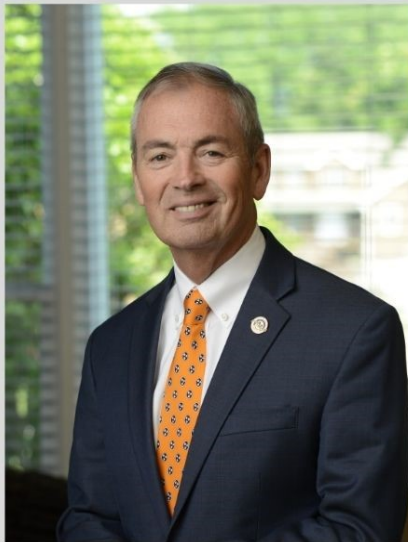




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Summer is just around the corner, and we've got a lot planned here in Wilson County, a.k.a. "the Place to Be!" For one thing, the Symphony on the Lawn is coming up on June 11th. This FREE community event will be hosted by the CUCAC. Another FREE upcoming event is the Juneteenth Street Festival on June 18th, hosted by the Wilson County Black History Committee. Be sure to stop by and see all that these events have to offer! As the 78th Anniversary of D-Day approaches, I would like to shed a light on one of the fantastic groups that commends our military members for their service and sacrifice in a unique way. The Run For The Wall (RTFW) is an annual cross-country journey taken by veterans and their loved ones; however, this is no ordinary road trip. The RFTW promotes healing among ALL veterans and their loved ones, calls for an accounting of all POWs and those Missing in Action (MIA), as well as honors the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA), and supports our military personnel all over the world. These motorcycle riders follow a strict itinerary, stopping at some destinations for only a few minutes in order to stay on schedule. With such detailed planning, we were honored to welcome these riders to Wilson County, where they stopped to refuel and visit our veteran's museum. Before moving on to their next stop, the RTFW riders lay down a wreath in honor of the many brave Wilson Countians who paid the ultimate sacrifice. There is always something happening here in Wilson County! We host a variety of events, and some are entertaining, while others are deeply meaningful. Commending those for their service and sacrifice is an important part of our work here in my office. Thank you to all who serve and thank you to those who are "Riding for Those Who Can't!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Tommy Jones District 14



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Wilson County LANDFILL

7:00AM-3:00PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH
8:00AM - NOON

ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE
SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

PLEASE DIRECT
QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

WILSON COUNTY RECEIVES THREESTAR CERTIFICATION

Wilson County has received its annual ThreeStar certification. The ThreeStar program serves to promote economic and community prosperity through collaboration to positively impact every Tennessean. Ms. Susan Shaw, Wilson County's ThreeStar Coordinator, along with Mayor Hutto, Mayor Bell, and Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin. were pleased to accept an award for community performance on Wilson County's behalf on May 18th.





SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

FEATURING THE
NASHVILLE SYMPHONY
Nathan Aspinall, Conductor

JUNE 11, 2022

Saturday evening at Cumberland University · Symphony Begins **7PM**



Join us on Cumberland University's Memorial Lawn

PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITIES | STARTING AT 5:30PM

Join us before the concert for some great activities and appearances, including:

- Camp FAME Musicians (Fine Arts Matter in Education)
- Sidewalk Chalk Art Demonstration
- Nashville Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo
- Food Trucks

ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC & MORE!

Bring your picnic basket and a lawn chair or a blanket to this wonderful night of music on the lawn.

If you prefer, you can also purchase food from one of the on-site food trucks.



In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Cumberland's Dallas Floyd Phoenix Arena.

Symphony on the Lawn Sponsors



Community Concert Series Sponsors



- June 06
D-Day
- June 12
Women's
Veterans Day
- June 14
Flag Day
- June 19
Father's Day
&
Juneteenth

- PTSD
Awareness Month
- Alzheimer's & Brain
Awareness Month

ZAXBY'S DONATES TO WILSON RIDES, INC.

Wilson County is changing the face of aging with services to reduce isolation and support the active lifestyles of our older adults. As transportation continues to rank as a top need for senior adults in Wilson County, Wilson Rides operates a Volunteer Driver program for residents of Wilson County age 55+ and support senior adults by keeping them connected to the community, providing mobility for maintaining health and quality of life, and creating valuable relationships between Volunteer Drivers and Riders. Senior adults want to be as independent as possible and need transportation to shopping, grocery stores, hair appointments, doctor's appointments, pharmacies, visits to friends and lunch dates and/or visit spouses in assisted living or nursing homes. Luckily, Wilson Rides, Inc., a local non-profit, works to fill the gap in transportation services with individual, scheduled ride services in Wilson County, TN. These transportation services help reduce isolation, help seniors stay connected, reduce burdens on caretakers and give older adults a sense of purpose and meaning in life - something to look forward to.

Last month, the Lebanon Zaxby's graciously donated 10% of their May 16th sales to Wilson Rides, Inc. In total, the non-profit received \$1,300.00. The Wilson County Mayor's office would like to send a special thank you to the owners, Bonnie Ryan, Randy Ryan, and Lee Oliver, as well as the Zaxby's team and everybody who came out to show their support!



Mayor Hutto and staff pictured with Wilson Rides, Inc. Director, Gaye Lynn Wilson, the Lebanon Zaxby's staff and Bonnie Ryan (one of the restaurant's three owners)

Mayor Hutto Out and About



WILSON COUNTY BLACK HISTORY AND
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COMMITTEE PRESENT:

JUNE teenth STREET FESTIVAL

MARKET STREET COMMUNITY DISTRICT



6.18.22 | 11AM-5PM

OPENING CEREMONY @ 11AM

Dedication of Annex



**Celebrating
Family and Community**

FOOD ● VENDORS ● KIDS ZONE ● FREE EVENT ● LIVE MUSIC

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**Location: Pickett Chapel, 209 Market Street Lebanon to
321 East Market, Wilson County Civic League**

THINK GREEN, THINK CLEAN!

Each year, the Wilson County Stormwater Department hosts their annual Think Green, Think Clean (TGTC) event. This program seeks to teach students the importance of picking up litter through a competition with other local schools. The students go around the school grounds, picking up litter and putting it in a bag until it is completely full. Then, the bags are taken to an on-site TGTC representative, where they are counted. The schools with the most bags are the winners... but that's not all! Winning schools can receive anywhere from \$500 to \$2,500! This was the first year back due to COVID-19, so the plan is for this event to get bigger and better from here on out! The County Mayor's office would like to say a big THANK YOU to the students and teachers who participated, Mr. James Vaden and the Stormwater Department, as well as Brian Chomicki with the City of Lebanon for making this even possible yet again. We're looking forward to having it again next year! Check out the chart on page 08 to see the list of schools and their awards!



Think Green Think Clean 2022

School	Participants	Trash Total	Award Winnings
Byars Dowdy Elementary	137	70	\$1,500
Castle Heights Elementary	10	23	\$500
Coles Ferry Elementary	20	14	\$500
Jones Brummett Elementary	34	31	\$1,000
Lakeview Elementary	31	18 + car battery & bumper	\$500
Mount Juliet Elementary	21	21	\$500
Walter J Baird Middle School	22	24	\$500
Wilson Central High School	9	21 + sign falling apart & broken chair	\$500
Winfree Bryant Middle School	11	18	\$500
Sam Houston Elementary	55	116	\$2,500

Totals

350 total participants

356 total bags of trash collected

June is
Dairy Month



Sending a THANK YOU shout out to
our Wilson County dairy farmers!

HAPPY
Father's
day

June 19, 2022

MAYOR HUTTO TOURS TENNESSEE CHEESECAKE FACTORY

Wilson County is proud to be home to several manufacturing and food production industries, one of these being Tennessee Cheesecake Custom Dessert Solutions. This company specializes in crafting custom desserts for the foodservice industry. Don't let their name fool you! Tennessee Cheesecake specializes in all kinds of goodies, including pies, brownies, cakes, and cookies.

Last month, Mayor Hutto visited the CEO, Mr. Will Wilson, and the Director of People and Culture, Rebecca Wilson, at the 53,000 sq. ft. SQF certified bakery here in Lebanon, Tennessee. While he was there, the mayor received a tour of the building, met with several of the staff members, and sampled some of the delicious products.

Created by Valerie Wilson in 1981, Tennessee Cheesecake has since been in business for more than three decades. Custom wholesale products are their core focus, but they also offer desserts through their unique corporate gifts program, and to individual retail customers through their online store (which ships nationwide). Their cheesecakes can also be found at area Kroger stores – so be sure to look for them at your Kroger bakery counter!

"It was a privilege to meet with the hardworking and talented team at the Tennessee Cheesecake factory. We're grateful for the many manufacturing and food specialists such as these across our county!" said Mayor Hutto.





TDOT ANNOUNCES LANE CLOSURES ALONG I-40

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will be implementing a weekend-long closure of **both northbound lanes of Sparta Pike in Lebanon from 8 p.m. Friday, June 3 to 8 a.m., Monday, June 6.** Crews will remove the bridge's damaged beam and set a new one. Sparta Pike northbound traffic will use a signed detour that utilizes Maddox Simpson Parkway, US-231, and Tennessee Boulevard. Repairs began May 15, and an emergency contract was awarded on April 15. Work is expected to be completed by July 15, 2022, just in time for the Tennessee State Fair at the nearby Wilson County Fairgrounds.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will also be conducting lane closures on **Mt. Juliet Road/SR-171 and I-40 ramps in Mt. Juliet during the first two weekends of June.** The Mt. Juliet Rd. overpass sees a high volume of traffic regularly and the work will likely have a significant impact on drivers trying to reach the Providence Marketplace. The work will be completed in two phases: the north side of I-40 and the south side of I-40.

Phase one will begin Friday night, June 3, at 8 p.m. with lane closures on the I-40 westbound on and off-ramps which will last until 5 a.m. Monday morning, June 6. Phase two will have the same closure and begin Fri., June 10, and last until Mon., June 13. Detours will be in place.

- Motorists traveling north on Mt. Juliet Road will not be able to turn left onto I-40 West toward Nashville. Instead, they will be detoured on I-40 East to Golden Bear Parkway (Exit 229B) where they will loop back around to I-40 West.
- Motorists getting off I-40 West will have only the option to go north on Mt. Juliet Rd. Drivers wanting to turn left onto Mount Juliet Road toward Providence will be detoured to Old Hickory Boulevard (Exit 221), where they will get off and loop back around to exit 226A.
- Two southbound lanes of Mount Juliet Rd will remain open during daytime hours and one northbound lane of Mt. Juliet Road will remain open.

The construction consists of replacing the existing bridge approach slabs on the North and South sides of I-40 to bring them up to the TDOT standards and ensure a smooth transition to and from the bridge. The work is being accelerated to reduce the impact on traffic conditions.

Motorists can get construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras on their desktop or mobile device, at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic. Travelers can also dial 511 from any landline or cell phone for travel information.

As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for your destination. Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.