TAMCAR NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2020

SAVE THESE DATES
APRIL 20-23, 2021: TAMCAR SPRING CONFERENCE (INSTITUTE & ACADEMY) — EMBASSY SUITES IN MURFREESBORO, TN
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

FALL TAMCAR CONFERENCE CANCELLED
Because of the Coronavirus, President Angie Marshall has notified us that the difficult decision was made to cancel this year’s TAMCAR’s Fall Conference (Institute & Academy), which had been scheduled for September 16-18, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. Large groups of gatherings are still discouraged, so it was decided cancelling was the best option. We will miss seeing each other and exchanging ideas and news, but keeping each other safe is the only viable choice these days.

IN-PERSON SPRING COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE CANCELLED BUT CLASSES HELD ONLINE
The Court Clerks Conference that had been scheduled for Spring 2020 was changed from an in-person conference to a series of three Zoom conferences in June. Hosted by John Eskew (MTAS’ Municipal Court Specialist), the classes were presented by Elisha Hodge (“How to Do Public Records Requests”), Melissa Ashburn (“Records Retention”), and Mr. Eskew (“Bootcamp”). It was the initial experience with Zoom classes for some of us, and it was definitely a great experience. Each of the presenters was knowledgeable, interesting, and interactive.
Thanks for MTAS for coming up with this fine alternative to our annual conference.
ROAD TRIPS

If you're hesitant to fly on a summer vacation, and decide to drive, be sure to keep these essential items in your vehicle:
Cellphone and charger
First Aid Kit
Flashlight (heavy, waterproof, with extra batteries)
Extra Hand Sanitizer
Cloth Face Masks
Jumper Cables
Toolkit
Latex-free Disposable Gloves (when getting gas and for other protection)
Work gloves (changing tires, adding oil, etc.)
Spare clothes and shoes (if you need to stop overnight)
Drinking water and snacks
Disinfectant wipes
Paper Towels
Light Blanket
Pillow
Spare Tire
Jack for Tires
Books
Games for Kids
Cold Beverages

**HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE!**

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We believe all members of TAMCAR and society in general—no matter the race, religion, sexual identity or political beliefs—are equally important. We celebrate the differences because the different backgrounds and experiences only can bring viewpoints and ideas that can make us stronger as people and as an organization. We don't believe in discrimination against anyone, and we feel ALL lives matter. We care deeply about those who have suffered discrimination and pray that everyone realizes the importance of each individual and treats them as they would be treated—honoring the Golden Rule is still the best way to live.

We do support our police who work hard and risk their lives to keep all of us safe. The actions of the few police who are exceptions to the rule horrify all of us, especially other police officers who are unjustly grouped with them in some of the public's eyes. We need to realize the great majority of police take "Serve and Protect" seriously and believe that means they are determined to include everyone under this motto. If police departments are de-funded or eliminated, who will we call if we need help—if we're attacked, if snipers target our City Hall or schools, if our cars are stolen, if criminals break into our homes or offices, if we're sent suspicious packages, if we have accidents and need the road around us to be blocked off until they can be cleared, if we're stalked, if someone destroys our property, if we're being threatened, or any of the multitude of tasks police currently handle? We trust that the police will help us as quickly and professionally as possible. If we have no police or fewer police, who will be there for us???
Greetings TAMCAR family,

What a very unique and unprecedented year we have seen already. And we’re just halfway through it! I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy and as positive as you can be with everything going on around us. It breaks my heart that we had to cancel our conferences this year. I hope that 2021 brings clerks out of the woodworks to the spring conference. We will give networking a whole new meaning.

I have enjoyed serving as president these past two years. I know that our Vice-President, Valerie Haie (Crossville), will do an outstanding job when she takes over in the very near future. Consider this letter another call for volunteers wishing to serve as Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Those are very important roles that need to be filled. You will gain valuable insight to our organization and earn experience credits for your CMC or MMC.

Stay tuned to your email for information on our upcoming annual board meeting. This will be held electronically, and everyone is encouraged to attend if possible. Continue to be your awesome selves and seek out educational opportunities where you can. We can still grow personally and professionally even if we’re stuck at home! And as we open back up and move forward, keep smiling and clerk on!

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In this time of confusion, fear and dread of Coronavirus/COVID-19, please know that your fellow clerks, recorders and TAMCAR/IIMC officials are on your side and impressed by all you're doing to keep your cities running as smoothly as possible. You ARE an essential worker and, though you're not mentioned as much as police officers, firemen, EMTs, nurses, doctors and other healthcare officials and other essential workers, you are also a true hero. The citizens of your cities depend on you and appreciate your being there for them during this difficult time. Please continue to wear masks, to wash your hands for 20-seconds at a time, to use hand sanitizer and to "socially distance yourself" by staying at least six feet away from others. You're important to so many people, and all of them (and those of us in TAMCAR) want you to stay safe! It looks like some places are having to step back instead of moving forward on their steps toward "normalcy", so make sure you help your citizens work to prevent as many as possible from acquiring this devastating disease. And please take every precaution to stay safe and healthy yourself! We're living through a difficult time, but I believe there are better times ahead. And we want to share those good times with you when we can safely get together again!

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