Tennessee District Attorneys launch "Fentanyl: The Deadliest High" effort
Deadly opioid nearly 100 times more powerful than morphine; overdoses on the rise

The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC) announced today the launch of its newest awareness effort: “Fentanyl: The Deadliest High,” which is aimed at educating Tennesseans across the state about the extreme dangers of fentanyl, the most prevalent synthetic opioid in the United States. This week’s announcement is step one of a multi-layered, months-long campaign TNDAGC will wield against this rising danger.

Fentanyl-related overdoses have increased exponentially over the last few years. It is often illegally sold on the streets disguised as other drugs, where users unknowingly take too much and ultimately overdose. A dose as small as two milligrams, roughly equivalent to the weight of four grains of sand, is considered lethal to the average person.

While the use of fentanyl has increased, awareness of the drug has not. District attorneys conducted focus groups with middle and high schoolers across the state to determine the awareness level of fentanyl and its dangers. Findings from these focus groups directed the approach for the awareness effort, which is primarily directed toward 13- to 18-year-old Tennesseans.

“It is vital that we work to educate Tennessee on the grim reality that is the rise of fentanyl in our great state,” said Gen. Amy Weirich, 30th district attorney general and executive president of the TNDAGC. “We find it unacceptable to stand by and not do all that is in our power to reverse the course of fentanyl abuse in Tennessee. With this education effort, we begin the process of ending fentanyl and its effects in the Volunteer State.”

“In our research, we discovered a lack of education around the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl and opioids in general,” said Guy Jones, executive director of TNDAGC. “Our youth are our future. It is within the mind that we work to inform them of the realities of addiction and overdose. We want this effort to be the start of the end of fentanyl and deadly drug abuse in Tennessee, and we must work together to make this goal a reality.”

The awareness effort will heavily utilize social media to reach students across the state and disseminate the message of the deadly nature of fentanyl, especially with the risks associated with street drug usage.

Those interested in learning more can visit TheDeadliestHigh.com.

Nashville Downtown Partnership launches gift card program to boost downtown merchants

Downtown merchants will soon be enjoying a boost from their neighbors with the creation of the “Downtown Dollars” campaign, the Nashville Downtown Partnership announced on Tuesday, September 1.

The Partnership is making “Downtown Dollars” e-gift cards available for purchase, redeemable only at participating downtown businesses. With nearly 75% of downtown merchants proudly locally owned, the Partnership sees this as a uniquely targeted boost to one of Nashville’s most local economies.

“The Nashville Downtown Partnership is always looking for innovative ways to spur business in our downtown core, and never have those efforts been more crucial than they are right now,” said Sean Henry, Downtown Partnership board chair and Nashville Predators president/CEO. “With added incentives sponsored by participating companies, the new “Downtown Dollars” program will stimulate businesses in the heart of Nashville and support hundreds of local shops and restaurants in our city.”

The corporate community is backing this program through sponsorships to amplify the impact of “Downtown Dollars.” Early funding for the program came after the Partnership decided to rethink its annual awards luncheon, usually held in early fall.

“Rather than holding our traditional luncheon, we looked for a way that downtown residents, businesses and workers could help deliver an extra boost to downtown,” NDP President and CEO Tom Turner said. “We leaned into the great relationships we have with the downtown corporate community and asked them to pivot with us. The response was overwhelmingly positive.”

The Downtown Partnership has raised $110,000 in sponsorships to date, which will amplify and expedite spending at downtown cash registers by funding the distribution of giveaways and adding bonus dollars to e-card purchases. Partnership staff are currently working to maximize an anonymous $20,000 challenge grant, matching additional sponsorships. The Partnership also encourages employers to utilize the “Downtown Dollars” program for em-
Airport to split into two terminals for extended construction phase of Central Lobby expansion

Nashville International Airport (BNA) will continue its expansion and renovation with a dramatic new phase of construction that began Sept. 1, at which time BNA started operating as two terminals—North and South. To avoid delays and streamline departures, passengers will need to know their airline in order to reach the correct terminal.

Signs on airport roadways, curbside and in the terminal will direct passengers to the correct terminal and gates. Once inside the correct color-coded terminal—yellow for North and blue for South—passengers will use the new security checkpoints in those areas rather than the center checkpoint, which has closed as part of the construction process. Once past the security checkpoint, there will be no passage between Concourses A/B to C/D. This means that getting to another concourse on the other side of the airport will require exiting and going through security screening a second time.

As part of the BNA Vision, the airport’s dynamic plan is to build a bigger, better airport to meet what has been record-breaking passenger growth over the past several years. This year alone, the project featured the opening of a second terminal garage, a new Concourse D, expanded ticketing wings and two new interim security checkpoints.

Once construction is completed in 2023, the expanded central lobby area will include a bigger central security checkpoint with 24 lanes, new concessions marketplace, a pedestrian bridge connecting a terminal garage to the terminal building, a state-of-the-art International Arrivals Facility featuring six gates and an overall new look with a distinctive roof canopy and higher ceiling and windows for compelling airfield views.

As with all other airport capital improvement projects, no local tax dollars are being used to fund BNA Vision.
Gift Cards...

Nashville Fire Department investigates suspicious fire at American Inn

Nashville Fire Department Fire Investigators are searching for a possible person in connection with a massive fire at the closed American Inn located at 1360 Brick Church Pike on Monday August 31, 2020.

A Fire crew was responding to a medical call at a nearby hotel when a woman came in and said the hotel was on fire. The crew reported it to dispatch. Firefighters were at the scene in five minutes and began fighting the fire.

The woman reported to Fire personnel that she was sleeping in the closed hotel. The woman said someone poured what she thought was gasoline and set the fire.

The fire quickly spread from the first-floor front office area to the rest of the building. Multiple people called 911 to report seeing the fire from Interstate 65.

Fire crews transported the woman to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Fire Investigators believe the fire is the result of arson.

If you have information about who is involved with starting this fire, call the Nashville Fire Department Arson Hotline at 615-862-5640. You can also call the Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day you can remain anonymous when providing information. Cash awards up to $5,000 are offered for information leading to an arrest or conviction.

Gov. Lee signs Executive Orders extending State of Emergency, Regulatory Flexibility, Local Authority on facial coverings

Governor Bill Lee last week signed Executive Order No. 59 to extend certain, targeted provisions of Executive Order Nos. 36, 38, 49, 50, 54, and 55 through September 30, to facilitate the continued treatment and containment of COVID-19 through regulatory flexibility, promoting social distancing and wearing face coverings in public places, and protecting vulnerable populations.

Gov. Lee also signed Executive Order Nos. 60 and 61, which extend through September 30 provisions that allow for electronic government meetings subject to transparency safeguards and remote notarization and witnessing of documents, allowing for implementation of best practices developed during COVID-19 for providing live broadcasts of electronic meetings and safely conducting in-person transactions, respectively, beginning October 1.

Executive Order No. 60 extends previous provisions that:
• Urge persons to wear a cloth face covering in places where in close proximity to others, while facilitating local decision-making concerning face covering requirements;
• Urge social distancing and limit social and recreational gatherings of 50 or more persons, unless adequate social distancing can be maintained;
• Limit nursing home and long-term-care facility visitation, while providing a framework for safe, limited visitation, and continue the closure of senior centers;
• Provide that employers and businesses are expected to comply with the Governor’s Economic Recovery Group Guidelines (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) for operating safely (the 6 counties with locally run county health departments have authority to issue different directives on businesses/venues);
• Provide that bars may only serve customers seated at appropriately spaced tables and must follow the Economic Recovery Group Guidelines (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) for restaurants (the 6 counties with locally run county health departments have authority to issue different directives on businesses/venues);
• Continue access take-out alcohol sales to encourage carryout and delivery orders;
• Allow broad access to telehealth services;
• Increase opportunities for people to easily join the healthcare workforce;
• Facilitate increased testing and health care capacity;
• Extend deadlines and suspend certain in-person continuing education, gathering, or inspection requirements to avoid unnecessary person-to-person contact; and
• Increase opportunities to work remotely where appropriate.

Executive Order No. 60 is extended through September 30.
One of the greatest paradoxes in life concerning giving

For more than a century, a brief quotation has been making the rounds, repeated over and over again in print, and widely spread by word of mouth.

No one knows who originally wrote or said it. No one knows when it was said, why it was said, or how it came to take such firm hold of the world’s heart and mind. But take hold it did, impelling untold numbers of people to be kinder and more considerate toward their fellow creatures. It remains as fresh and vital as ever, and it goes like this:

“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

One of the greatest paradoxes in life concerns giving.

Strange enough, this paradox can be illustrated by comparing two ancient bodies of water which still exist today. The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are made of the same water. The Sea of Galilee makes beauty of this water; for the Sea of Galilee has an outlet. It gets to give. It gathers in its riches that it may pour them out again to others. It gets to keep. That is the beauty.

The Dead Sea, with the same water, makes a horror of it. For the Dead Sea has no outlet. It gets to keep. That is the radical difference between selfish and unselfish people. Some people give, and they are like Galilee and the beauty it makes; while some keep, and they are like the Dead Sea, stagnating and creating no beauty.

Louis Mayer, founder of MGM studios in Hollywood, once told about an experience in his childhood. He had a fight with another boy, and he later told his mother that the fight was entirely the fault of the other boy. His mother took Louis to the back door of their house. Nearby were several hills which created a fine echo. She told him to call these hills all the bad names he could think of. He did so, and the bad names all came back to him. Then she said, “call out, I am your Friend.” He did so and back came “I am your Friend.” Louis Mayer never forgot that lesson and neither should we. Giving is the echo of life. What we give to others we usually receive back from them.

In our modern culture, we tend to look to the complex for our answers instead of the simple. We tend to look at the large and sensational grand enterprises as solutions to our problems. But the heroes of our generation will not necessarily be world leaders or those who make headlines in the news.

Rather, the real heroes will be average persons, just like you and I, who are willing to give, to help others, and not to take for granted our countless blessings.

So, let’s each of us say to ourselves: “I am one of the few. I have a leader’s opportunity. I have a shepherd’s responsibility. I believe that I can be a catalyst in helping somebody on this earth to feel that he or she is worthy and that he or she can make a contribution in life.”

Let’s use the life we have and share it with others. We may only have this kind of opportunity once in a lifetime. Let’s do all that we can while we may. Let’s make that echo of life a reality, for we shall not pass this way again.

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Tennessee’s gas price average remains the eighth least expensive market in nation

The Tennessee gas price average jumped eight cents over last week, but has held steady since Hurricane Laura made landfall along the Gulf Coast. The Tennessee Gas Price average is now $1.99 which is six cents more expensive than one month ago and nearly 28 cents less than one year ago.

“It’s typical to see increased demand and more expensive gas prices ahead of a storm, especially one that threatens rigs and refineries in the Gulf of Mexico region,” said Megan Cooper, spokesperson, AAA – The Auto Club Group. “The latest industry reports indicate that facilities in Texas have already begun the restarting process, which means there is no major threat to gasoline stocks. This combined with relatively low demand due to the pandemic should hold prices in check over the coming week.”

Quick Facts
- 80% of Tennessee gas stations have prices below $2.00
- The lowest 10% of pump prices are $1.83 for regular unleaded
- The highest 10% of pump prices are $2.28 for regular unleaded
- Tennessee remains the 8th least expensive market in the nation

The monthly gas price average for August was $1.92 - that’s nearly two cents cheaper than last month’s average of $1.94 and 44 cents less expensive than August 2019. This month’s average was the cheapest August at the pump since 2004.


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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee receives $25,000 Grant
Funds received as part of Community Service Award will support mentorships for children with incarcerated parents

Chad Greer

Each year, Northwestern Mutual recognizes financial advisors who go above and beyond in giving back to local communities through its Community Service Awards program. This year, through its Foundation, the company announced a donation of more than $310,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations on behalf of the 2020 recipients.

“Our Community Service Awards program honors advisors who go above and beyond in an effort to lift up their communities nationwide through action,” said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. “Fueled by passion and commitment to service, these advisors continue to better the lives of others through volunteerism.”

As part of the award, 16 company financial advisors are each recognized with a grant to benefit a nonprofit he or she is involved with. Local resident Chad Greer, a wealth management advisor at Northwestern Mutual – Nashville, has been recognized as a 2020 Most Exceptional recipient of the award for the fourth time, receiving a $25,000 grant for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. For more than a decade, Chad Greer has been involved with the organization in a variety of ways. He has been a top fundraiser and held multiple board positions, including president, and is now on the executive committee. In addition to mentoring his own Little, Kenny, Greer has recruited more than a dozen other Bigs, all of whom remain actively involved with their Littles.

The grant funds will be invested in programs that defend the potential of youth in Middle Tennessee, such as the Amachi program. This program focuses on children with incarcerated parents and is one Greer is particularly committed to financing. After this program lost federal funding, Greer has worked hard to keep it going. During his tenure, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee has raised more than $18 million, but the need continues to grow.

“This cause is very close to my heart,” said Greer. “Children with a parent in prison are 70 percent more likely to go to prison than graduate from high school. My hope is to change the odds for Kenny, and hundreds of children in our program in similar circumstances.”

Since 1995, the company has donated more than $6 million to nonprofits through the Community Service Awards program. The 2020 winners were announced at the company’s regional meetings earlier this year, with grants to be presented to nonprofits throughout the country.
American Constructors, inc.  
American Constructors, Inc., has called the West End area of Nashville home for more than forty years. For the past 34 years, American was located in a building they constructed and sold, known as Vanderbilt Place, now owned by Vanderbilt University. The firm has recently acquired the Fairlawns Building at 5203 Maryland Way, in Maryland Farms, and will relocate effective in September, 2020. Debra Viol, president of NAI Nashville Stanton Group, served as the facilitating broker for both the buyer and the seller.

President and CEO Harold Brewer said, “A new address, but familiar territory. My first job with American was working on our very first project, park development for Maryland Farms developers. Our field offices were located in the rear of Ward Mansion, now known as Mere Bulles restaurant. We are excited to renew old friendships with this new venture for American Constructors. The West End location has been good to us, but we couldn’t pass up this opportunity to purchase the building in Maryland Farms.”

The new location is unique to Maryland Farms. When initially developed, original buildings on the 400-acre horse farm were renovated and repurposed into unique mixed-use spaces. The Fairlawns Building, constructed in 1989, was designed to reflect the historic architecture of those original structures, with story balconies, brick façade and multiple stately columns. The space includes both individual offices and open meeting spaces for the firm to use for client meetings and training.

“An employee-owned, locally-grown company, it was important for us to move closer to home for many of our employees, and to invest into our community. The Fairlawns building helps position us for future growth through its size and location,” added Brewer. “The new space allows us to have more comfortable and technologically-friendly training, which will aid in continuing to provide unparalleled service to our clients. Plus, we will now have plenty of parking!”

American Constructors was founded in 1979 by U.S. Ambassador Joe M. Rodgers along with a group of local business leaders, including Jack Massey and Ted Welch. Later, Joe’s nephew, Ed Rodgers, Jr., was named president and CEO of American Constructors. Ed was held until his death in 2006. Harold Brewer has been employed with American Constructors since graduating from college in 1981. He worked his way up the ranks within the firm. The firm employs sixty people and billed more than $121 million in construction contracts in 2019. The firm has a storied history in Nashville as the builder behind some of the best-known icons in Middle Tennessee: Country Music Hall of Fame, Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Loews Vanderbilt Plaza, W. G. Russell Saloon, Blair School of Music, Ford Ice Center, Vanderbilt University Student Recreation Center; University of the South Smith Hall, Lipscomb University Shin Event Center; Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Magnet School, Brentwood Academy, Pope John Paul II High School, Christ Presbyterian Academy, NHC Cool Springs, and NHC Place at the Trace; just to name a few. The firm’s current projects include Hillsboro High School, Stevens Valley Church, Lipscomb University Elam Hall, University of the South Commons, LHP Trevecca Towers, and Vanderbilt University 1101 19th Ave S. Multiuse Facility. In forty years, American has completed more than 700 construction projects in excess of $2 billion.

American Constructors, Inc. is an employee-owned and CEO contractor and construction management firm based in Nashville. The firm has established itself as one of the premier commercial builders in the Southeast with expertise in public and private schools, universities, churches, healthcare, and retirement facilities, recreation centers, library and performing arts venues. An active corporate member in the Middle Tennessee Chapter of U.S. Green Building Council and Pork Shopping Center. The firm prides itself on being client-driven and service-oriented, with dedicated employees who place high priority on ethical business practices, personal growth and positive contributions to the construction industry and the community.

**Lose Design**

Lose Design has announced promotions of six Middle Tennessee employees. These employees were selected for promotion based on a variety of factors including leadership, initiative, dedication to projects, and length of time with the firm.

**Tommy Boyte** has been promoted to Vice President and Director of Business Services. Boyte is the firm’s Controller and has been with Lose Design since 2005. He earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Middle Tennessee State University. As a life-long Cheatham County resident, Boyte resides in Ashland City.

**Joshua Gulick** has been promoted to Associate Vice President. Gulick is a Senior Landscape Architect with Lose Design and has been with the firm since 2017. He received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree with a minor in Urban Affairs and Planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Belmont University. A few of his notable projects include Hillsboro High School, Steven’s Valley Church, Lipscomb University Elam Hall, University of the South Commons, LHP Trevecca Towers, and Vanderbilt University 1101 19th Ave S. Multiuse Facility. He and his wife live in Franklin, Tennessee; and the Paducah, Kentucky Aquatic and Wellness Center.

**Will Hager**, AICP, LEED® Green Associate, has been promoted to Associate Vice President and Director of Landscape Architecture and Planning Director with Lose Design and has been with the firm since 2016. Hager is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Sustainability from Lipscomb University. A few of his current notable projects include the Germantown, Tennessee Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan; the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and the Mount Pleasant, Town of Mount Pleasant, Party Planning Services. Hager is actively involved in organizations including the American Planning Association as well as Urban Land Institute. He and his family live in Lebanon, 2005. Notable projects have included the Southeast Commission of the Northwest Regional Park in Antioch; Nashville’s East Bank Riverfront Landing; and the Hamilton Springs Transit-Oriented Development Zoning District in Lebanon; Tennessee’s first Transit Oriented Development. Recent projects include Ball State University with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree and has been a member of the Leadership Bowl Mountain Center and Community Center in Nashville; the Liberty Park Master Plan in Franklin, Tennessee; and the Paducah, Kentucky Aquatic and Wellness Center.

**Jason Miles**, P.E., CFM, has been promoted to Associate. Miles is an Assistant Division Director of Engineering and has been with the firm since 2006. A few of his notable projects include the Hamilton Springs Transit-Oriented Development and joined the firm in 2010. Notable projects include the Wilson Farms Development in Lebanon and the Southeast Community Center and Ford Ice Center in Antioch. Miles earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Western Kentucky University in 2005. He and his family reside in Murfreesboro.

**John Sexton** has been promoted to Associate. Sexton is a Landscape and Project Manager with Lose Design and has been with the firm since 2013. Notable projects have included Mary’s Magical Place in Hendersonville, Tennessee; the Fayetteville Regional Park in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and the New City Plan in Guangzhou, China. Sexton earned a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the University of Kentucky. He and his family live in Hendersonville.

Lose Design is a professional design services firm offering its clients a single source of responsibility for architecture, civil engineering, landscape architecture, and planning. The firm maintains offices in Nashville, Knoxville, Denver, and the Atlanta area.

**Southeast Venture Design**

Nashville-based Architecture and Interior Design firm Southeast Venture Design announced that Paul Clements has joined the team as a project architect. A Nashville native and licensed Architect, Clements earned both a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design and a Master of Architecture from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Most recently, Clements served as a design professional for 1Architecture, LLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he worked for nearly five years.

**Vanderbilt University Medical Center**

**Mariana Byndloss**, DVM, PhD, assistant professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, has been selected as a finalist of the inaugural NOSTER & Science Microbiome Prize.

The prize was established to recognize innovative research by young investigators working on the functional attributes of the microbiota and the microorganisms that live in or on a host. It is sponsored by NOSTER, a new brand of bio-pharmaceutical and nutritional products developed by Nitto Pharmaceutical Industries, and the Journal Science.
What’s wrong with this picture?
Overgrown grass

A reader submitted this photo showing the overgrown grass that has become an eyesore from not being cut on the corner of Hillsboro Road and Crestmoor Road where the old Krystal restaurant used to be located in Green Hills.

If you see something that needs immediate attention or is out of the ordinary, give us a call at 615-298-1500 or email a description or photo to news@gcanews.com and we will consider putting it in our “What’s wrong with this picture?” feature.

Matthew 6:33
“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Our world has been turned upside down with more distractions than we would have ever considered possible. Daily, the news reports one conflict after another: Murders are occurring every day and in more numbers than we have ever seen before. The pandemic continues to wreak havoc and many people are dying as a result of it. In the midst of all that, the presidential election is reaching a boiling point. These are current distractions. All of that interrupts the solemn serene thoughts we seek. Ask anyone. “What are you seeking?” There would be a myriad of answers. Our preferences are as changeable as the weather. May I suggest daily prayer, Bible reading and seeking opportunities to help someone in need? While doing so, count your own blessings. God proved His love for you by sending His Son to redeem you. Share that with others.

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Wake up Nashville before it’s too late

Next year I’ll be an 80 yr old grandfather of two beautiful Nashville granddaughters. All I can think of is “What type of Nashville will they be living in after I’m gone?” As someone who served in the USAF during the Vietnam War, there are times I feel that we are worse off today than in 1966.

- During the worst pandemic of my lifetime, Nashville’s churches and synagogues are closed, yet liquor stores are considered “vital” and must remain open.
- Last year, overdose deaths (2000 Tennesseans) and suicides (3 Tennessean’s commit suicide every day) seem to be totally ignored by everyone except the unfortunate families involved. After all, it couldn’t happen in my family! really?? In one year alone, statewide, these deaths exceeded all those we lost during the entire Vietnam War.
- After years of unlimited deficit spending, our Mayor and City Council claim that we cannot pay our current bills unless we:
  1- raise our taxes by 34%
  2- sell city land or
  3- ask my granddaughters to pay off the 30 yr bonds being used to finance their unlimited, unaffordable extravagances.

- Even though Tennessee State law prevents it, Mayor Cooper still wants Nashville to be a designated Sanctuary City.

Unbelievably this would prevent the most dangerous criminal illegal aliens from being removed from our city and deported.
- A one-parent family in Nashville, has suddenly become the new normal.
- The Mayor wants marijuana to be legalized but prayers in our public schools must still be banned.
- Nashville allows the killing of a healthy, 9 month-old, unborn child, calling it a woman’s health issue.
- We accept minor improvements in our public school system because everyone who can afford it, sends their kids to our fantastic private schools.
- Serious felons are let out of jail, why? To protect them, not us, from the Covid-19 virus.
- We give all sorts of sweet-heart tax deals to hotels, businesses and real estate interests and then wonder why our tax base is so low.
- If I wear a MAGA hat, there is a good chance I will be verbally or perhaps even physically assaulted.
- We aren’t allowed to publically express our religious beliefs, because (get this one!) we don’t want to make nonbelievers “feel uncomfortable”.
- We just love the revenue brought in by the 75 new people moving into Nashville every day. But then, we complain when doctors are not taking on new patients or it takes us 5 months to get a checkup appointment.
- We ignore the loss of Nashville’s middle class, (of both races) yet we don’t ever encourage the construction of moderately priced homes to keep them from losing their own home and moving somewhere else.. (this is not low income housing)
- We criticized Portland, Seattle and NY but then we watched in disbelief when rioting criminal hooligans defaced our own property and even tried to burn down our courthouse right here in Music City.
- We can’t understand why so many teachers and police officers are seeking either early retirement or looking for career opportunities elsewhere.
- Politically, if you are Liberal or Conservative, there is a lack of enough middle ground to work with and this makes it impossible to rational discuss any current issues.

Please Nashville, I beg you! I pray every morning that I don’t wake up and find Nashville looking more like Portland or Seattle (or NY or San Francisco or Minneapolis, or Chicago either).

“God didn’t get us this far to drop us now.”

Masks don’t completely work against Covid-19

The CDC mentions as did Dr Fauci that masks don’t work. Only a N-97 mask or military gas masks have the filters needed to stop a airborne virus with parts per million. Not only has Mayor Cooper and Gov Bill Lee violated the 14th amendment, they have encroachment on martial law level of quarantine. Stop and think.

Cooper alias Trump

In my opinion, Donald Trump has made a mess of the pandemic response for our country. He has created super spreader events where attendees were not socially distanced or were not wearing masks. It is apparent that Mayor Cooper is following in the footsteps of the president. I heard Mayor Cooper on the radio show Midday 180 on 104.5 The Zone last Tuesday. He said, he is also against super spreader events and then two days later decided to open up the bars and bar restaurants to double their current capacity starting September 1. Like Trump, he is sending out very mixed messages. He also mentioned in this interview that he was not able to drive his son to college in another state that was restricting their new visitors that came from Tennessee because of the high infection rate in Tennessee.

The current transmission rate for Nashville on Friday was 0.83 which is up some from 0.80. That is good but just like the transmission rate being over 1.0 will cause the number of infections to grow exponen- tially. What our leaders apparently do not understand is that if we can drive that infection rate down to 0.50, the number of cases will be decrease faster exponentially. This is not going to happen when all the bars and restaurants continue to act as super spreader events. Please Mayor Cooper, do your job and protect all Nashvillians and do not continue to follow Donald Trump’s actions.

Who picks up the scooters?

Who picks up the electric scooters left all over town??

Does anyone control this at all?? What an eyesore to see these things all over town. Early Sunday morning, August 30th, I had an appointment to donate blood at the Red Cross on Charlotte Avenue. As I left Donelson I drove down Lebanon Road on to 1st Avenue and then on to Broadway into downtown. I started seeing scooters just thrown all over sidewalks and curbs starting around Lindsey Avenue and started to count them, I was shocked by the number I counted! Between Lindsey and the intersection of 8th & Broadway I counted seventy-eight scooters just thrown around the streets. Between 5th & Broadway and 8th & Broadway there were forty scooters in just three blocks! Why? I though the Mayor and City Council were going to control all of this? What an eyesore for the City!

The funniest part was watching two men jog down Broadway and hurdle the scooters just left laying in the sidewalk as they ran. Looks like it may be time to look into the whole idea scooters in Nashville again and this time just get rid of them!

Weather forecasters

It is funny how past letter writers complained about weather forecasters on how they are “always wrong”.

Are you kidding me? If they predict 20% of rain, and it rains, guess what? They predicted it correctly as the rain falls within that 20% range. If they predict 100% rain, and it doesn’t, then you have reason to gripe.

Case closed.
The meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to a Jewish Nashvillian

Just when I thought things could not get any worse, it did. It’s been reported that several parents of children attending some of Nashville’s most prestigious private schools, have received a really upsetting fake email. They were asked to sign a form which would prevent their children from standing during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Having two granddaughters attending private school in Nashville, my first reaction was: “Impossible, that couldn’t happen here”. But it has. It first brought tears to my eyes. Then I got really upset. Here’s why:

In 1905, my poor, uneducated, totally illiterate, Russian grandparents faced a gruesome decision. Either stay and face certain death if they practiced their religious beliefs. Or do the unimaginable. Try and flee the Russian Jews were rounded up into an American Dream. My Amazingly, they embarked on a two-week trans-Atlantic crossing and these incredibly brave immigrants arrived on Ellis Island in NYC harbor. Their nightmare had turned into an incredible world of freedom that they could not get worse, it did. The medical professionals and shipping and health insurance. Do you really believe for one minute that those running for the President of the United States of America intends to do anything to stop this thing called highway robbery or any thing else to help the citizens in our country? Heck no!

Get it together Kroger

I’ve been shopping at the Abbot Martin Rd Kroger location for years. I am fed up with the conditions of the women’s restroom every single time I visit. There are four stalls. The first stall has been out of order for years. The second stall hasn’t locked properly for years. A small push of the door will have you face to face with a stranger while you’re doing your business! The third stall is currently out of order completely! And now the fourth stall doesn’t even have a lock on the door at all! I remember when they “renovated” and “updated” the women’s restroom one year. It took three months, and they are still having these same issues!! Maybe worse?

Kroger is a multi-billion dollar corporation! They claim they want to put their customers first, but I guess that’s only if you don’t ever have to use their facilities! Almost the same can be said of many of their locations, but I would think as much as the Green Hills location profits, they’d do something about this issue ASAP and get it done correctly!

If I had a dollar for every woman I spoke to in that restroom about the poor conditions—I’d have enough to remodel it myself!

Oak Hill City Manager Position

The City of Oak Hill, Tennessee (Pop 4700) seeks City Manager. The City of Oak Hill is seeking a city management professional to be their next city manager.

Oak Hill is located just a few miles south of downtown Nashville. The city manager is appointed and reports to a five member board comprised of commissioners popularly elected at-large to staggered, four-year terms of office. The city has a 2.1M budget with 5 employees and several contracted services. Serving this satellite city is a unique and rewarding opportunity to be part of the greater Nashville community.

Candidates should possess a Bachelor’s Degree in public administration, business administration, or a field closely related to municipal management, with a Master’s Degree in a related field preferred; and a minimum of 10 years of progressive management experience that includes experience in city management, planning, zoning and finance.

HOW TO APPLY

Position profile is available at www.oakhilltn.us. Send cover letter and resume by electronic mail to the City of Oak Hill, attention Jeff Clawson (jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us). Initial review of applications will occur by the first week of October. Position opened until filled. For additional information please contact: Jeff Clawson (jef.clawson@oakhilltn.us) and/or Gary Jaeckel (gary.jaeckel@tennessee.edu)
Fraud: A lie perpetrated by an unscrupulous character

As a certified fraud examiner, I have become very aware of fraudulent activities. Because of fraud training, we (Certified Fraud Examiners) become very sensitive to circumstances that are or could be fraud related. Fraud is rampant in our society. Why? Well, it is easier to take the assets of others than to work for our own rewards. Also, I am convinced that many people have decided that what belongs to others can be usurped for their own needs. Fraud can be defined as deceit or trickery specifically: intentional perversion of truth in order to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. On that note, keep a keen eye on credit card usage and especially cash cards. Never throw a credit card or cash card receipt in the trash. Always shred such documents. Better still, keep the receipts and reconcile the reports from card use to determine which charges are actually legitimate. After reconciliation, shred the receipts.

Be careful and research things that sound too good to be true. For example, a recent TV advertisement touts a special pain reliever that is “drug free” and will relieve debilitating joint pain. I have lower back pain, so I researched the information. “Joint pain worries many of us as we get older. You might wonder whether you’ll become one of the 50 million adults who suffer from Arthritis. Or, maybe you’re simply seeking ways to relieve your joint pains with supplements and vitamins. Will these joint supplements really work?” WARNING! 68% of Joint Supplements Failed in Quality & Label Accuracy. Find Out Which Products Work!

On a broader scale, recent developments, such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has provided a lifeline to more than 5.2 million small businesses, sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed individuals; disbursing over $525 billion in forgivable loans. But as of August 25, 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice has filed charges in 37 matters, and counting, against more than 50 defendants for fraudulently applying for or obtaining hundreds of millions of dollars in PPP funds. A common theme among fraud perpetrators was the falsification of documents submitted to lenders and the misrepresentation of certifications in loan applications. Falsified documents included everything from bank records and tax files to insurance reports, payroll records, and audited financial statements, according to a recent report from the government. The program required a list of employees to be compensated by the forgivable grant from the government. While most businesses complied, there were many who used a random list of names of people who did not work for the receiver of the grant. The government is not slack, they are reviewing each grant and will prosecute the liars and cheats—frauds. We have been warned and it would be foolish and ungodly to file false information. In the words of Will Rogers, “There are three kinds of men: The one who learns by reading; the few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.” Wisdom abounds. Never do anything for which you would be ashamed for others to know about you. Remember, God sees all of us. Do not forget, “Your arms are too short to box with God.”

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Everyone enjoyed a bountiful buffet with Mexican dip, meatballs, barbecue sliders, chicken strips, spring rolls, quiche, vegetables and dip, and dessert squares. A large silent auction offered art, canoeing, jewelry, garden design with native plants, framed photo of Radnor Lake, a stay at a beachfront villa in St. Thomas, vacations in Sewanee and Big East Fork, and a wine tour.

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News from the Homefront:

Good News!

There is such good in this world! I am just about to get into my car to go pay for some veggies that I got at the corner vegetable stand. I arrived at the stand yesterday to pick out exactly the right cantaloupe, exactly the right three tomatoes, and exactly the right small baby squash for supper last night. What to my wondering eyes did NOT appear in my wallet was cash. I had used it at the dry cleaners. I had not a dime on me. Do you know what the market did? They told me to come back later in the week to pay them!!! I owe them fifteen dollars and forty one cents, and you’d better believe that I am going there this week! In fact, I am going there right this minute to buy another supply and, this time, I know to carry cash! Can you believe how nice that vendor was? I was shocked- and so was everybody else in line. My smile went from ear to ear and stayed there the rest of the day knowing that there are good folks out there who still trust other people. What a way to start the week!

Eat your veggies, Kiss your Babies, Tell your parents you love them, and Take a walk in the park with a friend and Spread the good news!

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