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We want to include YOU!!!!!!***

SAVE THESE DATES

APRIL 2-3: MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE AT MARRIOTT COOL SPRINGS

APRIL 15-17, 2020: TAMCAR SPRING INSTITUTE AND ACADEMY; EMBASSY SUITES IN MURFREESBORO

May 17-20, 2020: IIMC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS, MO

May 9-12, 2021: IIMC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI

MAY 22-25, 2022: IIMC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LITTLE ROCK, AR

MAY 14-17, 2023: IIMC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2024: IIMC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

When yesterday's tornado swept through Putnam County, it took with it the life of beloved city employee Jessica Clark, who was Cookeville's Accounting Tech I and the assistant of TAMCAR's Cathy McClain. Cathy said her city is devastated at Jessica's loss. For several years, Jessica had worked on their switchboard. Just three weeks ago, she started working directly with Cathy, so it hit Cathy very hard. Jessica and her husband were following the accepted protocol of going to their basement for safety. She was in the basement when the tornado swept him out of their home into the back yard. He survived, but the house caved in on top of Jessica. Our hearts, very deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Jessica's husband, Cathy and the city of Cookeville at this terrible loss.



MARCH 3RD TORNADO

Yesterday, the unthinkable happened. A powerful tornado followed approximately the same path as a devastating tornado in 1998—cutting a wide swathe near the heart of downtown Nashville and through Germantown, East Nashville, Hermitage, Donelson, Mt. Juliet, Lebanon and all the way through towns leading to even more destruction after it re-strengthened before hitting Cookeville and Putnam County hard. At last count, 24 invaluable lives were lost, with many more injured (including at least 30 first responders/emergency workers) and many still missing. It was on the ground for over an hour, tearing apart homes, restaurants and clubs, schools, Nashville's John Tune airport, businesses, historic buildings and—most importantly—families and friends who lost loved ones. The pain and devastation left behind are mind-numbing.

Once again, though, as in every emergency, the Volunteer State is pulling together, with neighbors helping neighbors in the recovery of each area affected by this incredible storm. Local stores in Nashville were jammed yesterday with residents buying cleaning supplies, personal items, food, water, pet food and other staples to either personally help with cleanup or to give to those who've lost basically everything except the pajamas on their backs and their pets. Several shoppers were overheard saying they needed to rest last night because they were going out to help with cleanup all day today. It makes us proud to be Tennesseans, who care about our neighbors and want to help however we can—whether that's by our time, donations of money or gifts of food, clothes or other items the misplaced can certainly use. Local organizations, as well as the Red Cross and Salvation Army, are already accepting donations for the victims of this tornado, which ranged in strength from an F2 to an F3, depending where it was hitting. Please see the next page for ideas of ways you can help, as compiled by the Tennessee Municipal League (TML). Of course, heartfelt thanks go out to all the brave and well-trained first responders, including police, EMTs and fire department forces, as well as doctors, nurses, hospital staffs and all others in the medical field who're helping those who have been affected. The power companies, gas companies, water companies, phone companies, public works departments, city offices, and others who are trying to get things back as normal as possible as quickly as possible also are working "above and beyond" and certainly deserve our appreciation.

City governments have been working heroically on behalf of their citizens, as have State officials and offices. We are Tennessee Strong, and we always fight for our neighbors. This time will be no exception. We always have more that pulls us together than tears us apart, and tragedies like this always remind us of that. Let's do all we can to make things better for our cities that were so horribly affected by yesterday's tornado.

After all, we all **are** Volunteers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BETH HICKMAN!

We're pleased to announce that Beth Hickman, City Clerk for the City of Oak Ridge, has just earned her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). As those of us who have earned it or are working toward it know, this requires extensive educational experience, usually totaling more than 120 specifically targeted educational hours. This program has existed since 1970, so it is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! (THANKS, IIMC!) And we're also celebrating its newest Tennessee CMC designee, so congratulations to Beth!



WAYS TO HELP TORNADO VICTIMS

(compiled by the Tennessee Municipal League)

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has established a Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund: <https://www.cfmt.org/story/middle-tennessee-emergency-response-fund/>.

TEMA has posted a page on its website that offers resources for those recovering and will be updated regularly, <https://www.tn.gov/tema/get-involved/flooding-and-severe-weather-response.html>.

Cookeville has established an email account for those interested in donating equipment, food or supplies: helpnow@PutnamCountyTN.gov.

Cookeville is also in the process of establishing the Cookeville/ Putnam County Relief Fund – similar to what Gatlinburg did during the tragic fires in 2016.

The Mt. Juliet Police Department is providing updates and ways to respond on its website; <https://mjpdnews.org/tornado/>

The Lebanon Police Department is providing updates through its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lebanon-Police-Department>

The Tennessee Region of the American Red Cross is directly supporting relief efforts in the State, <https://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee.html>.

The Salvation Army is mobilizing disaster relief teams to help those in need in Middle Tennessee. For more information and to donate, please visit give.helpsalvationarmy.org.



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, ANGIE MARSHALL

Hello, fellow TAMCAR clerks!

2020 is well underway, and I am excited to see so many of you receiving your CMC and MMC certifications from the IIMC. What a fantastic achievement and a tribute to lots of hard work. Congratulations to each and every one of you. If anyone has questions about IIMC or their state certification, please feel free to reach out to me.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Conference in Murfreesboro! If you still need to register, it's not too late. The agenda looks outstanding and is posted online if you haven't seen it. The conference is a great place to learn and network. Remember to bring an item for the silent auction and sign up for the group dinner at Jonathan's on Wednesday. Last time was a blast.

And don't forget we are having an Athenian Dialogue on the Tuesday before the conference (from noon to 6 p.m.). The book for discussion is *Sully*, about the noted pilot who safely landed a plane in the Hudson River in New York with no casualties. One of the passengers who was on board, Vallie Collins, will be stopping by the dialogue for a personal Q&A. She is also speaking on Wednesday morning to the Academy and Institute.

Lastly, I just wanted to remember our Middle Tennessee clerks right now in light of the recent tornado. I have seen the pictures and I can't even begin to imagine the pieces you have to pick up after a disaster such as this, personally and professionally. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected. Your TAMCAR family is here for you.

Warm regards,
Angie Marshall MMC
TAMCAR President