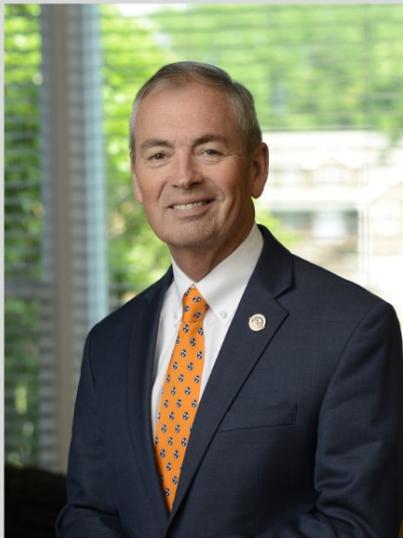




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

The spring months are coming to a close, and summer is underway. While Middle Tennesseans have faced significant challenges in the last two months, we will continue to move forward and adjust to the new health and safety norms. As Wilson County Mayor, the Public Health and Safety of residents has always been one of my main priorities. With that said, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The COVID-19 virus and the anxieties that surround it can negatively impact one's mental health. I encourage all Wilson County residents to reach out to their loved ones virtually on a daily basis and check in on their mental well-being. While we are socially distanced, we still need to take time for ourselves and be an encouragement to family and friends. If you are curious about the health and mental health resources that are available in our area, visit the Wilson County Government's website to learn more. We are strong and will get through this together—while staying apart. Robert Frost wrote, "We have miles to go before we sleep." There is still much for us to do while we move forward, but we will keep going and strive for a better tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Tommy Jones District 14



Contact INFORMATION

14395 Central Pike
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Phone: +1 (615) 308-9629

Wilson County LANDFILL

WILL ACCEPT:

- Drywall
- Blocks
- Brick
- Wood
- Sheetrock
- Vegetation, treelimbs, etc.

Tipping fees will apply.

It will be the homeowners' responsibility to submit receipt(s) to their insurance company for reimbursement, if possible.

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684**

COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING

The Tennessee Department of Health offers drive-thru COVID-19 testing in various locations throughout Tennessee. If you have health concerns or have concerns about the health of a family member, you are invited to receive testing for COVID-19. The Wilson County Health Department offers FREE drive-thru testing. To schedule a drive-thru test, contact the Wilson County Health Department at (615)444-5325. The Wilson County Health Department is located at 927 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087. Drive-thru testing is offered at various locations throughout the state of Tennessee.

For questions regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) call Tennessee's Coronavirus Public Information Lines at **833-556-2476** or **877-857-2945**. These lines are open from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FEMA

FEMA is currently calling survivors in Davidson, Putnam, and Wilson counties to conduct remote home inspections, via telephone, in order to continue processing the applications for assistance after the March 3 tornadoes. FEMA may also contact survivors to gather more information for their applications. If you have applied with FEMA and there are changes in your contact information, please let FEMA know in order to prevent missed calls and correspondence. Be aware that calls from FEMA may appear to come from unidentified numbers. There is no charge to apply with FEMA for assistance; therefore, they will not ask for money. If you are suspicious about a caller, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) to verify that FEMA is trying to reach you.

**Resources for financial assistance, food, mental health services,
businesses and more are available at
www.wilsoncountyttn.gov/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources.**

Spotlight on the Office of...

THE WILSON COUNTY ARCHIVES

The Wilson County Archives is our spotlight office for the month of May. The main purpose of the Archives is to preserve county records such as marriage certificates, wills, deeds, general Wilson County history, and much more. It is a department that brings county information along with family history together in one place. Established in 1995, the Wilson County Archives appointed the Public Records Commission to oversee the operation and is operated by the Wilson County Government. The Wilson County Archives Department moved to 111 South College Street in September 1998, where it is presently located. The Wilson County Archives is directed under the leadership of Linda Granstaff. Ms. Granstaff has authored two books on the history of Wilson County, which can be purchased in the Archives Department. The Archives are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Visitors are encouraged to call 615-443-1993 and schedule an appointment before stopping by.



Linda Granstaff, Wilson County Archives Director pictured with the History Books of Wilson County.



Pictured left to right: Volunteers Arretha Oakley, Shirley Wilson, Linda Granstaff, Judy Harris, Catherine Nolen and Lee Atwood.



Pictured left to right: Rep. Clark Boyd, Wilson County Commissioner Annette Stafford, Wilson County Archives Director Linda Granstaff, Wilson County Court Clerk Jim Goodall, Wilson County Register of Deeds Jackie Murphy, Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Wilson County Mayor's Administrative Assistant Susan Shaw, and Senator Mark Pody as they represented Mrs. Granstaff with the traditional "large" check in 2018.



Wilson County employees are at work and can be reached by phone, internet, and mail during regular office hours.

Contact us

County Clerk's Office

(615)444-0314

Trustee's Office

(615)444-0894

Register of Deeds

(615)443-2611

Property Assessor

(615)444-8661

Planning Office

(615)444-2836

Mayor's Office

(615)444-1383

Finance Office

(615)443-2630

Human Resources

(615)466-5122

Veterans Services Office

(615)444-2460

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PROJECT



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



DO YOU SEW?



WANT TO HELP?

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project was started by the Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education (TAFCE). The purpose of this project is to sew face masks for Tennessee healthcare workers. Our Facebook group shares reliable information and offers troubleshooting tips as well as connects volunteers to their specific county needs.

For more info, join our Facebook group or contact your local county Extension FCS agent.

<https://tiny.utk.edu/TAFCEmasksoflove>



To make a monetary donation, please visit

<https://tiny.utk.edu/MOL>

Under Direct my gift to:

- » A Specific Fund (I'd like to choose)
- » Education Programs
- » Select a Program: **Masks of Love**



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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



The Mental Health impact of COVID-19 will last longer than the physical virus.

CRISIS TEXT LINE

TEXT "TN" TO 741741 AND A TRAINED CRISIS COUNSELOR
WILL BE CONNECTED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.

MY MENTAL HEALTH CARE HOME

WWW.MYHCHTN.ORG

DIRECTS MIDDLE TENNESSEANS TO THE NEAREST
CHARITABLE CLINIC AND INCLUDES PRESCRIPTION
DISCOUNTS, SCREENINGS, AND MORE INFORMATION.

SUICIDE PREVENTION LINE

800-273-8255

A CHAT FEATURE IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

[HTTPS://SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG/](https://SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG/)

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

MHANATIONAL.ORG/MENTAL-HEALTH-MONTH

VISIT

[HTTPS://SCREENING.MHANATIONAL.ORG/SCREENING-
TOOLS?REF=MHAMT](https://SCREENING.MHANATIONAL.ORG/SCREENING-TOOLS?REF=MHAMT) FOR FREE, ANONYMOUS, EVIDENCE-
BASED SCREENINGS FOR ANXIETY, DEPRESSION,
TRAUMA, AND MORE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

MAY IS THE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.MHANATIONAL.ORG

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. In recognition of this, Mayor Hutto proclaimed May 7, 2020 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Wilson County. Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, young adults, and families is fundamental to the citizens of Wilson County. Therefore, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, young adults and families places upon our community a crucial responsibility. It is appropriate that a day should be set aside each year to direct our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being. Tennessee Voices is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, young adults, and families in our community through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents. Mayor Hutto urges citizens, agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite in the observance of the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for children, youth, and young adults with mental health needs and their families.



Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor

UPCOMING GIVEAWAYS

Community Food Giveaway, May 16

- From 8:00 AM until food runs out
- Located at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, 945 E. Baddour Pkwy
- One week's worth of free food will be given to the first 400 families to arrive.

*The Wilson County School System and the administration of the school do not endorse or sponsor the events.

Drive-thru Diaper Distribution, May 21

- For those impacted by the tornadoes.
- Located at the Fairview Church, 1660 Leeville Pike in Lebanon 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM.
- Diapers and wipes will be distributed while supplies last.
- It is requested that you do not get out of your vehicle, but pop the trunk or roll down your back window upon arrival.

DRIVE THROUGH DIAPER DISTRIBUTION
FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY TORNADO

WILSON COUNTY

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

11AM-NOON

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

1660 LEEVILLE PIKE LEBANON, TN 37090

HANDING OUT DIAPERS AND WIPES
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

***DO NOT GET OUT OF CAR - POP TRUNK OR ROLL DOWN BACK WINDOW**

Still need to complete your 2020 Census?

Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)

Census counts are completed every 10 years and the data forms the basis for federal funding which supports county education, roads, and healthcare along with many other benefits to our residents.

Respond over the phone or request a paper form by calling (844) 330-2020.

Be counted and help shape our future!





507 JIM DRAPER BLVD, LEBANON, TN 37087

NEW LEASH ON LIFE

Pet Food Pantry Open to Anyone in Need

Deliveries available on
Tuesdays & Thursdays for
Wilson County Residents.
For more information, contact
director@newleashonline.com

Essential Veterinary Services are available

The spay/neuter clinic will be
open for feral cat spay/neuter.
The JOY Clinic is open for
essential veterinary services
as well. Text 615-281-0664 to
make an appointment.

DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING IN MT. JULIET

The City of Mt. Juliet has partnered with Kroger Health to offer free COVID-19 drive-thru testing. Drive-thru testing will be available in the parking lot of the Mt. Juliet Middle School, located at 3565 North Mt. Juliet Road. Testing began on Tuesday, May 12th and will continue through Thursday, May 14th, from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM each day. Appointments are required, and can be scheduled at www.krogerhealth.com/covidtesting. Anyone with health concerns is eligible to receive testing. We appreciate the Wilson County Health Department, the City of Mt. Juliet, and Kroger Health for working together to make this possible!

For more information on COVID-19 testing in Mt. Juliet, visit the City of Mt. Juliet's website at mtjuliet.tn.gov.

MAY 13 LAST DAY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL

Wednesday May 13th, is the last day the Wilson County debris removal contractor will pick up debris from the March 3rd tornado. If you live on a county maintained road and still have debris, please move it to the right-of-way, separated into the following piles: vegetative debris, construction & demolition debris, appliances, electronics, and household hazardous waste.

For questions or concerns, call the Wilson County Mayor's Office at 615-444-1383.

Separating Your Debris
Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.
DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.
UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

- Leaves (do not put in bags)
- Logs
- Plants
- Tree branches

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

- Building materials
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters

ELECTRONICS

- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Cleaning supplies
- Batteries
- Lawn chemicals
- Oils
- Oil-based paints and stains
- Pesticides

For more information contact your local government.

Drive-Thru Food Services will continue

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS



BREAKFAST &
LUNCH PROGRAMS
AVAILABLE FOR:

**WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
&
LEBANON SPECIAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mondays & Thursdays

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Wilson County Schools will be providing meal packages for pick-up for children within the community 18 years or younger. Children must be present to pick up meals--parents cannot take meals without children present. Wilson County Schools will be providing 3 breakfasts and lunches on Mondays and 4 breakfasts and lunches on Thursdays for all families with children ages 18 years and younger.

These schools will have the "Drive Thru" services available at the following locations:

- Lebanon High School - Commons entrance side
- Gladeville Middle School - Northeast corner at back of building
- Springdale Elementary - Back side of building at Cafeteria
- Watertown Middle School - Front entrance steps
- Mt. Juliet High School

Lebanon Special School District

Mondays & Thursdays

The Lebanon Special School District provides free breakfast and lunch to children ages 18 and under. The packaged meals will be available for pick-up Mondays and Thursdays. The program is open to all area children regardless of district affiliation. Children are encouraged to be present during meal pick-up

Mobile Locations & Meal Service Times (Please look for district vehicles):

Springhill Townhomes 10:00-10:15
Weatherly Estates 10:55-11:15
Greentree Apartments 12:00-12:30
Head Homes 10:30-10:45
Upton Heights 11:25-11:45

Peyton Road Apartments 10:25-10:40
Rollingwood Apartments 11:35-11:50
Tater Peeler 10:00-10:15
Inman Court 10:55-11:15
Don Fox Park 10:45-12:00

Castle Heights Elementary 10:30-11:30 (Meals served from cafeteria loading area - look for signs)
Byars Dowdy Elementary 10:30-11:15 (Meals served at front entrance of school)

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES REOPENING

On Monday, May 4, Wilson County Government offices began to reopen to the public by appointment only, to the greatest extent possible. As usual, employees will be available in each county office by phone and email during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, and will conduct in-person business by appointment only. For the month of May, any business that can be conducted by phone, electronically, or by mail should continue to be conducted in that manner rather than in person. For those activities that must be carried out in person, each office will develop a process for making appointments and controlling access to allow social distancing. Signage will be posted on the exterior doors of county buildings to provide important information. Entry to the Wilson County Courthouse will be limited to the front doors, which will remain locked with entry controlled by law enforcement present. Patrons may be asked to wait outside or in a hallway with appropriate spacing until their turn to be served in order to facilitate social distancing. Members of the public are asked to wear courtesy masks when conducting business in Wilson County facilities for their own safety and for the safety of fellow citizens and employees. We thank our citizens for your patience as we transition through the month of May with the hope of being back in full operation as soon as possible.

A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes, draped over a dark wooden surface. The flag is slightly wrinkled and the lighting creates soft shadows.

*Wilson County Government Offices
will be closed on Monday, May 25
in observance of Memorial Day.*