



Sumner County Courthouse

County Spotlight: *Sumner*

Population: 130,449
County Seat: Gallatin

Did you know...?

Sumner County was named for Revolutionary War General Jethro Sumner.

Family Circle magazine selected Hendersonville as one of the Top Ten cities in the United States for families.

Nashville to Host Annual NACo Conference This Month

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has chosen Nashville's Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center as the site for its 2009 Annual Conference and Exposition. The July 24-28 event will draw county officials and employees from across the country to Davidson County to take part in numerous educational sessions focused on local government concerns. The conference allows participants the opportunity to network with peers from different states, providing and sharing solutions with one another and with partners in the federal government. Attendees will also be given the chance to hear from new federal administration officials, cabinet secretaries, and members of Congress. Over 200 exhibitors will be on hand to showcase products and services aimed towards county government leaders and employees, state associations of counties, and county professional affiliates.

NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Headquartered on Washington's Capitol Hill, the association provides essential services such as legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance to the nation's 3,066 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. The organization, in operation since 1935, is involved in a number of special projects that deal with such issues as homeland security, drug abuse and broader access to health care.

For more information on NACo and the 2009 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition, please visit <http://www.naco.org/>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FMLA/FLSA Workshops: During the months of August and September, staff from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration (ESA) will instruct this workshop pertaining to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The objective of the course is to promote compliance with federal labor standards by covering such topics as recordkeeping, enforcement of minimum wage and overtime pay. To view course dates and register, please [click here](#). Four hours of category A or recertification credit will be awarded to County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP) attendees.

ARRA Webinars: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Recovery, Accountability and Transparency Board have announced that webinars will be held the week of July 20, 2009 to provide information on implementing the guidance set forth in OMB Memorandum M-09-21, Implementing Guidance for the Reports on Use of Funds Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 that was released on June 22, 2009. Each webinar will focus on a major section of the Guidance as well as on the technology solution. [Click here](#) to view a schedule of the webinars. We strongly encourage you to participate in these sessions.

Litter Grant Training: Last month, CTAS announced that TDOT will be offering training sessions this summer for the litter grant program. It is mandatory that someone from your litter grant program attend one of these offerings. The training will cover the latest informational updates, invoice and schedule sheet paperwork procedures, monthly invoice reporting, and education network/eligibility. CTAS staff will be presenting a new reporting model to assist counties in receiving grant funds. Auditors will be available to answer questions as well. The training is free, but registration is required. To register and receive site details and times, email Teresa Cubreath at Teresa.Cubreath@tn.gov.

Don't Forget! The federal minimum wage rate will increase to \$7.25 per hour on July 24, 2009.

Grant Writing Workshop

Learn how to stay in compliance with grant management regulations and laws by attending Grant Writing USA's two-day Grant Management Workshop presented in partnership with the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Research and Planning Division, August 6-7, 2009. If your county offices receive grant funds, this class is for you! The course content is extensive and includes such topics as reporting and recordkeeping, overview of federal grants, cost principles, and award types.

CTAS is not sponsoring this workshop, but we believe it has merit and encourage your attendance. Sixteen hours of COCTP recertification credit will be awarded for attendance. Remember to use the **CTAS recertification form** in order to receive COCTP credit.

We are excited to offer a special tuition rate of \$545 (normally \$595) which includes Grant Writing USA's 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide. Please use code "CTAS" to receive this \$50 discount at registration. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary – please [click here](#) for registration information.

Upcoming OSHA Training

On August 5 and 6, CTAS and the UT Center for Industrial Services (CIS) will conduct a pilot training program on Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) regulations and safety procedures for highway officials in Franklin County and surrounding counties. CTAS will coordinate the training and the class will be taught by CIS Consultant Bryan Lane. The 10 hour course will include an introduction to OSHA; OSHA/General Duty Clause; inspections, citations, and penalties; walking and working surfaces; means of egress and fire protection; and electrical safety. In addition to providing classroom training, Bryan will take the officials through the highway shop area and point out possible safety hazards and/or safety improvements. For registration information, double-click the icon . Once this pilot program has been completed, CTAS and CIS plan to conduct similar workshops in each of the CTAS regions.

Have comments or suggestions for this newsletter?
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 24-28	National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference, Nashville
July 27-31	TN Sheriffs' Association Annual Family Conference, Sevierville
July 30-31	TDOT Litter Grant Program Training, Jackson
Aug. 5-6	OSHA Training Program, Winchester
Aug. 11	FMLA/FLSA Training, Knoxville
Aug. 12	FMLA/FLSA Training, Kingsport
Aug. 20	FMLA/FLSA Training, Jackson
Aug. 12-14	Association of County Mayors Conference, Knoxville
Aug. 21-22	TDOT Litter Grant Program Training, Sumner County
Sept. 2-3	TDOT Litter Grant Program Training, Jonesborough
Sept. 9	FMLA/FLSA Training, Franklin
Sept. 15-16	TDOT Litter Grant Program Training, Dunlap

*For more detailed event information, [click here](#).

New Statewide One- and Two-Family Residential Construction Standards Legislation

A Spotlight on the new statewide one- and two-family residential construction standards legislation is now available and can be accessed by double clicking the icon () or by visiting the [CTAS website](#). The Spotlight explains the new legislation, including a discussion on the role of local governments. The new legislation is part of the Tennessee Clean Energy Future Act of 2009. If you have questions about this new legislation, or if you would like further information, please contact your CTAS County Government Consultant.

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