

## FCC rules on wireless facility siting order

BY JULIA PULIDINDI  
NLC Federal Advocacy

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a "Report and Order" that takes steps to increase broadband deployment.

Prior to the order, the FCC sought input on Section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 ("Spectrum Act"), which prohibits local governments from denying eligible facilities' requests to modify existing wireless towers or stations if the modification does not substantially change the dimensions of the facility.

NLC filed comments in February and March urging the agency to respect the authority of local governments.

The FCC's order addressed a

number of concerns raised by NLC by recognizing the vital role that local governments play in bringing advanced communications services to all Americans and creating opportunities to work more closely with the FCC and industry partners.

The implementation date for the new regulation will be 90 days following the publication of the Report and Order in the Federal Register.

The FCC will hold a **webinar** to review the details of the Order on **Dec. 2 at 1pm**. To view the webcast go to [fcc.gov/live](http://fcc.gov/live) or listen in by phone by dialing 1-888-855-2214. Access code: 8926297.

For a more detailed report about the order, go to <http://www.nlc.org/media-center/news-search/fcc-rules-of-wireless-facility-siting-order>

## Call on Congress to pass Marketplace Fairness Act

With the 2014 election behind us, Congress returns to Washington for a brief "lame duck" session to finish its work for the year. Any bills not passed by the end of the year will die and have to be reintroduced in the next session, when the process starts over.

So, now is the time for cities to make Marketplace Fairness legislation a reality. Call or contact your members of Congress and ask them to move Marketplace Fairness past the finish line.

The Senate has already passed legislation that will level the playing field between online and brick-and-mortar sellers. We need the House to do the same.

Ask your House representative to pass Marketplace Fairness Legislation during the "lame duck" session because it:

- Helps local businesses by creating a level playing field. Marketplace Fairness legislation eliminates the unfair 5-10 percent competitive disadvantage faced by brick-and-mortar stores.
- It is not a new tax. Marketplace Fairness simply allows states and local governments the option of enforcing existing sales tax laws on remote sales.
- Is good for our residents and communities. By allowing local governments to collect an estimated \$23 billion in uncollected sales taxes on remote sales that are already owed, communities around the country can better provide essential services such as infrastructure, education, health, and public safety.

For more information, contact Priya Ghosh Ahola at [ghosh@nlc.org](mailto:ghosh@nlc.org) or 202-626-3015.

## Passing an Appropriations Bill is a must for lame duck session

BY NEIL BOMBERG  
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Before the 113th Congress can conclude in late December, it will have to pass an appropriation bill that funds the government for all or part of 2015, or face a possible government shutdown as early as Dec. 12, after the current continuing resolution (CR) expires. Congress has several options to ensure that the government remains open into next year:

- An omnibus appropriations bill that would fund the government for the remainder of fiscal year 2015,
- A CR that also would fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year, or
- A short term CR that would fund the government into early 2015.

Of these options, an omnibus appropriations bill would be the most favorable to cities.

The \$1.014 trillion discretionary spending package would combine all 12 appropriations bills into a single "omnibus bill" with funding that reflects Congressional and Administration priorities, many of which are favorable to cities. In contrast, the full year CR would extend current funding levels for another year without consideration for Congressional or Administration priorities. It also would be very difficult for Congress to shift funds from one account to another or to non-defense discretionary programs that are important to cities, since CRs are generally a last resort passed when Congress cannot come to an agreement over funding. Though certainly not the worst situation, it would provide Congress with very little if any flexibility and virtually no chance of increasing funding for specific programs.

The least desirable approach would be a short term CR that would maintain current spending levels into the first few months of the 114th Congress. This would

give a new Congress an opening to reduce funding for programs that are important to cities. The current House Majority's budget plan calls for cuts in non-defense discretionary programs important to cities by \$791 billion over 10 years. Programs that would be affected include economic and workforce development, ones to address natural and man-made disasters, and transportation initiatives.

The good news is that House and Senate appropriators have directed their staffs to jointly develop a fiscal 2015 omnibus appropriations bill that could be adopted by the end of the year if that is the ultimate will of the House and Senate leadership. The likely new Senate majority leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), has indicated that he would like to pass a fiscal year 2015 Omnibus Appropriations bill before the 113th Congress ends and the 114th Congress convenes. Even better, both the House and Senate agree on the top number: \$1.014 trillion. Congressional staff are very close to finalizing a spending agreement that is supportive of most important non-defense discretionary programs like education, health, public safety, and community and economic development.

However, what is still unknown is how the House and Senate Republican caucuses will react to such a plan, and whether they will insist on a short term CR that enables the 114th Congress to establish government spending for the final six months of the year.

Even if Congress can agree on an omnibus appropriations bill, the potential for difficulties now or in the very near future still exists. Medicare, Social Security and other entitlement programs are projected to grow from \$2.32 trillion this fiscal year to \$3.74 trillion in 2024, a 61 percent spending expansion over 10 years, that dwarfs the 16 percent growth currently planned for discretionary spending.

## 109th General Assembly welcomes 23 Freshmen: seven new senators, 16 new representatives

BY CAROLE GRAVES  
TML Communications Director

When the 109th Tennessee General Assembly is gavelled into session Jan. 13, 2015, 23 new legislators will be seated among the two chambers – seven new Senators and 16 new Representatives.

In the Senate, Republicans picked up two seats previously held by Democrats Lowe Finney and Charlotte Burks, adding to their already commanding majority of 28 of the 33 seats.

In the House, the GOP picked up three seats during the General election. Incumbent Democrats Gloria Johnson and John Tidwell were both defeated in the General election, and Independent Kent Williams retired from office and has been replaced with Republican John B. Holsclaw.

Here's a brief look at the Freshmen Class.

**Senate District 15, Paul Bailey**, R-Sparta, was elected with 72 percent of the votes to fill the seat left vacant by retiring Sen. Charlotte Burks. He had previously served one year in the House, when he was appointed last year by the White County Commission to fill the vacant seat of former Rep. Charlie Curtiss. Bailey is vice president and general manager of Charles Bailey Trucking, Inc. He is a life-long resident of White County, attended Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, and has served on numerous White County Boards, including White County Legislative Commission, Financial Management Committee, Airport Industrial Park Advisory Committee, the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport Board and the White County Solid Waste Committee.

**Senate District 7, Richard Briggs**, R-Knoxville, defeated incumbent Stacey Campfield in the primary and went on to defeat Democrat Cheri Siler in the General election. Briggs is a practicing surgeon, specializing in heart and lung surgery. He has served on the Knox County Commission since 2008. He has more than 30 years of active and reserve military service in the U.S. Army.

**Senate District 29, Lee Harris**, D-Memphis, defeated incumbent Ophelia Ford in the primary and went on to defeat Republican Jim Finney in the General election. Harris has served on the Memphis City Council since 2011, and has been an advocate for neighborhoods, parks, public safety, and youth intervention. He is chairman of the Budget Committee, as well as serves on the Housing and Community Development; Personnel, Intergovernmental & Annexation Committees; Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee, Public Services & Neighborhoods Committee; and Parks Committee. Harris is a tenured professor at the University of Memphis Law School.

**Senate District 27, Ed Jackson**, R-Jackson, was elected with 60 percent of the votes to fill the seat formerly held by retiring Sen. Lowe Finney. Jackson and his wife own three small businesses in the Jackson area. He cited concerns about the district's jobs, education and crime



Paul Bailey



Richard Briggs



Lee Harris



Ed Jackson



Sara Kyle



Kerry Roberts



Jeff Yarbro

problems as reasons for wanting to run for office. And as a native West Tennesseean, Jackson said he is also concerned about the lopsided economics of the state where Middle and East Tennessee are booming economically.

**Senate District 30, Sara Kyle**, D-Memphis, beat former Shelby County Commissioner George Flinn, to fill the senate seat previously held by her husband, Jim Kyle. He was recently elected a Chancery Court judge and took office Sept. 1. She will serve the remaining two years left on Jim Kyle's four-year term of office. She is the former Tennessee Public Service Commissioner and Tennessee Regulatory Authority Commissioner. Sara Kyle is the niece of the late state Sen. Anna Belle Clement O'Brien and worked in her legislative office for 12 years as well as in the Tennessee Attorney General's office. She is also a former Memphis City Court judge.

**Senate District 25, Kerry Roberts**, R-Springfield, beat incumbent Jim Summerville in the primary and went on to defeat Tony Gross in the General election. Roberts, a Springfield businessman, had previously spent two years in office representing Robertson and Sumner counties in District 18 before statewide redistricting placed him outside the boundaries of his seat in 2012. His priorities upon his return to office are to limit federal oversight in Tennessee, provide better

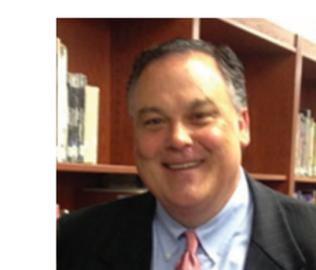
## TML Board names new members to fill vacancies

At the Nov. 12 meeting, the TML Board of Directors approved the appointments of John Holden, Dyersburg mayor, as 2nd vice president; and Ann Davis, Athens mayor, as 3rd vice president.

The appointments were made in order to fill two vacancies created by David Gordon, Covington mayor, and Troy Beets, Kingston mayor. Both mayors lost their re-election bids in the Nov. 4 election.

The two nominations were made by the 2014 Nominating Committee, were approved by the TML Executive Committee, and voted on by the full Board of Directors.

In accordance with the TML by-laws, the Nominating Committee recommends a slate of officers and at-large board directors each year prior to the League's annual business meeting in June. However, with the 2015 legislative session set to begin in January, and because the vacan-



John Holden



Ann Davis

cies would leave a void in two key leadership positions, the Executive Committee felt it was prudent to fill the slots immediately.

TML elects three vice presidents, one representing each grand division of Tennessee. TML's vice presidents are traditionally in line to succeed the president.

Holden's and Davis' nominations preserve the rotation among the grand divisions. In addition, both

opportunities for business owners and farmers, and support local teachers.

**Senate District 21, Jeff Yarbro**, D-Nashville, beat Republican challenger by a two-to-one margin to fill the vacant seat of retiring Sen. Douglas Henry. Yarbro is an attorney with Bass Berry & Sims. For the past five years, he has served on the board of Nashville's Metro Transit Authority and was recently selected as chair of the MTA board. In addition, he served as an education advisor to Nashville Mayor Karl Dean from 2007 to 2009 and is one of the founding board members for East End Prep, a charter elementary school in East Nashville. He's also been a disaster response volunteer for the Nashville Red Cross. Originally from Dyersburg, TN., his dad was a farmer and his mom worked for the state as a sexual abuse investigator. See **FRESHMEN** on Page 3

have previously served on the TML Board of Directors, and therefore, are familiar with the role and responsibilities of the League's board members.

Both nominations were unanimously approved.

They join Curtis Hayes, Livingston mayor, as 1st vice president; and Tom Rowland, Cleveland mayor, as TML president; as the League's officers of the board.



# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tennessee Economic and Community Development Commissioner **Bill Haggerty** is leaving the administration to return to the private sector. Gov. Bill Haslam made the announcement during the Governor's ECD conference. Before being appointed ECD commissioner in January 2011, he was managing director of Haggerty Peterson & Company, LLC, a merchant bank and private equity firm, which he founded.



Haggerty

Gov. Haslam announced that state education chief **Kevin Huffman** is leaving his position for the private sector. Before joining the Haslam administration, Huffman, 44, spent nearly two decades working with public education systems as a teacher, lawyer, non-profit executive and non-profit board member.



Huffman

After 16 years as executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, **Richard G. Rhoda** is stepping down at the end of the year. The agency coordinates functions of the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Board of Regents systems, which collectively consist of nine universities, 13 community colleges and 26 technology centers. Rhoda, 64, began his career with the Tennessee Board of Regents as a member of the research staff in 1973. He has served as interim president at Austin Peay State University and Nashville State Community College, vice chancellor and acting chancellor of the board of regents, held several roles with Tennessee State University and served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University. Rhoda said it has been a "tremendous pleasure" serving THEC and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. He also said he's proud of the progress the state is making in higher education.



Rhoda

Former state senator and current circuit court judge **Mike Faulk** has passed away from cancer. Faulk served as a Tennessee state senator for Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Union counties. During his time in Tennessee General Assembly, he served on the Senate Judiciary Committee, among other duties. In 2013, Gov. Haslam appointed Faulk as circuit court judge for the Third District.



Faulk

Alcoa Assistant City Manager **Bill Hammon** has been honored by Gov. Bill Haslam with Tennessee's highest honor, "Colonel, Aide de Camp, Governor's Staff." This special designation is awarded to Tennessee citizens for outstanding achievement at the request of a member of the Tennessee General Assembly. Recipients are recorded by the secretary of state with those who have been commissioned into the State Guard and Tennessee National Guard. The award is considered equivalent to actual military commissions, and recipients are commissioned as full colonel. Sen. Doug Overbey, who sponsored Hammon's review by the governor, was on hand at the Alcoa Board of Commissioners' October meeting to present Hammon with a special certification signed by the governor.



Hammon

**Caryn Miller**, town administrator in Pine Bluffs, WY, has been appointed city manager of Millersville. She will report to work on Dec. 1, 2014.

**Ken McLawhon**, town manager of Warrenton, VA., (a suburb southwest of DC) has been appointed as Nolensville's first town administrator. He will begin work on Jan. 4, 2015.

Longtime Cookeville City Manager **Jim Shipley** has announced his intention to retire effective March 1, 2015. Shipley started with Cookeville as city clerk/finance director in December 1983 and has served as city manager since 1995.

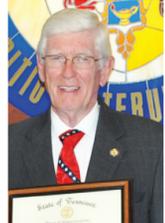
**Dwight E. Tarwater** will join Gov. Haslam's senior team as general counsel. Tarwater replaces Herbert Slatery who left the administration in October to become the state's attorney general. Tarwater, 59, currently practices law in Knoxville in the law firm he helped begin in 1987. He has tried cases locally, across Tennessee, and in several other states. On appeal, he has represented clients before the Tennessee Court of Appeals, the Tennessee Supreme Court and in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 4th, 6th, 10th, and 11th Circuits. Tarwater is listed in four separate categories in this year's edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. His first day in office will be Dec. 8.



Tarwater

The Town of Farragut has hired **Alden Rosner** as Athletic and Parks Coordinator in the Parks and Leisure Services Department. A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Rosner is from Live Oak, Fla., where he served for six years as the Athletics Supervisor for Suwannee Parks and Recreation. In this role, he was responsible for the organization of the youth sports leagues, which included 1,000 participants annually. He also oversaw the maintenance of a 40-acre sports complex.

State Sen. Jim Tracy and State Rep. Pat Marsh were on hand to honor retiring Mayor **John Ed Underwood** who has served the city of Fayetteville either as an alderman or mayor for almost 30 years.



Underwood

**Travis McDonough**, chief of staff to Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, has been nominated for U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee by President Barack Obama, according to an announcement from the White House. McDonough was an attorney at the law firm Miller & Martin. It's unclear when the nominees will be confirmed by the Senate.



Travis

## Sumner County Council of Governments 2014 Awards



Portland Mayor Ken Wilber was presented with the Sumner County Council of Governments 2014 Mayor of the Year from Goodlettsville City Manager Tim Ellis.



Denise Geminden, Portland's director of Economic and Community Development, is named Municipal Public Servant of 2014



Julie Brackenbury, Gallatin councilwoman at large, is named Municipal Legislator of 2014.

## UT MTAS offers new Municipal Court Clerk Certificate program

The University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), an agency of the UT Institute for Public Service, has created a new Municipal Court Clerk Certificate Program designed to educate and build skills of city court clerks.

The voluntary program will take three years to complete, using a number of educational platforms, mostly classroom time in nine focus areas of the law.

Participants will receive specialty topics in regional seminars, online skill-building training, as well as one-on-one site visits to assist them in improving court management processes.

All of these opportunities are provided by the Tennessee Office of Administrative Courts, paid for with funds with a \$1 educational fee from

each conviction on a traffic ticket or parking citation.

"I hope cities in Tennessee will fully take advantage of this free training opportunity," said Dr. Macel Ely, training manager at MTAS. "We are excited to unveil this latest certificate program for municipal court clerks. I believe the citizens of our great state will sincerely benefit as a result of their respective court clerks having participated in the certificate program."

MTAS structured its newest certificate program after those existing in other states, such as Georgia, Texas, and New Mexico.

For more information about the Municipal Court Clerk Certificate Program, contact: Karen Blake, MTAS Municipal Court Specialist, at 615-538-7108 or karen.blake@tennessee.edu.

## Public comment period extended for Solid Waste & Materials Management Plan to Dec. 15

In response to concerns and requests for additional time from various stakeholders, the comment period for the draft 2015-2025 Solid Waste and Materials Management plan has been extended 30 days from the original deadline Nov. 14, 2014.

The 2015-2025 Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan is intended to outline how Tennessee

will reduce, manage and dispose of its solid waste in the future, and we want to ensure that all interested parties have ample opportunity to submit well researched and prepared comments

Written comments will now be accepted through **Monday, Dec. 15, at 4:30 pm. CST.**

Comments may be submitted by email to [solid.waste@tn.gov](mailto:solid.waste@tn.gov), by fax

to 615-532-0938 or by mail to: Larry Christley, TDEC Division of Solid Waste Management, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 14th Floor, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue Nashville, TN 37243

More information on the 2015-2025 Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan is available at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/solid-waste/plan-2025.shtml>.



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# 16 Freshmen to join TN House of Representatives

**House District 51, Bill Beck, D-** Nashville, was raised in Madison and Whites Creek area. He fills the seat left vacant by retiring Rep. Mike Turner. Beck served in the Tennessee Air National Guard, practices law in Inglewood, and volunteers his time helping seniors at the Madison Station Senior's Center. Issues he campaigned for include lower the tax burden on seniors, equal pay for women, high quality education for all children, and strengthening TennCare for struggling families.



Bill Beck

**House District 30, Marc Gravitt, R-** East Ridge, was the only candidate to file qualifying papers to fill the seat left vacant by Rep. Vince Dean. Gravitt was sworn in early to fill Dean's remaining term. Gravitt currently serves on the East Ridge City Council and is the managing member of Gravitt Auctions & Appraisals, LLC. He was recently elected president of the Tennessee Auctioneers Association and is a veteran of the U.S. Army.



Marc Gravitt

**House District 66, Sabi Kumar, R-** Springfield, has practiced surgery in Robertson County since 1977. He also owns two small businesses in Robertson County – his surgical practice and a surgical instrument supply company. Kumar campaigned for smaller government with less regulation, lower taxes to allow economic growth and development, quality education, and improved health care options for everyone.



Sabi Kumar

**House District 71, David "Coach" Byrd, R-** Waynesboro, beat incumbent Vance Dennis in the GOP primary. Byrd is a lifelong educator (33 years) in Wayne County where he served as a teacher, coach and principal at Wayne County High School. During his eight years as principal, he worked with the Wayne County Disciplinary Board helping students get their lives back on track. Byrd campaigned for education reform, giving local school districts more control over their curriculum; and he plans to assist the district in attracting more industry and providing better paying jobs.



David "Coach" Byrd

**House District 27, Patsy Hazlewood, R-** Signal Mountain, was selected by Gov. Bill Haslam to serve as TN ECD Regional Director for the 10-county southeastern region. In addition, Hazlewood continues to serve in her position as director for CapitalMark Bank. Before her work with CapitalMark, she gained more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, working with AT&T and BellSouth as assistant vice-president for Legislative and External Affairs.



Patsy Hazlewood

**House District 74, Jay D. Reedy, R-** Erin, defeated incumbent and Democrat John Tidwell. Reedy is a master beef certified cattle farmer in Houston County as well as the owner/operator of Houston County Lock & Key. He campaigned for less government, more local control, and more personal responsibility. He served in the U.S. Army and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association and a life member of the North American Hunting Club.



Jay D. Reedy

**House District 55, John Ray Clemmons, D-** Nashville, defeated incumbent Gary Odom in the Democratic primary. An attorney, Clemmons is a former political director for the Tennessee Democratic Party and former legislative aide to U.S. Congressman Bob Clement. He served on the Tennessee Civil Service Commission appointed by Gov. Bredesen, and is a former member of the Metro Board of Fair Commissioners, appointed by Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. He campaigned for strong schools, affordable health care, women's rights, and supports energy efficiency and environmental green initiatives.



John Ray Clemmons

**House District 4, John B. Holsclaw, Jr., R-** Johnson City, is a small business owner and son of John Holsclaw Sr., who was property assessor for Carter County for many years. He defeated realtor Judy Veeneman in the GOP primary. Veeneman was running to replace her brother, retiring Rep. Kent Williams. Holsclaw is a graduate from East TN State University.



John Holsclaw

**House District 35, Jerry Sexton, R-** Bean Station, beat incumbent Dennis Roach in the GOP primary. One of 10 children and the son of a coal miner, Sexton founded Sexton Furniture Manufacturing in 1988 in Grainger County, and employs more than 200 employees and ships furniture all over the world. He campaigned for small government and a favorable business climate that keeps taxes low, incentivizes existing businesses to expand, and a regulatory environment that will attract businesses to locate in Tennessee. He is a former pastor of the same local church for 25 consecutive years, and proudly boasts conservative values.



Jerry Sexton

**District 22, Dan Howell** was sworn in early on Sept. 8, to fill the remaining term of Rep. Eric Watson, who was elected as the new Bradley County sheriff. Howell served five years as executive assistant to Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis and also served on the Tennessee Republican Party State Executive Committee. He has also served on the Chamber of Commerce Board Cleveland/Bradley Greenway Board, and the county Storm Water Advisory Board, as well as directed the county's Three Star Program.



Dan Howell

**House District 18, Martin Daniel, R-** Knoxville, an outdoor advertising business owner and an attorney, is a self-proclaimed defender of the Constitution and an advocate for free speech. Originally from Memphis, he received his law degree from the University of Memphis in 1985.



Martin Daniel

**In House District 2, Bud Hulsey, R-** Kingsport, defeated incumbent Rep. Tony Shipley in the GOP primary. Hulsey is a retired lieutenant from the Kingsport Police Department after 34 years of service. He is known for his drug prevention work with youth.



Bud Hulsey

**House District 43, Kevin Dunlap, D-** Rock Island, is a Warren County Middle School teacher. Education, economic development and high paying jobs, protecting the environment, affordable and accessible health care, are all key areas of Dunlap's platform. He is also pro-life, supports the Tennessee Constitution's position that marriage is between one man and one woman, and is a proud gun owner and supporter of our Second Amendment rights as responsible law abiding citizens



## More Municipal Election Results

- Athens**  
City Council (Top 3)  
Bo Perkinson  
Dick Pelley  
Yvonne Raper
- Atoka**  
Mayor: Daryl Walker  
Alderman  
Barry L. Akin  
Daniel Feldmayer  
Mike Joyner  
John S. Smith
- Carthage**  
Mayor: Donnie R. Dennis  
Alderman (Top 3 )  
Phillip Brooks  
Michael "Woody" Woodard  
Matthew G. Watts
- Clarksville**  
Mayor: Kim McMillan  
City Council  
Richard Garrett (Ward 1)  
Deanna M. McLaughlin (Ward 2)  
Wanda Smith (Ward 6)  
Geno Grubbs (Ward 7)  
Mike Alexander (Ward 10)  
Bill Powers (Ward 11)
- Covington**  
Mayor: Justin Hanson  
Alderman  
John E. Edwards District 1  
Wayne G. (Mac) McGowan III District 2  
William N. Scruggs District 3
- Gallaway**  
Commissioner  
Charlie W. Simpson III
- Gordonsville**  
Alderman (Top 3)  
Colby McKinney  
Starla Thompson Pitt  
David Blessman
- Jasper**  
Alderman  
Leon A. Rash  
Mac Bumpus
- Kimball**  
Alderman  
Johnny Sisk  
Mark Payne
- LaGrange**  
Mayor: William B. Cowan Jr.  
Alderman  
Paul L. Davenport  
John Walker Jr.  
Charles T. Engleken  
Jill Worthey Cox  
Rhonda Leigh Stanfill  
George G. Kinney
- Jefferson City**  
Mayor: Mark Potts  
Council: Kevin V. Bunch
- Mitchellville**  
Mayor: Bobby Worman  
Alderman  
Susan Link Barber  
Darlene Worman
- Moscow**  
Alderman (4-year term)  
Jerry Rhea  
Daniel Crisp  
John Barnette  
Alderman (2-year term)  
William Buck
- Munford**  
Alderman  
Sue Arthur  
Jack Bomar  
Jack Foraker  
Todd A Martchek  
Alderman (2-year term)  
Ray Deneka
- Rossville**  
Alderman (Top 3)  
Bobby Williams  
Lee S. Saunders  
Ken Spencer
- Somerville**  
Alderman  
Jason Hamilton  
Judy Accardi  
Ronnie Neill
- South Pittsburg**  
City Commission  
Ronnie Lancaster  
Paul Don King  
**Westmoreland**  
Mayor: Jerry Kirkman  
Alderman (two seats)  
David A. Harrison  
James Brian Smalling
- Whitwell**  
City Commission  
Linda M. Hooper  
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**House District 94 Leigh Rosser Wilburn R-** Somerville, fills the seat vacated by former Rep. Barrett Rich. She is an attorney with a law practice that focuses on probate and estate matters. She is also partner in the Fayette County Title Company with her father. She pledges to reduce the size and scope of government, oppose a state income tax, create jobs, oppose common core, oppose Obamacare, and defend our second amendment rights, unborn life and traditional marriage. She has a bachelor's in accounting and master's in taxation from the University of Memphis, and a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law.



Leigh Rosser Wilburn

## TML requests E-mail addresses

The quickest way to keep city officials apprised of legislative happenings is through e-mail or fax. With so many recent municipal elections, please make sure TML has any changes to your city contact information. Send your updates to Mona Lawrence, by fax at 615-255-4752, by e-mail to [mlawrence@TML1.org](mailto:mlawrence@TML1.org), or call 615-255-6416.

# NEWS ACROSS TENNESSEE



## BARTLETT

City leaders are considering a new branding logo, as part of efforts to build up the city's business sector and draw more residents. Bartlett-based Kelley and Associates Advertising created the prototype. The logo features a gazebo, bike and shopping to focus on the friendly small town atmosphere and local conveniences.

## BRENTWOOD

Tyler Technologies, Inc., has signed an agreement with the city for its Tyler Public Safety and Incode® court case management software suites to streamline the city's day-to-day operations. By utilizing Tyler software for both its court and public safety solutions, Brentwood will experience a seamless flow of information, increased productivity and a reduction of duplicated data. Features like Tyler Public Safety's case manager and reporting dashboards, coupled with Incode's case inquiry and warrants management applications, will help police departments and courts share information.

## BRISTOL, BLUFF CITY, KINGSPOUR

The mayors from Sullivan County and its cities -- Bristol, Kingsport and Bluff City -- signed an interlocal agreement for shared use of a newly purchased digital emergency radio system. The \$10.5 million system will include 1,210 radios for police, fire and other emergency personnel, and is being supplied and installed by Motorola. The costs will be paid over 10 years, with the first annual payment of \$1.3 million due in 2016. The conversion is needed because the current analog radios that have been in operation since 2000 are past their serviceable life and have become inefficient. Parts have become increasingly difficult to obtain for repairs and there are some dead spots in mountainous areas of the county.

## CHATTANOOGA

Construction of Volkswagen's

planned \$900 million expansion at its Chattanooga plant is expected to begin in earnest with plans to award the first of the project's big contracts soon. Gray Construction of Lexington, Ky., is recommended to undertake the \$33.6 million project to enlarge the factory's body shop, technical center and assembly finish area. A \$2.2 million contingency also is included in the proposed contract. The city and Hamilton County are equally splitting the contract's cost as part of the incentive package awarded VW to land the plant expansion to build a new sport utility vehicle. The Chattanooga Industrial Development Board, which is overseeing contracts related to the project for the city and county, is slated to consider the contract.

## FRANKLIN

Franklin parks officials have launched a new plan they'll compile through 2015 to study the future of the city's parkland. It's been a decade since the city's last parks study. In that time, the city added 314 acres of parkland while its population increased by nearly 18,000 people. In addition to a meeting earlier this month for public input, a "Community Attitude and Interest" survey will be mailed to randomly selected Franklin residents. The responses will be used to assist the city in its resident-driven approach to the new parks master plan. Franklin, with a current population of 68,886, is the 14th fastest-growing American city with a population of 50,000 or more.

## GOODLETTSVILLE

One of the Nashville area's largest eye surgery providers plans to break ground on a new corporate headquarters and medical facility. Upon completion next fall, Loden Vision Center plans to relocate its main offices from a mile away to the two-story, 44,000-square-foot building at 520 Rivergate Parkway. In addition to offices, the new location will also include an ophthalmology clinic, a LASIK suite and other services, and a surgery center.

The groundbreaking comes as the 115-employee Loden expects to add another 45 positions in coming years. Sometime next year, Loden also plans to build a second, roughly 22,000-square-foot, two-story building next to the new headquarters, a medical office building that will be available for lease to other health care providers.

## MORRISTOWN

A footwear manufacturer is opening up shop and creating 182 new jobs. Original Footwear is investing \$10 million to open a new manufacturing facility in the Morristown Airport Industrial District. The company specializes in creating tactical footwear for law enforcement, military and emergency medical technicians. Wellco, which specializes in military boots, shut down in July because of scale backs in troops over seas. Original Footwear purchased that building and has even hired some of the former employees. Original Footwear says it plans to add 65,000 square feet to the 110,000-square-foot facility.

## MT JULIET

FedEx has officially confirmed plans to build a distribution center on property at Beckwith Road near Interstate 40. The shipping giant hopes to open the center, which will be larger than 300,000 square feet, in April 2016. Representatives for FedEx closed on a deal for the nearly 63 acres where the distribution center will be located. The company will lease the property. The city Planning Commission approved plans in September for the facility, then dubbed Project Conviction. Wilson County also recently approved a three-year tax abatement for the project that laid out plans for 57 full-time and 290 part-time jobs.

## NASHVILLE

Bridgestone Americas, Inc., plans to relocate its headquarters to a \$232.6 million, 514,000 square foot, 30-story headquarters in downtown. The company is scheduled to break ground in early 2015 with planned occupancy in the third quarter of 2017. Its newly constructed facility, slated for completion in mid-to-late 2017, is expected to create 607 jobs. The headquarters, to be located at 4th Ave. S. and Demonbreun Street, will house employees currently based in Nashville, as well as those from three out-of-state business units that are being relocated to the city.

## NASHVILLE

365 Data Centers, a California-based company, is launching a downtown data center and tech hub for Nashville tech startups. Businesses will be able to work out of the 17,000-square-foot space 365 days a year for free or at a discount and will have Internet access, power and other services. The downtown center is meant to encourage entrepreneurs to build in or relocate to Nashville, and 365 Data Centers is working with the city's Economic and Community Development office, the Nashville Technology Council, and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce as part of its job creation initiative, Partnership 2020. To determine which companies will access space, a board will meet each year to vote on a pool of applicants. The center is at 147 Fourth Ave. N. between Church Street and Commerce Street.

## SPRINGFIELD

With a violent crime rate 56 percent higher than the state average, Springfield Police Chief David Thompson has devised a comprehensive, multi-agency initiative to tackle the problem. Thompson presented an outline, called the "Violent Crime Initiative," to the Springfield Board of Mayor and Aldermen last month. The plan calls for increased aggression against repeat offenders and gang members by working with other agencies in a bid to seek stiffer charges to levy against them, to obtain higher bonds to keep them off the streets and to dissuade the criminals from remaining in the city. In targeting repeat offenders and gang members, Thompson said law enforcement will be going after the worst of the worst offenders, realizing that a small amount of people are responsible for the vast majority of violent crimes committed in Springfield.

## WATERTOWN

A medical supply company based in California has announced it will expand with a new operation. Di-sol, which specializes in products that treat dialysis, has purchased a 46,000-square-foot building in the city's industrial park. A company spokesperson expects the facility to open sometime in early 2015. The new operation will begin with about 25 new jobs.

## STATE BRIEFS



Middle Tennessee State University received a \$195,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to further the advancement of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM. The study, titled "A Catalyst to ADVANCE the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academics, STEM Careers at Middle Tennessee State University," will focus on identifying barriers that affect recruitment, retention, participation and promotion of women STEM faculty at MTSU. STEM faculty members come from the colleges of Basic and Applied Sciences and Liberal Arts.

Law enforcement agencies across Tennessee are trumpeting a drop in

meth lab busts, but their excitement is tempered by a cheaper, stronger version of the drug coming into the state from the same Mexican drug cartels that bring heroin and cocaine. Methamphetamine lab busts and seizures are down 41 percent across the state, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Other meth-heavy states such as Missouri and Oklahoma have seen similar trends this year. Stronger enforcement and new legislation regulating the sale of key ingredient pseudoephedrine are getting credit for the drop, but expert Mike Stanfill said it is also tied to large amounts of the drug that have started coming in from Mexico over the past year.

## October revenue collections exceed budgeted estimate

Tennessee revenue collections for October were more than collections for the same month last year and exceeded the budgeted estimate. Finance and Administration Commissioner Larry Martin reported that collections for October were \$874.1 million, which is 5.69 percent more than October 2013, and \$15.3 million more than the budgeted estimate.

"The negative growth rate reported in corporate tax collections for October is not unusual for the business cycle," Commissioner Martin said. "October is the month when calendar year tax filers request a refund if they have overpaid their actual tax liability in previous months."

"The sales tax is our best economic indicator, and in October recorded the strongest first quarter growth since 2011. This is encouraging, but we must continue to closely monitor revenues and expenditures to keep Tennessee's budget balanced."

On an accrual basis, October is the third month in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

General fund collections for October were \$10.2 million more than the budgeted estimate, and the four other funds that share in state tax collections were \$5.1 million above the estimate.

Sales tax collections were \$17.5 million above the estimate for October. The October growth rate was 7.27 percent. The year-to-date growth rate was positive 6.44 percent.

Franchise and excise combined collections for October were \$26.8 million, which is \$19.2 million below the budgeted estimate of \$46.0 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections increased by 7.67 percent, which is \$1.8 million above the budgeted estimate of \$71.3 million.

Tobacco tax collections for the month were over collected by \$3.1 million.

Privilege tax collections were \$1.9 million more than the budgeted estimate of \$27.0 million. Inheritance and Estate taxes were over collected by \$3.9 million for the month. Hall income taxes were over collected by \$2.2 million in October.

Business tax collections were \$0.7 million above the October estimate.

All other taxes were over collected by a net of \$3.4 million.

Year-to-date collections for three months were \$101.6 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$91.0 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$10.6 million.

## Tennessee state parks to host after Thanksgiving hikes

Tennessee State Parks will offer free, guided hikes on Friday, Nov. 28. The fourth in the quarterly hikes program, the After Thanksgiving Hikes will be offered at each of the 55 state parks.

"The After Thanksgiving Hikes are a perfect way to spend time with family and friends while working off that holiday feast," Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill said. "Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery that Tennessee has to offer at one of our great state parks."

From Meeman-Shelby to Fall Creek Falls to Roan Mountain and every state park in between, the 2014 After Thanksgiving Hikes are designed for all ages and abilities.

Some hikes will be approximately one mile in length and tailored for novice hikers, while others are lengthier and geared toward more experienced hikers. For a more in-depth look into planned hikes in your area, visit <http://tnstateparks.com/about/special-events/after-thanksgiving-hike>.

## New round Clean Tennessee Energy Grants available

Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Bob Martineau have announced a fourth offering of the Clean Tennessee Energy Grants, totaling \$2 million, to fund energy efficiency projects for municipal governments, county governments, utility districts and other similar entities across Tennessee.

"We want to commend local governments and districts across Tennessee for taking these steps to improve their energy efficiency," Haslam said. "These projects funded through these grants in cleaner alternative energy, energy conservation and air quality improvement help reduce taxpayer costs and benefit the environment, both positive outcomes for Tennesseans."

Funding for the projects comes from an April 2011 Clean Air Act settlement with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipal government, county government, utility districts, and other entities created by statute (e.g. airport authority) to purchase, install and construct energy projects. Eligible categories of the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program include:

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### Important Dates

- Pre-Proposal Due: Jan. 31, 2015
- Full Proposal Contacted (Invite Only): Feb. 15, 2015
- Full Proposal Due: Feb. 28, 2015
- Announcement: Late Summer

biomass, geothermal, solar, wind Energy Conservation – lighting, HVAC improvements, improved fuel efficiency, insulation, idling minimization

Air Quality Improvement – reduction in greenhouse gases, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, hazardous air pollutants

The maximum grant amount per project is \$250,000 and requires a match from the applicant. Grant applications are available on TDEC's website and will be accepted until Jan. 30, 2015. Recipients are expected to be announced in the summer of 2015.

Grant recipients will be selected with careful consideration given to the projects that meet the selection criteria and express the greatest need.

To learn more about the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant or to obtain an application, please visit [www.tn.gov/environment/grants\\_energy.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/environment/grants_energy.shtml) or contact Kathy Glapa at 615-253-8780 or [Kathy.Glapa@tn.gov](mailto:Kathy.Glapa@tn.gov).

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# Good governance and the necessity of a strong council and a strong manager

BY MIKE CONDUFF

It can be said that the most important relationship in local governments is the one between a community's elected representatives and their chief appointed official. When this relationship is based on mutual respect, sound communication and competence, positive outcomes for the overall community can be achieved. Jim Hunt, a former 28-year elected official and past president of the National League of Cities, highlights the importance of this relationship, stating:

"Citizens deserve the best local government possible. It has been clearly shown that when the mayor and council and city manager are focused on the same issues and are working toward the same ends, communities and their citizens definitely benefit."

In the governance process, it is critical for all parties involved to understand their unique roles. Elected officials are principally responsible

for connecting with citizens and translating citizen requests into appropriate outcomes and targets for the entire community.

They must also establish accomplishment time frames and allocate the necessary resources properly. The professional staff, such as the city manager or administrator, must translate these outcomes and develop organizational action plans to accomplish them within the time frame and budget. Overall, elected officials establish the "what" so city administrators can develop the "how."

In municipal governance, the elected officials are the ones that get to define the future direction of the community—what quality of life is desired in the town 5, 10 or 15 years down the road and what resources are necessary to achieve that. The city manager decides the course of accomplishment and the best means to achieve the desired result.

Unfortunately, too often the critical council tasks of visioning and planning are not executed properly,

or done at all. This is more often the case when the relationship between elected and appointed officials has not been well forged. It takes both strong elected leadership and equally strong professional management to operate effectively in the appropriate spheres.

As Hunt points out, "While the challenges of developing and nurturing an outstanding relationship between the governance parties are many, the communities, elected officials and city managers that do it well are truly fulfilling their commitments to their citizens."

*Editor's Note:* Mike Conduff, along with Jim Hunt, delivered a NLC University Seminar for community leaders titled "Building Strong Elected-Appointed Official Relationships (ICMA)" at the recent Congress of Cities and Exposition in Austin, TX. Conduff is the president and CEO of the Elim Group, a Leadership and Governance Consulting firm based in Denton, Texas.

## TENNESSEE FESTIVALS

**Nov. 28: Knoxville**  
*Christmas in the City*  
The free annual festivities kick off at 6 pm on Market Square and at Krutch Park. The Regal Celebration of Lights features a 38-foot-tall tree in the Krutch Park Extension. Enjoy the evening with music from the Old City Buskers and bands of carolers, train rides, pictures with Santa, face painting, marshmallow roasting and more. On Market Street, local businesses will offer free crafts for children. The tree-lighting ceremony begins at 6 pm, with other activities continuing until 9 pm. Christmas in the city events will be listed on the city of Knoxville's website: [www.cityofknoxville.org/christmas](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/christmas).

**Dec. 4: Franklin**  
*2014 Christmas tree lighting*  
The city will light up the square at 7:15 pm. Freedom Intermediate School Honors choir, the Centennial High School Chamber choir and students from Act Too Players entertain. The downtown square will be closed for the first time in more than 10 years for this event so attendees can view the movies and lights projected on the buildings and walk to the tree without traffic concerns. The square will be closed from 7-9 pm. Santa will be on hand for photos by the tree and light refreshments will be served.

**Dec. 6: Clarksville**  
*55th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade "A Storybook Christmas"*  
Parade begins at 5 pm. Warm up with hot chocolate on the Public Square and enjoy caroling on the County Square. The parade route begins on 8th St. on the campus of Austin Peay State University.

**Dec. 5- 6: Chattanooga**  
*Christmas Open House*  
Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to attend a Christmas Open House from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Cravens House located on Lookout Mountain. The house will be decorated from the Civil War period. Tours begin every 30 minutes. Reservations are required due to spacing limitations. To make a reservation, and for more information, contact the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423- 821-7786.

**Dec. 7: Smyrna**  
*40th Annual Christmas parade*  
Begins at Lowry Street toward Sam Ridley Parkway at 2 pm.

**Dec. 14 - Lewisburg**  
*Annual Christmas Tour of Homes*  
Hosted by the Rotary Club, the event begins at 1 pm - 5 pm. For tickets, call 931-637-0545 or [www.rotaryoflewisburg.org](http://www.rotaryoflewisburg.org).

**Dec. 31: Greeneville**  
*New Years Eve Celebration*  
Downtown will ring in 2015 with a new celebration called "Midnight on Main" featuring live music, dancing on Main Street, food, drinks, and fireworks. Admission to the street dance is free, although several downtown businesses will offer special deals on food, drinks and other items. Those who would like to sponsor the event may contact Amy Rose at 423-639-7105 or e-mail [arose@greenevilletn.gov](mailto:arose@greenevilletn.gov).

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

The money spent to keep the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** open during the federal government shutdown may be on its way back into the pockets of Tennessee taxpayers. U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker announced that the Senate Energy Committee passed legislation to reimburse six states for funds used to reopen national parks in October 2013. The National Park Access Act would repay states that used about \$2 million in state and local money to reopen national parks. Sevier and Blount counties in Tennessee paid \$60,100 to reopen the Smokies.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz announced the government has awarded \$325 million to build two next-generation massive supercomputers at **Oak Ridge National Laboratory** in Tennessee and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. The super

computers will be five to seven times more powerful than today's fastest machines and are expected to provide major boosts to vital U.S. research leadership in basic science, defense and other areas, officials said. U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann, R-Tenn., hailed the announcement, calling it "another great day for Oak Ridge."

As reported in *Governing Magazine*, despite the Internet's ever-growing social and economic relevance, a sizable number of **Americans in select cities still aren't connected**. For the first time, the Census Bureau collected data measuring Internet adoption in its most recent annual American Community Survey. The results depict disparities in connectivity and the current state of Internet connectivity at the local level, estimating numbers of households with access and how residents are connecting. Nationwide, 79 percent of American



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- Dec. 11 — Kingsport - EST
- Dec. 12 — Collegedale- EST
- Dec. 15 — Knoxville- EST
- Dec. 17 — Jackson- CST
- Dec. 18 — Nashville- CST

**Locations:**

- Collegedale**, Collegedale City Hall, 4910 Swinyar Dr.
- Jackson**, Univ. of Tenn. - West Tenn. Research & Education Center, 605 Airways Blvd.
- Nashville**, UT Center for Industrial Services, 193 Polk Ave. Suite C
- Kingsport**, Kingsport Center for Higher Educ., 300 W. Market St.
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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY.** The joint City-County committee conducting a search for a new executive director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission has formally posted the position, along with a detailed job description. The position will be advertised through the American Planning Association, local media, and other outlets. The Metropolitan Planning Commission serves a population of greater than 400,000 with a staff of 35. The organization is responsible for city and county-wide plans, reviewing subdivision regulations and site plans, preparing and recommending zoning ordinances and maps to the Knox County Commission and Knoxville City Council, and reviewing proposed zoning amendments. The executive director leads and manages all aspects of the organization. He or she is appointed by the mayors of Knoxville and Knox County and reports to the chairperson of the MPC and its executive committee. The successful candidate will have exceptional communication and relationship skills, strong management experience, and will demonstrate the ability to lead successful public processes in a complex and dynamic system. The ideal candidate will have broad experience in planning; a record of having worked effectively with public officials and stakeholders who represent diverse interests; and demonstrated success in managing and building a positive and productive work place environment. AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) certification and at least 10 years of planning experience is required. Applications should include a cover letter and resume

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### FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

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## Tennessee Drug Card saves Tennessee citizens \$30M

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

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

This program can be used for savings of up to 75 percent on prescription drugs at more than 56,000 regional and national pharmacies.

Here's how you can participate:

- Display cards at your office location for employees and residents to take. Contact Natalie Meyer, program director, at Natalie@TennesseeDrugCard.com or 1-888-987-0688 and a supply will be mailed to your office at NO COST.
- Encourage members of your community to print a FREE Tennessee Drug Card at TennesseeDrugCard.com.
- Inform members of your com-

Don't blow your savings this flu season.

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



munity that they can ask for the Tennessee Drug Card discount at any CVS pharmacy in the state – even if they don't have a card in hand.

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

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

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

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

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

## U.S. Communities can help cities prepare for winter

BY MARC SHAPIRO

As winter approaches and cities and towns look to ensure that they are prepared to respond to weather related conditions and emergencies, U.S. Communities, NLC's national nonprofit government purchasing cooperative, can provide timely and affordable products and solutions to help get ready for seasonal cold, ice and snow.

Through competitively bid contracts with lead public agencies, U.S. Communities offers thousands of products and solutions from national and local suppliers offering their best government pricing.

"When it comes to preparing for winter, I encourage cities to look to U.S. Communities for a wide range of products and solutions from national companies at great government pricing," said Stephanie Osborn, NLC Director of Strategic Partnerships.

Cold weather solutions available from U.S. Communities include everything from heavy equipment rental for snow removal and portable power equipment from Hertz Equipment Rental to cold weather clothing for city employees working outdoors from Cintas and protective clothing from Safeware-Mallory.

The Home Depot and HD Supplies Facility Maintenance provide



a wide variety of cold weather products and solutions including ice melt, pipe insulation, snow blowers and shovels, space heaters and carbon monoxide alarms.

CARQUEST Auto Parts can help maintain the city vehicle fleet through the cold winter months with ice melt and ice scrapers, windshield de-icer, antifreeze and diesel anti-gel, group 31 batteries, and more.

Other U.S. Communities supply partners provide roofing supplies and services, industrial supplies, and other seasonal products.

Sponsored by NLC and four other national associations, along with 29 state municipal leagues, U.S. Communities reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide.

Today more than 55,000 registered public agencies, education institutions and nonprofit organizations utilize U.S. Communities contracts to purchase more than 1.5 billion dollars in products and services annually. Collectively, cities have saved millions of dollars through their participation in U.S. Communities.

U.S. Communities has no minimum purchase requirements and meets all state procurement requirements through competitively bid contracts by a lead public agency. Registration for U.S. Communities is fast, easy and free.

For more information, contact Marc Shapiro at NLC, shapiro@nlc.org or your U.S. Communities Regional Manager.

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# TML Board meets; updated on pertinent municipal issues



Bartlett Alderman Paula Sedgwick, Three-way Vice Mayor Mary Anne Tremblay, Athens Vice Mayor Ann Davis, Farragut Vice Mayor Dot LaMarche, and Bartlett Alderman Emily Elliot



Jason Mumpower, chief of staff, Tennessee Comptroller's office



Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald, Alamo Mayor Tommy Green, and Dyersburg Alderman Bob Kirk



Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Dr. Joe DiPietro, president, University of Tennessee



Cleveland City Manager Janice Casteel and Athens Councilman Bo Perkinson



Charles "Bones" Seivers, president/CEO Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund, and Dr. Keith Carver, executive assistant to the University of Tennessee president



McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland and Medina Mayor Vance Coleman



Far left: Shelbyville Mayor Wallace Cartwright and Dawn Crawford, president/CEO, The Pool  
Left: Dr. Herb Byrd, interim vice president, UT - Institute for Public Service



# Tom Rowland still forging state, national connectivity in his role as Cleveland's longest serving mayor

BY LINDA BRYANT

When Tom Rowland was elected mayor of Cleveland in 1991, he was a well-known regional broadcaster who didn't have political aspirations. Now, with 23-years under his belt as the city's most prominent leader, he is the longest serving mayor in Cleveland's history.

Rowland didn't grow up in Cleveland, but once he found the city he made it his home. His childhood was nomadic because his parents were in the hotel business, a profession that required them to move around. He was born in a hotel in Florida, and his first bassinet was actually a hotel room drawer. By the time he graduated from high school, he'd attended 19 different schools.

Rowland eventually landed at the University of Tennessee, where he studied communications. After college he started his broadcasting career in Cleveland, and he never left.

"I would not have ever predicted in 1991 that I'd still be mayor," Rowland said. "Going into politics was not my plan, but I was asked to run by a former mayor who had decided not to pursue office again. As a broadcaster and a newscaster, I had covered all of the Cleveland City Commission meetings, so I had knowledge of the workings of local government. I probably attended more meetings than some of the city commissioners. I appreciated Governor McWhorter's saying at the time — "Give me a vanilla wafer and a glass of milk, and I'm ready to go to work." I felt like I was prepared.

It's not an understatement to say Rowland's leadership is profound for a local political figure, and it's not only because of his long tenure as a mayor. He has been involved in many key state and federal organizations, and he has founded, or been involved in numerous charities.

He currently is serving his second term as president of the Tennessee Municipal League. He also serves as vice chairman of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, board member of the Tennessee Risk Management Pool, and vice chairman of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund. He has remained active for many years in the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In 2009, he was named Tennessee's Community Leader of the Year. He was TML's Mayor of the Year in 2004.

Rowland is a military veteran and is the only mayor in Tennessee who serves on the Homeland Security Council. He and wife, Sandra, founded the Empty Stocking Fund, an annual drive that provides Christmas gifts each year to foster children in his community.

**TT & C: You've been the mayor of Cleveland for more than 20 years. How has the city changed? What are some of the biggest issues you're facing and what are some of your successes?**

**TR:** When I came into office in 1991, Cleveland was like many towns. As malls evolved, our downtown areas were getting deserted. Now, downtown Cleveland is starting to regenerate itself. We have a lot of loft living. Our restaurants have just about doubled. It all adds up to downtown Cleveland becoming a destination. We are in a pilot program with University of Tennessee called the Smart Cities Initiative. They send students in teams to our city. Each team takes a different segment of the city — downtown, areas for revitalization, homelessness etc. It's good to have the outside people come in and look and see what the outside possibilities in our city that we might be blinded to.

When Whirlpool built a new manufacturing plant here a few years ago, they were basically located downtown. Although the buildings aren't completely empty, they will be as they evolve from downtown to the new plant. With the help of Smart Cities, we are looking into the revitalization of that area with ideas such as recreation and parks. It will be a boon if all this can happen downtown.

We also have urban bus service, which is something we didn't have 20 years ago. The ridership continues to increase almost weekly. I didn't realize that so many people would depend on bus service to get to work, to the doctor and so on. I'm really pleased with the bus service. It's been one of our great success stories. Our population has also continued to grow — it's probably doubled since I've been here. We've become a metro area, one of 10 in the state.

Lee University has also helped put us on the map. Everything they do is superb.

**TT & C: It appears that we have made it through the Great Recession. How did Cleveland fare through it all?**

**TR:** During the recession, Forbes issued a report that said we survived the recession better than any of the 10 metro areas in Tennessee. A later report came out that said Metro Nashville may have done a little better than us, but we were close. Unlike our neighbor Dalton, Ga., who depends on the carpet business, we aren't dependent on one industry for our economy. In Dalton, when homebuilding and carpet sales are down, it affects their whole community. We are blessed to have a variety of businesses here.

**TT & C: Can you describe your business and industrial sector in a little more detail?**

**TR:** We are the fifth largest manufacturing community in Tennessee. We have nearly a dozen Fortune 500 companies here — Whirlpool, Mars Chocolate, Merck, Hardwick Clothes, Duracell, just to name a few. We have great



Mayor Rowland with his wife Sandra, left, and Cleveland Assistant City Manager Melinda Carroll at TML's Annual Conference in Chattanooga.



State Rep. Kevin Brooks, right, presents a resolution to name the TN Department of Transportation APD-40 Interchange in Cleveland in honor of the Honorable Mayor Tom Rowland.

## Mayor Tom Rowland

- Elected Cleveland Mayor 1991
- Currently serving his sixth term
- Longest serving mayor in Cleveland history
- President, TN Municipal League Board of Directors
- Vice Chairman, TN Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)
- Member, Homeland Security Council
- Former radio newscaster and station owner



employers in our community.

Wacker Chemie company in Germany is investing about \$2.4 billion. They will be up and running in about another year and making the raw material for solar panels. They have 2,000 construction employees on site right now. We just received a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics released last week that the Cleveland Metro area is the sixth largest community adding construction jobs in the United States. We are very proud of that.

Three years ago we were about to lose Whirlpool. They had to make a decision whether to expand here or expand in Oxford, Miss. The one thing they stressed about choosing Cleveland was the work ethic of the people here. Our workers are proud of the merchandise they produce. That made a big difference on their decision to stay.

We are also blessed with the expansion of our existing industries. When they expand, it sends a strong message to outsiders that it must be a good community in which to do business. Duracell has also done a major expansion here. Mars Chocolate makes 55 percent of the world's M&Ms here. All Twix Bars are made here.

We also have a Kroger warehouse here for the entire Southeastern United States. They ship products from Texas as far as Virginia and South to all the Kroger stores. It's a tremendous operation.

One problem we have is that we are out of industrial property. The city and county have purchased property in the south end of Cleveland along the interstate for a new industrial park. In a year-and-a-half to two years that property will be available. That's a tough problem but it's a good problem to have. Right now it's kind of like selling a house with no driveway to get to it.

**TT & C: You have remained active in the U.S. Conference of Mayors for years. How has the organization been helpful to you as a mayor?**

**TR:** I love to talk to local officials from across Tennessee, but it's good to talk to people from other states, too. Cities and counties operate dif-

ferently from state to state, but it's interesting to meet these folks from New Jersey and Colorado and see how they are addressing their problems. You can learn a lot from their successes.

I have served on the Conference's Social Justice and Parks and Recreation committees. Social Justice actually ties into Homeland Security. We talk about security threats, but we also talk about local problems facing law enforcement in big cities and small cities. I've had several opportunities to go to the White House for lunch. My first was with President Clinton. I was there for the signing of the famous crime bill. We had applied for a grant from the Department of Justice that was provided under the Crime Bill (The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994). We were turned down. I got a call when we got back from Sen. Jim Sasser. He said because you were at the White House they are going to approve it — resubmit it today. It was approved. Those were small grants they first offered where you could hire 4-6 police officers. They paid 100 percent the first year, then it reduced to 25 percent, and finally the local governments had to pick them up. It was a big help. That was the first federal law enforcement grant the city has ever received. We were at the right place at the right time.

**TT & C: You serve on the Homeland Security Council. From a state perspective, what appears to be our biggest concerns and how can local governments play a role in the council's overall mission.**

**TR:** I was first appointed to the Security Council by Governor Sundquist. I served under Governor Bredesen and now Governor Haslam. We have a great director — David Purkey. He really keeps the folks in Tennessee in the loop on issues of national and local security.

Commissioner Purkey sends the Council members information that's called "law enforcement sensitive." We are asked to share these with our area law enforcement. These are usually things he's learned about from the national side of Homeland Security — threats that have

come locally, threats to our nation, state and community. Commissioner Purkey was in town just a week ago, and we convened a meeting of local law enforcement and emergency responder leaders to meet with him.

**TT & C: You founded the Cleveland 100. What is this organization and why is it important?**

**TR:** I got the idea from Nashville. A deputy sheriff had been killed in the line of duty. Nashville 100 provided scholarships for the children and paid off the family's mortgage. It's a great program, and I thought we could do it in Cleveland. I came home and shared it with a friend of mine who was a retired special agent with the ATF. He spent a lot of time with the folks in Nashville learning about their organization.

We formed a board of directors, and shortly after that a firefighter was killed in an accident here. Naturally, we wanted to help that family, but at the time we didn't have any money yet. I went to one of my board members and said, "We need to pay for the funeral of this young man." He put in the difference; I think it was \$5,000. Now, we probably have \$250,000 in our reserves.

People will think things will be covered because insurance kicks in, but when there is a death or tragedy people need immediate cash. There are people who have to travel. There's clothing that has to be purchased. The chairman of Cleveland 100, Brenda Lawson, and I go to the family immediately if something happens. We have arrangements with our bank to withdraw the cash we need. A city officer was killed about a year ago, and we paid a lot of their expenses. We also paid the North Carolina patrol for bringing the caisson that hauls the casket.

We have an annual awards banquet. We ask each emergency department to submit nominations for those who've gone above and beyond the call of duty, and we cover all of them. I started looking across the state and there are memorials for firefighters and police officers but none for emergency services. I put a committee together, and we now have a memorial wall in downtown Cleveland that honors all of our emergency services. If someone loses their life in the line of duty we put their name on the wall.

**TT & C: You are vice chair of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. TACIR takes on some pretty interesting and difficult issues. What have been some of the toughest issues the Commission have addressed in your time on the Commission and what does this upcoming year look like.**

**TR:** I've been vice president of TACIR about eight years now. I feel really honored to sit in that seat, along with Sen. Mark Norris, who's the chairman.

I enjoy serving on the commission because it provides a lot of insight into proposed legislation as it affects local government. When someone introduces a bill it can sound like a good piece of legislation until you really examine the pitfalls and the advantages and disadvantages of the bill. That's where TACIR comes in.

The most current issue we are dealing with is annexation. When TACIR meets this month, the commission is charged with making recommendations on annexation procedures to the General Assembly.

**TT & C: How as the annexation issue impacted Cleveland?**

**TR:** There is now a moratorium on annexation by ordinance. So far, we've been fortunate in Cleveland. Since the moratorium has been in existence, we have annexed some property at the request of the property owner. Developers have found out they can build a lot more houses if they have sewer than if they have septic tanks. They want to be in the city. So if folks want our product, which is providing municipal services, we will certainly consider annexing the property.

Most people think that cities are making money on annexations, but we don't. It's quite expensive. It does help build your population, which helps with state and federal funding. But it takes awhile before the property taxes the annexed property generates catches up with some of the operational expenses of providing municipal services.

**TT & C: You have remained active in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) for many years. Why is this organization important to you and to Cleveland?**

**TR:** The networking opportunities at TML are outstanding — the annual meetings, the legislative conferences and their district meetings. It's an opportunity to discuss the issues coming up in the next legislature. Because we aren't in Nashville, it's hard for us to realize sometimes the implications of certain pieces of legislation. We rely on TML to advise us and act on our behalf. TML is led by a board of directors. The board votes on issues and direct the staff on what action to take. It's a democracy.

**TT & C: As a "seasoned veteran" in municipal government, what would you say to a newly elected official. Any sage advice?**

**TR:** First of all, you don't know it all. I have found out that networking with our counterparts across the state is extremely important. This is where TML is very important. I'd tell newly elected officials, to get to know your counterparts across the state. Learn from their successes and failures. It helps you to be a better administrator in your hometown.