



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

As February arrives, we're reminded once again of the kindness and resilience that define our county. This past week brought some of the toughest winter weather we've seen in a while, and I had the opportunity to witness our Road Commission's dedication firsthand while riding with our road superintendent as crews cleared slush and treated icy roads. Seeing their work up close truly highlights the commitment it takes to keep our county moving in those conditions.

My office and I want to extend our sincere gratitude to the Road Commission, Sheriff's Office, WEMA, the Volunteer Network, our city partners and agencies, as well as the many volunteers who stepped forward. Their efforts kept our roads safer, responded to emergencies, maintained warming shelters, and ensured...*continued on next page.*

**Commissioner Spotlight:
Blake Hall
District 9**



Contact

INFORMATION

Phone: [615-403-3148](tel:615-403-3148)

**Wilson County
LANDFILL**

**MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL 615.449.6684**

WILSON COUNTY CIVIC LEAGUE

**BLACK
HISTORY PROGRAM**

“FROM THEIR HANDS TO OUR HEARTS “

**February 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

**321 East Market Street
Lebanon, TN**

A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Continued from page 01...our neighbors were cared for throughout the extreme cold.

Moments like these reflect the true heart and spirit of Wilson County. We are blessed to see kindness lived out daily in our community, and its impact is powerful.

As the ice melts and February begins, there are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand for those who feel called to do so. You'll find volunteer information on page 08 of this newsletter. My staff and I wish you all a very Happy Valentine's Day. We are proud to call Wilson County home and honored to serve the community we love. Wishing everyone a wonderful month ahead—stay safe as winter weather continues!

DISASTER RECOVERY PANEL: PUBLIC INVITED

Winter Storm Fern has shown once again how quickly severe weather can disrupt life in Wilson County. From snow and ice to tornadoes and flooding, our community has faced many challenges. Events like this remind us why understanding local preparedness and recovery efforts is so important.

To support that goal, Mayor Hutto will host a public panel discussion on Disaster Recovery and Wilson County Preparedness for Long-Term Events. The event is free, and all residents are welcome.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM Breakfast; 8:00–9:00 AM Panel

Location: Made In Tennessee Building, 945 E Baddour Parkway, Lebanon

Cost: Free! Breakfast provided by Action Restoration and Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital / Vanderbilt Health

What to Expect

Experts in emergency management, volunteer coordination, and healthcare will discuss:

- How Wilson County prepares for long-term disasters
- What residents can expect during recovery
- How agencies and volunteers work together
- Communication during emergencies
- Damage assessment and response roles

Panelists will include representatives from Wilson County, TN VOAD, WEMA, TEMA, Vanderbilt LifeFlight, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

As Tennessee and many of our neighbors here in Wilson County continue recovering from Winter Storm Fern, this discussion offers helpful information to prepare for future weather events and strengthen community readiness.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required. If you know you will attend, an RSVP helps with planning for breakfast and seating. Email shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov or call Mayor Hutto's office at 615-444-1383.



Wilson Co. Mayor's Looking Into the Future 2026 Series

Part 1: Disaster Recovery

A moderated panel discussion
about Long-Term Disaster
Recovery in Wilson County:
A Community Discussion on
Preparedness and Your Role

February 3, 2026

7:30am Network/Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00am Program

Made in TN Building

945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon

RSVP:

shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov

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ON SCENE EMERGENCY SERVICES

The mayor's office staff met with Mr. Duane Allison last month. Duane serves as the Logistics Manager for On-Scene Emergency Services, a company dedicated to supporting local fire departments and assisting home and business owners during disasters. Their comprehensive services include securing properties, providing food and shelter, guiding clients through insurance claims, and addressing any other urgent needs that arise.



Staffed by former first responders, On-Scene is available 24/7 at the request of local fire departments to provide victim services. For insured homeowners, On-Scene bills directly to the insurance provider. For those without coverage, they still step in—offering certain vital services at no cost, such as tarping a roof or arranging temporary lodging for displaced families.

They actively participate in charity events benefiting fire departments and their communities and partner with local businesses to ensure critical needs are met during emergencies. On-Scene Emergency Services is an invaluable resource for our community, and we sincerely thank them for their dedication and support. For more information, visit onscene247.com/service/.

WILSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO HOST TRAVELING EXHIBIT IN SPRING 2026

The Wilson County Mayor's Office is excited to announce that, in celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary, the traveling exhibit *Our American Story: Voices from Tennessee* will be on display at the Wilson County Courthouse in the spring.



Developed as an extension of the acclaimed Tennessee Voices, American Stories exhibit, *Our American Story* invites audiences to reflect on the inspiring question: “How will you make history?”

This captivating exhibit shines a spotlight on the remarkable lives of Tennesseans whose stories connect with and contribute to the broader history of the United States. Visitors will discover powerful narratives from:

- Cherokee leader Ostenaco
- Battle of Kings Mountain messenger Joseph Greer
- Tennessee's first governor John Sevier
- Suffragist Abby Crawford Milton
- Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Adolpho A. Birch
- Astronaut (and Wilson County native!) Barry Wilmore

“This exhibit is a powerful reminder that Tennessee’s history—along with Wilson County’s history—is woven into the fabric of our nation’s story,” said Mayor Randall Hutto. “We are honored to bring these voices to our community and hope they inspire future generations to see themselves as history-makers in meaningful ways. We are deeply grateful to the curators and staff of the Tennessee State Museum for partnering with us to bring this opportunity to Wilson County residents and visitors.”

The exhibition will be available for viewing weekdays during the Wilson County Courthouse’s regular business hours and will be free to the public. For questions, call Brooke Cummings in the County Mayor’s Office at 615-444-1383.

WILSON COUNTY
GOVERNMENT



Meet *Your* Mayor

LEBANON

Lebanon Wilson
Chamber
149 Public Square
Lebanon, TN
11 - 12NOON

MT. JULIET

Mt. Juliet Chamber
2055 N. Mt. Juliet
Rd, Ste 200
Mt. Juliet, TN
8:30 - 9:30AM

WATERTOWN

The Adopted
Farmhouse Social Co.
100 Public Square
Watertown, TN
1 - 2PM



LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Spend some time with
Wilson Co. Mayor Randall Hutto
as he answers your questions and provides
important county updates.
- no appointment necessary -

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: HOW YOU CAN HELP AFTER WINTER STORM FERN

Winter Storm Fern has left many neighbors needing assistance, and we've received questions asking how others can get involved and help with ongoing recovery efforts.

Help From Home

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Crisis Cleanup Hotline. You can take calls from home and help connect survivors with the support they need.

- Flexible schedule
- Training provided
- No travel required

If you have a computer, internet, and a phone, you can make an immediate impact.

Help In Person

Warming shelters also need volunteers to keep doors open and ensure residents have a safe, warm place to stay. To sign up or learn about more ways to get involved, visit volunteernetworktn.org/disaster-volunteer.

Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers!



HELP AFTER THE STORM – FROM YOUR HOME

600+ calls waiting for help

Be a Crisis Cleanup Hotline Volunteer


-  Work from home
-  Flexible schedule
-  Training provided


Turn a phone call into real relief.

Crisis Cleanup is now active to support residents affected by the winter weather. Help may be available for fallen trees, debris removal, roof tarping, and muck-outs. Those needing assistance can call 844-965-1386. Services are free, though not guaranteed due to high demand, and the hotline will remain open through February 13.

WILSON COUNTY WARMING CENTER

Wilson County EMA and community partners will continue warming center operations to provide a warm, safe place for those in need during the continued cold front. Cots, pillows, blankets, and food will be provided. There are no restrictions on pets and families coming to the shelter.

 Location: Q Barn in the Wilson County Fairgrounds, 914 Tennessee Blvd in Lebanon. There will be signs leading you to the shelter.

 Dates: Warming shelter will remain open from today, Tuesday, January 27 until Thursday morning at 9 AM. The Shelter will close for the day and reopen at 5 PM. We will monitor weather conditions and expect to remain open until Monday morning.

Volunteer network will be reaching out for volunteers (visit their site www.volunteernetworktn.org to sign up) Please, if you see or know someone that doesn't have a place to stay during this cold snap, share this information with them.



615-489-9129 TRANSPORTATION TO THE SHELTER IS AVAILABLE WITHIN WILSON COUNTY BY CALLING THIS NUMBER





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CLOSED ON
Presidents' Day

Wilson County Government Offices, Convenience Centers and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day. All departments will resume their regular business hours on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026. Happy Presidents' Day!



"February in Our Hometown"

**February drapes the hills in grace,
 Where roots run deep in every place.
 From Century Farms that stand so strong,
 To streets where neighbors all belong.**

**In Mt. Juliet's bustling cheer,
 And Lebanon's heart that draws us near,
 To Watertown's charm, both proud and true—
 Our hometown pride shines bright in view.**

**Kindness blooms in acts so small,
 Compassion answers every call.
 A helping hand, a smile that stays,
 We weave these threads through winter days.**

**So let this month remind us all,
 That unity makes communities tall.
 Together strong, through frost and cheer,
 Our Tennessee spirit grows each year.**

SALT
Serving at the Lord's Table

SALT will host either an Open Pantry or a Mobile (Drive-Thru) Pantry one Saturday of each month in 2026. This will be in addition to our regularly scheduled food deliveries. The Open Pantries will be open from 8:30 am-11:00 am on those days, and Mobile Pantries from 9:00 am-11:30 am. (See schedule below.)

While anyone in need may receive food, those wishing to receive additional food from the USDA should bring the following information which is needed to qualify for receipt of it:

Monthly household income, **or**
 Receiving **one** of these benefits:

SNAP (food stamps)	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Residence in public housing	Families First
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	

Including the USDA food allows us to frequently provide additional food that we don't otherwise always have available, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, and meats.

2026 Open Pantry or Mobile Pantry Dates

January 17 (Open Pantry)	July 11 (Open Pantry)
February 14 (Open Pantry)	August 15 (Open Pantry)
March 14 (Mobile Pantry)	September 12 (Mobile Pantry)
April 11 (Open Pantry)	October 10 (Open Pantry)
May 16 (Open Pantry)	November 14 (Open Pantry)
June 13 (Mobile Pantry)	December 12 (Mobile Pantry)

The SALT pantry is located at 7019 Hickory Ridge Rd., Lebanon behind the Leeville United Methodist Church. You may contact us at SALT2015@gmail.com or 615-965-5361 (leave message). We are also on Facebook (SALT Foodbox Ministry) and on SALT-ministry.org.

TUNE IN TO THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN WILSON COUNTY!

Did you miss Mayor Hutto on Coleman & Company this month? Don't worry—they've got you covered! Each episode is recorded and uploaded to WANT 98.9FM's YouTube Channel, so you can catch up anytime. It's the perfect way to stay connected with the latest news and conversations happening right here in Wilson County.



Mayor Hutto meets with Coleman the 3rd Monday of every month before the county commission meeting. The County Attorney, Mike Jennings, meets with Coleman the following day to discuss the happenings from the meeting. If you can't tune in to the radio while it's live, you always have the chance to listen in later!

Check it out at wantfm.com/coleman/archive/.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

My staff and I love our county, and we are proud to serve our community. It goes without saying that Wilson County lives up to its name as the Place to Be—because home is always where the heart is. Wishing you all a happy Valentine's Day!

- Mayor Hutto & Office Staff

