



Clay County Courthouse

County Spotlight:
Clay

Population: **7,976**
 County Seat: **Celina**

Did you know?

Clay County and Dale Hollow Lake are home of the world record Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, and German Brown Trout, as well as the winner of the World Championship Marble Tournament.

Clay County is named in honor of Henry Clay, famed member of the Kentucky senate and house, and former U.S. secretary of state.

*For more information, visit:
www.dalehollowlake.org/
www.state.tn.us

2010 Census May Impact 2010-2011 County Budgets

As county officials begin to plan and prepare their budgets for the upcoming year, they should account for a possible change in the county's population class for calculating county officials' salaries. The county's population will be certified on or before April 2011. The population that is certified in April 2011 is the population of record as of April 2010. If a county's change in population changes the class for calculating county officials' salaries, the new population classification will be effective as of April 2010. This will change the minimum salary for the officials as of April 2010.

If, for example, a county for 2009-2010 was in the 35,000 – 49,999 population class, the Trustee's minimum salary would be \$63,954. If after the census is certified in April 2011, the same county falls into the next highest population class of 50,000 – 64,999, the Trustee's minimum salary would be \$69,461, an increase of \$5,507 over the previous salary. And remember, this new salary would be effective as of April 2010. Therefore, in the budget year 2010-2011 back pay to officials may be due for the period of April through June of the previous budget year, and from July through March of the budget year 2010-2011. This would impact all of the officials who fall under the minimum salary schedules.

CTAS recommends that, prior to finalizing the county's budgets, officials should consider the impact of anticipated census changes. The CTAS field consultants have preliminary population estimates and calculations on the salary impact of the changes. The estimated population projections indicate there may be many counties changing population classes and incurring additional salary expenses for elected officials. Contact your CTAS field consultant for the estimated population projection and the salary impact on your county. These estimates should be considered in preparing the 2010-2011 budget. There are several ways salaries can be budgeted to contend with a possible change, and your CTAS field consultant can help you determine what is best for your county.

2010 Census Timeline

- March 2010..... Census forms are mailed or delivered to US households.
- April 2010..... Complete census form and return to census bureau.
- April-July 2010..... Households that did not complete the census form should receive visit from census workers.
- December 2010..... Census Bureau must deliver population information to President.
- March 2011..... Census Bureau must deliver population information to the states.
- January 1, 2012..... Reapportionment plan must be finished and adopted by legislative body.

Solid Waste/Highway Department Training

The second phase of CTAS's new certification program for solid waste personnel, the Solid Waste Professional Certification Program (SWPCP), will be conducted March 3-4 at Montgomery Bell State Park. The training will be led by CTAS consultants and will include the following classes addressing local government operations and functions: *County Operating Budget, Capital Budgeting, Risk Management, Hiring and Firing*, and *County Purchasing*. CTAS has also arranged for two Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) courses to be conducted this spring and summer to bring SWPCP participants closer to obtaining program certification. The first of which, *Managing Transfer Station Systems*, will be delivered March 23-25 at Montgomery Bell. There are no fees for these classes, but there is a \$300 fee to enroll in the SWPCP. For registration information and additional details, double-click the icon (). **Please note that these classes are reserved for solid waste personnel.**

During March and April, CTAS will offer a state-wide work zone traffic control/flagging course designed to provide guidance and training for highway field personnel such as maintenance, survey, and utility crews in the planning, selection, application and operation of short-term work zones. The workshop will have six main objectives: define the need for proper traffic control through work areas and for construction zone safety; describe current work zone standards and requirements as contained in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); explain standard traffic control devices; outline the design and installation of traffic control schemes for short-term operations on streets and highways; describe proper flagging procedures; and explain liability issues involving highway agencies performing construction and maintenance operations. For registration information and additional details, double-click the icon (). **Please note that these classes are reserved for highway department personnel.**



Mark Your Calendars!

COAT/TCSA

County Government Day

March 23-24, 2010

Sheraton Nashville Downtown

Click [here](#) for registration information.

RESIDENTIAL CODES WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS IMPORTANT NEW LEGISLATION

In order to increase the state's energy efficiency, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted the "Tennessee Clean Energy Future Act of 2009." This Act makes one- and two-family homes subject to inspection by either state or local government. In addition, the Act specifies that the International Residential Code will be applied to one- and two-family homes, which entails other aspects of home construction that must be inspected. (Click [here](#) to read the CTAS Spotlight on this legislation; to listen to a podcast on the subject, click [here](#).)

A workshop will be held in March to familiarize local government officials with the provisions of the Act (For dates and locations, see next page). Among the topics to be discussed are the options counties have with regard to enforcement of building codes within the county and how to exercise those options, and how the state's building codes program will work. Instructors include Jim Pillow, assistant commissioner for fire prevention with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. Mr. Pillow will present an update on the state's program and the new regulations, as well as provide copies of new forms, FAQs, and other information to assist counties in their decision-making and implementation process.

Because counties will have to make a decision whether to opt out of this legislation in the near future, CTAS strongly urges county mayors, county commissioners and county finance directors to attend this workshop. To view course schedule and to register, click [here](#).



Jim & Marie Murphy Endowed Scholarship

The UT Institute for Public Service announced the establishment of the Jim and Marie Murphy Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Studies. The scholarship was recently funded at \$25,000 through the generous support of the Murphys, the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT), other county associations and many other individual donors.

Having served for several years as the executive director of COAT, Marie Murphy felt the need to create an opportunity to help relatives of that organization and CTAS achieve their educational dreams.

The scholarship will assist students seeking graduate degrees from UT for many years to come.

COAT members who would like more information on the scholarship, including application instructions, should contact IPS Development Director Paul Bowman at (865) 974-6587 or paul.bowman@tennessee.edu.

Have comments or suggestions for this newsletter?
Contact Claire Marsalis at claire.marsalis@tennessee.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3	Residential Codes Workshop, Jackson
March 3-4	Solid Waste Training Seminar, Montgomery Bell State Park
March 4	Residential Codes Workshop, Lakeland
March 9	Residential Codes Workshop, Johnson City
March 9-10	COCTP Regional Renewal Conference, Knoxville
March 10	Residential Codes Workshop, Collegedale
March 10-12	Local Gov. Corporation Resource Conference, Gatlinburg
March 11	Residential Codes Workshop, Smyrna
March 16	Work Zone Traffic Control/Flagging Workshop, Johnson City
March 17	Residential Codes Workshop, Knoxville
March 17	Work Zone Traffic Control/Flagging Workshop, Johnson City
March 23-24	COAT/TCSA County Government Day, Nashville
March 23-25	SWANA Managing Transfer Station Systems Class, Montgomery Bell State Park
March 30-31	COCTP Regional Renewal Conference, Jackson
March 31	Work Zone Traffic Control/Flagging Workshop, Franklin

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

Paula Muscatello/Bill Rodgers Benefit Golf Tournament

**Eagle's Landing, Sevierville, TN
Wednesday, June 9, 2010**

*For information on registering a team or sponsoring
the tournament, please contact*

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