benefit package. Other requirements include: must possess a valid Tennessee operator's license or obtain such; must reside within Cumberland County, or move into Cumberland County within 90 days of employment; meet annual P.O.S.T. in-service requirements; must have completed P.O.S.T. Law Enforcement Management and Administration training; evidence of continuing professional development; must be examined by a city designated physician to make a determination if applicant will be able to meet the physical standards of law enforcement personnel. A complete job description is available upon request. Resume and cover letter is to be mailed to: Leah Crockett, Human Resources Administrator, 392 N. Main Street, Crossville, TN 38555 or via email at leah.crockett@crossvilletn.gov. Resumes will be accepted until 4 p.m., Sept. 14. EEO/Affirmative action employer.

PROCUREMENT TECHNICIAN

COLLIERVILLE. The town of Collierville has an immediate opening for a procurement technician. The purpose of this classification is to perform entry level to intermediate technical work in procurement of a variety of materials, equipment, and supplies in accordance with prescribed purchasing regulations and procedures for the town of Collierville. Requires a high school diploma or GED; supplemented by college level coursework in business administration, public administration or a closely related field; associate's degree preferred; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Requires a valid Motor Vehicle Operators License. Must be able to pass a work related drug test. Salary is \$29,375 - \$33,000 annually (DOQ) annually 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 under the Employment Opportunities tab, 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. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

ATHENS. Team Athens is searching for a new star! The newly created technology manager position will be an excellent opportunity to join Team Athens. Network planning, technical knowledge, and project coordination in developing and maintaining all elements of the city's information technology systems are vital to the success of Team Athens. The technology manager will be responsible for upgrading and improving on the city's existing technology infrastructure. A bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field is preferred, with at least three years' experience in the operation and maintenance of an information technology system, including network administration; will consider an equivalent combination of certifications and experience. Must have the ability to obtain and maintain certifications as needed to provide network security and operate the municipal system. Additional skills include planning, budgeting, and coordinating the procurement of, and supervise the installation of contract information technology and telecommunications hardware and software, train employees in the use of hardware and software, develop long-range plans for equipment and software upgrades. Must possess and maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license. References are required, and background checks will be conducted. Please submit your cover letter and resume via email to nedmonds@cityofathensn.com, or you may apply by mail or in person at the Municipal Building, City of Athens, 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN 37303. The city of Athens will accept resumes for technology manager through Sept. 28. This position is an at-will, non-exempt employee. EOE.

Opportunity Zone program lists USA companies eligible for investment

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SMB has a system to classify "prime growth" businesses— independent companies or small chains that meet certain conditions and could use investment capital to start up or expand.

The dataset includes details for each company, like what type of business it is (for instance, a restaurant, eye clinic, or art gallery), and whether the business is minority- or woman-owned, whether it is independent or a small chain, and how many establishments it has.

"There's not like one secret source," Waters noted, referring to the data. "We track growth signals."

Some experts on Opportunity Zones have suggested that local government officials will have a key role to play in flagging promising businesses in the zones for investors. Waters says his company's dataset could help to supplement this type of local knowledge.

"Everyone that we've had an inquiry from has looked at that initial map and has found something on there that they were not aware of," he added. "That map is focused on planned growth. So a lot of times this is information that has not necessarily completely circulated."

That process involves people and computers tracking and analyzing information about small businesses gleaned from thousands of sources, ranging from news publications and social media, to government and real estate data.

To access the map, go to <https://smbintelligence.com/prime-growth-opportunity-zones/>



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TGFOA Fall Conference
Embassy Suites Murfreesboro
TGFOA provides continuing professional education to more than 300 officials from state and local governments in Tennessee. For more information visit: <http://tngfoa.org/>

Oct. 21-23

TCAPWA Annual Conference
DoubleTree Downtown Nashville
For any additional information contact Mark Miller at (865) 850-1534 or markmiller@charter.net

Oct 31 - Nov 2

TCMA Fall Conference
Chattanooga Marriott Downtown
Enhance your knowledge and skills for successful municipal management at TCMA's Fall Conference. For more information visit: www.TCMA.org

Nov. 1 - 2

TN Governor's Conference
Gaylord Opryland Convention Center, Nashville
Join Gov. Bill Haslam and TN-ECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe along with hundreds of state and local officials to learn more about Tennessee's strides in recruiting jobs and the programs helping to build strong local communities. For more information visit: <https://govcon.tnecd.com/>

Nov. 7 - 10

NLC City Summit
Los Angeles Convention Center
NLC's City Summit conference convenes local leaders to collaborate on solutions to common challenges facing America's cities. The conference offers tangible and new best practices for government officials to take back home. For more information visit: <https://www.citysummit.nlc.org/program/>

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NLC announces program to enhance cities' use of data and training

A new partnership with Results for America will bring training to cities to help them achieve What Works Cities Certification, a national standard for well-managed local government

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The National League of Cities (NLC) announced that its members will have access to a first-of-its-kind workshop series through NLC University on foundational data practices that build effective local governments. The workshops will be offered through a new partnership with Results for America (RFA), a lead partner of What Works Cities and a Bloomberg Philanthropies-launched initiative that helps cities use data and facts to tackle their most pressing challenges and improve residents' lives.

"Last year, What Works Cities set a new standard of excellence in data-driven

governance with the introduction of Certification," said Clarence E. Anthony, CEO and NLC executive director. "NLC is proud to partner with Results for America to bring these best practices to our membership and help them reach that bar. Together, we can drive better outcomes that have the power to improve the lives of millions of our cities' residents."

The NLC-RFA partnership will include programming at the 2018 City Summit in Los Angeles, other events throughout the year, and the 2019 Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. NLC University will offer five courses to help cities build their skills in leading data and evidence practices and to advance in the What Works Cities Certification program. Members can view and enroll in the courses here, <https://citysummit.nlc.org/type/nlc-university-seminars/>.

"Leaders set the agenda for progress in their cities," said

Simone Brody, executive director of What Works Cities. "Data and evidence best practices help cities clearly define problems and develop impactful solutions so that leaders can solve problems and effectively run cities. We're excited to partner with NLC to help leaders build the skills needed to fully embrace data-driven governance and make the journey from commitment to results."

Launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies in 2015, What Works Cities is one of the largest-ever philanthropic efforts to enhance cities' use of data and evidence. What Works Cities Certification is the first-of-its-kind national standard of excellence in city governance that evaluates how well cities are managed and whether cities have the right people, processes, and policies in place to put data and evidence at the center of decision-making. Nine cities have been recognized as leaders in this field and awarded certification.



TENNESSEE FESTIVALS

Sept. 21-23: Bristol
18th Annual Rhythm and Roots Festival

The award-winning Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion music is held in downtown Bristol, the birthplace of country music. Located on the Virginia and Tennessee border with 20 outdoor stages and indoor venues and more than 120 acts of live music, Bristol Rhythm takes visitors on a journey through Appalachia's musical past, present, and future. Visit for more information, visit www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org/festival/

Sept. 21-29: Bolivar
Tennessee Forest Festival

This weeklong event features an art show, educational information on forestry, logging industry, parks and activities, parade, golf tournament, tennis tournament, highland games, Miss Forest Festival pageant, fashion show, desserts, loggers' breakfast, pickleball doubles, and many other competitions.

Sept. 28-29: Townsend
Fall Festival and Old Timers Day

Held at the Townsend Visitors Center, the festival celebrates the traditional music, crafts, Appalachian skills, and heritage of Townsend, East Tennessee, and the Great Smoky Mountains. Featured activities are bluegrass music concerts, clogging, jam sessions on the porch, demonstrations of cornmeal making, blacksmithing, sorghum molasses making, apple butter, basketry, weaving, spinning, and quilting. Arts and crafts booths include woodworking, pottery, jewelry, hand-sewing, and painting.

Sept. 29: Waverly
Waverly Walls Arts Festival

This festival allows local artists to compete under three separate genres: street art, realists, and junior artists. The various categories within each genre will allow people from all artistic backgrounds to compete. The artists will have five hours to complete their masterpieces. In order to promote the grand opening, the Waverly Walls Art Park will be hosting a festival to support our artists.

Oct. 20 - 21: Bean Station
22nd Annual Harvest Pride Days Festival

Featuring arts, handmade crafts, homemade food items, food vendors, tricycle race, kids games, money machine, and Adopt-A-Pet Humane Society booth. For more information, contact Barbara Wolfe at bwolfe@townofbeanstation.com, or call 865-993-3177

NATIONAL BRIEFS



U.S. consumer confidence rose to its highest level in nearly two decades in August, according to data released by the Conference Board. The consumer confidence index rose to 133.4 in August, according to results released by the business research nonprofit, the best mark since October 2000. The group also reported an increase in its consumer expectations index, which measures optimism about the long-term state of the economy. Analysts pay close attention to consumer confidence as a key forecasting tool given the massive portion of the U.S. economy dictated by consumer spending. Confidence

has steadily increased throughout the past two years amid near-record joblessness and accelerating economic growth and despite declining inflation-adjusted wages.

Less rain and more droughts due to climate change are the reason for the increasing number of wildfires in America. Findings by the U.S. Forest Service and University of Montana said a lack of summer rain and extended duration of droughts are creating drier air during fire seasons. This hotter air heats the earth's surface and sucks moisture from vegetation, in turn making it easier for plant life to burn. Authorities claim the effects of climate change may cause year-

round fire seasons in the west as several years of drought and erratic winds continue to make wildfires harder to manage.

As more and more states legalize cannabis, one in seven American adults reporting using marijuana for recreational or medicinal uses in 2017. The report published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* reported that 14.6 percent of Americans reported using marijuana in the past year with the rate higher at 20 percent in states that legalized marijuana use. Smoking was the most popular method of cannabis consumption with younger adults aged 18 to 34 the most likely age group to use the drug.

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



The city of Bartlett recently closed a \$1.35 million note with the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) to finance equipment for various city departments. It marked the city's ninth note issued through TMBF's alternative loan program. Seated are Mayor A. Keith McDonald and Dick Phebus, finance director. Standing are Stefanie McGee, city clerk; and Tommy Green, TMBF representative.

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Track down Tennessee's past in state's railroad towns

BY KATE COIL

TML Communications Specialist

While interstates and air travel have overtaken train tracks, the history and beauty of Tennessee's railroad industry can still be seen across the state — if you know where to look.

Once the backbone of many a local economy, the story of the railroad is an important chapter in the story of many Tennessee municipalities.

Plans for railroads in the state go as far back as 1827, but it wasn't until 1837 that the first railroad was constructed — the Hiwassee line near Athens. However, the Hiwassee failed before construction was completed. Finally in 1842, the LaGrange and Memphis Railroad became the first to operate a train in Tennessee.

Early progress in the 1850s was stymied by the Civil War. State leaders even scraped a plan to build the transcontinental route from Memphis to El Paso. But riding the rails came back with a vengeance in the 1870s.

Elaborate depots and high-tech train cars cropped up in communities across the state in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Miners, lumber workers, and farmers depended on the railroad while the railroad industry itself employed thousands. By 1920, the state was crisscrossed with 4,078 miles of track. The state's musical nature even got in on the railroad game, spawning songs ranging from "The Ballad of Casey Jones" to "The Last Train to Clarksville."

While few passenger trains still run in Tennessee, the impact of the railroad can still be felt across the state. Niota and Thompson's Station even operate their city halls out of train depots. Plenty of Tennessee towns and cities were built on the railroad and continue to celebrate its legacy today.

Here are just a few of the places to see a bit of Tennessee's railroad history.

BAXTER

Baxter Depot Museum and Visitor's Center

Located in the heart of downtown Baxter, this local museum provides insights into local history, visitor information, meeting space, and is a destination on an annual excursion train from Nashville that coincides with the Baxter Harvest Festival. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel

Made popular by the 1941 song of the same name, the Chattanooga Choo Choo can still be seen inside the former Southern Railway Terminal, which is now known as the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel. For more info, visit www.choochoo.com.

Lookout Mountain Incline Railroad

Those looking for a steeper-than-normal rail trip can try the Lookout Mountain Incline Railroad in Chattanooga, home to "America's Most Amazing Mile." Visitors can also see beautiful views of the region from atop Lookout Mountain. For more info, visit www.ridetheincline.com.

Tennessee Valley Railroad and Museum

Founded as a Chattanooga chapter of the National Railway Historical Society in 1960, the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum runs excursion trains daily to destinations like Copperhill, Etowah, and Georgia. Historic locomotives and cars are restored and displayed for visitors to enjoy along with exhibits on railroad history. Visit www.tvrail.com for more information.

CLARKSVILLE

L&N Train Station

While the last train to Clarksville has long since departed, visitors can still see where it once operated at this train station. Built in 1901 and restored in 1996, the former Louisville and Nashville Station in Clarksville is home of the Montgomery County Historical Society today. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

COLLIERVILLE

Collierville Depot Visitor Center

While Collierville's railroad history goes back to at least 1852, it's the town's most recent depot that has become a center for arts, culture, history, and public gatherings. In 1944, the local train depot was moved from LaGrange to downtown Collierville. Trains operated in and out of the heart of the town until 1976, when the Southern Railroad gave the former depot building to the city. The depot now houses local railroad history, visitor's information, and is a favorite spot for local events year-round. Visitors can also see the historic train and caboose on the property.

COOKEVILLE

Cookeville Depot Museum

Built in 1909, the Cookeville Depot was active until the 1950s. The Friends of the Cookeville Depot turned the site into a free museum open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Featuring local railroad artifacts, a scale model of the 1950s Cookeville Depot and an outdoor area housing 1913 Baldwin steam engine, a 1920's classic red caboose, a 1960's caboose, and two small track cars, the area is also a favorite downtown picnic spot. For more info, visit cookevilledepot.com.

COWAN

Cowan Railroad Museum

With railroad history in the area going back



Dating back to 1909, Cookeville's historic train depot is now a free local museum and a perfect downtown picnic spot. It is one of many old depots that have found new use as local cultural heritage centers.

to 1849, Cowan's local railroad museum highlights the history of the construction of the Cumberland Mountain Tunnel — also known as the Cowan Tunnel. Open from May through October, the museum shows how railroad technology advanced to ensure engines could make it up over the steep Cumberland Plateau. For more info, visit cowanrailroadmuseum.org.

DICKSON

Clement Railroad Hotel Museum

Built in 1913 to house railroad travelers, The Clement Railroad Hotel Museum was formerly known as the Hotel Halbrook. Opened in 2009, the museum features exhibits on railroading, Civil War history, and items belonging to Dickson native and former Gov. Frank G. Clement. Visit clementrailroadmuseum.org for more.

ERWIN

Clinchfield Railroad Museum

Modeled after historic train depots, the Clinchfield Railroad Museum in Erwin pays homage to the CSX rail yard, diesel shop, and repair facility that operated in the town until 2015. Items like old dispatch boards, model trains, and other memorabilia are on display. The museum is open seasonally.

ETOWAH

L&N Depot and Railroad Museum

One of the destinations on the Tennessee River Valley Railroad, Etowah's 1902 Louisville & Nashville depot operated until 1974. Restored in 1981, the 16-room facility shows life in Etowah during the height of the railroad boom as well as houses the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association. Excursions on the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure also depart from the station.

GERMANTOWN

Germantown Train Museum

Opened in 2015, this museum is located in the 1948 depot built to replace a previous 1858 building along the Norfolk Southern line. Free to the public, the museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and houses local railroad memorabilia dating back to the Memphis-Charleston Railroad in 1852. Exhibits on model trains, Civil War history, and local history are featured in the 900-square-foot building.

JACKSON

Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum

Jackson's Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum preserves the life and legacy of railroad folk hero Jonathan Luther "Casey" Jones. Visitors can tour the famed engineer's home and a train museum dedicated to those who worked on the railroad. The museum and house are surrounded by the Casey Jones Village, which show how railroad towns looked during Jones' heyday. For more info, visit www.caseyjones.com.

Nashville, Chattanooga, & St. Louis Depot

Built as a passenger depot in 1907, this restored depot in Jackson contains memorabilia from the three major railroads that once operated through the town as well as restored cars and cabooses. The Jackson Area Model Railroad Club maintain the facility, which complements the local Lancaster Park.

JOHNSON CITY

George L. Carter Railroad Museum at ETSU

Part of the George L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, this museum on the ETSU campus includes displays of historic railroad memorabilia, toy trains, and insights into the area's railroad history. The museum and society are also sponsors of multi-state train excursions from the area.

Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and Museum Coach Yard

Best known for their train excursions into the Great Smoky Mountains, this historical society also works to purchase and restore railroad equipment, cars, and engines. Based in Johnson City, the organization also leases cars including a dining car, sleeper/lounge car, and two coach cars. For more info visit wataugavalleyrnhs.org.

JONESBOROUGH

Chucky Depot Museum

Opened in 2017, the Chucky Depot Museum threatened with demolition in 2011 before it was taken down and was reassembled in the heart of downtown Jonesborough in W.C.



Circling Bald Mountain twice, the Hiwassee Loop offers riders a scenic trip to points including Etowah and Copperhill on an ambitious line of track originally designed to reduce travel time between North Carolina and Georgia.



One of the most famous railroad engineers to run the tracks, Casey Jones' heroism and folklore status is kept alive at his former home in Jackson. The Casey Jones Village also showcases life in railroad towns during his heyday.

Rowe Park. Joined by a historic caboose, the depot now houses local railroad memorabilia.

KNOXVILLE

Three Rivers Rambler

This scenic ride along the Tennessee River follows the old Knoxville and Holston River line laid out by the Gulf and Ohio. A great way to see the city, the train also offers holiday themed-trips at different times of the year. Visit www.threeriversrambler.com for more.

LYNNVILLE

Lynnville Railroad Museum

A centerpiece of Lynnville's historic downtown, this railroad museum allows visitors to tour the inside of an engine and caboose. The free museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

MEMPHIS

Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum

Reopening in the fall of 2018, this museum is located on the ground floor of Memphis Central Station. Opened in 1914, those taking the Amtrak to New Orleans can still board at the old train depot. Visitors can also see historic train cars, learn about how trains and trolleys kept Memphis moving, and offers hands-on activities for kids.

MONTEREY

Monterey Depot Museum

While Monterey's history dates back to his role as a stop on Avery's Trace, the town was officially incorporated in 1893 as a hub for the Cumberland Mountain Coal Company. Its former railroad depot turned museum highlights how coal and railroads went hand-in-hand as well as the wider history of the Upper Cumberland. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

NASHVILLE

Amqui Station & Visitors Center

Located in the Madison area of Nashville, this passenger station and signal tower was built by the L&N and ran until the 1970s. The restored museum and educational center also hosts local events and meetings as well as an area farmer's market. Visit amquistation.org for more info.

Tennessee Central Railway Museum

Dedicated to preserving the railroad history of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, this museum is home to a unique collection of railroad equipment and memorabilia. The museum is operated out of the former Tennessee Central Railway master mechanic's office and features a hobby shop for those interested in railroading. The organization also conducts train excursions to destinations including Baxter, Lebanon, Monterey, Watertown, and the Del Monaco Winery.

Union Station Restaurant and Hotel

Once the major hub of Nashville's railroad activity, Union Station is now a historic hotel and restaurant. Opened in 1900, the station once served eight railroads as well as the street cars that ran in the city until 1941. Many visit this site for its architecture as well as its railroad history.

NEWBERN

Newbern Amtrak Depot and Museum

Take off for a ride to destinations including New Orleans and Chicago from this station, which also houses a local railroad museum. Built in 1920 to replace an earlier structure, this depot originally ceased operation in 1965 but returned to service in 1992. The museum is also the focal point of the annual Depot Days celebration.

SWEETWATER

Sweetwater Visitor's Center & Depot

Opened in 2016, this train depot replica serves as Sweetwater's local visitors center and highlights the city's railroad past. The museum offers an area for downtown picnics, local gifts and goods, and is just across the tracks from the historic train car at Circle Park.

TOWNSEND

Little River Railroad & Lumber Company and Museum

Founded in 1882, this museum highlights the history of how the railroad and the lumber industry came together in Townsend. Outdoor exhibits include a vintage caboose, flat cars, an engine, a set-off logging house, wooden water tank, and log loader. An original depot was also moved to the site along with a replica of the Elkmont Post Office. Learn more at littleriverrailroad.org.