

NEWSLETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Tennessee RiverLine 652 {By Abby Bertrum, Communications Intern}

As previously stated in our May 2019 newsletter, Roane County applied to be a Pilot Community for the Tennessee RiverLine 652 Project Grant. Since then, we have announced that we have been selected!

As a refresher, the Tennessee RiverLine 652 is a vision for a continuous system of hiking, biking, and on-water experiences along the 652-mile reach of the Tennessee River from Knoxville, TN, to Paducah, KY. Roane County is very fortunate to have 40 miles of the Tennessee River alongside our communities. We hope to use this to our advantage and capitalize on this opportunity to connect the Tennessee River to our communities.

The project is still in the beginning stages, and though we know a lot already, there is still a lot to learn and plan for. Our next step will be to plan a Community Engagement event in which the community will have the chance to voice their thoughts or concerns about this project. The location and date to this event will be announced at a later date.

To learn more, go to tnriverline.org or follow Roane County Government on Facebook to get updates on the project.



Learn More

County Executive, Ron Woody, is currently working on several articles for the Roane County Newspaper that will be published each week in the Wednesday edition. A few articles have already been published and are listed below. You can also find these articles on our website at www.roanecountytn.gov

- "Does Roane County Have an Emergency Fund?" 5/1/19
- "Roane County's Ambulance Operations" 5/8/19
- "Rural Services of Fire Protection and Animal Control" 5/15/19
- "Three Debt Fund" 5/22/19
- "Why do We Have To Have Tax Increase?" 5/29/19

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HAPPY SUMMER

Highway Department {Brian Matthews}

We have a lot to say thank you for this month. We started the month off with Justin Gambrell bringing his Rockwood High School AP Government class to the highway department to visit, have lunch, and ask some



questions about local government. We want to thank County Executive Ron Woody and OES Director Tim Suter for stopping by to visit with the class. Then we spent the evening with Tim

Thompson, Amanda Daniels, and the staff of Kingston Elementary at their STEM Night and we had a blast! Then County Commissioner Jerry White joined us at Dyllis Springs Elementary for Career Day. We want to thank Ms. Weaver and Ms. Topmiller, for the invitation. As always, if you need us, then reach out to us!

Hazardous Waste Success

All of these materials of total waste were kept out of the environment by your commitment and taking your time for attending the event. We wish to congratulate you on your participation and diligence for keeping the environment safe for you, your family, and all the citizens of your county. If you would like to be reminded of your next household hazardous waste event, just provide any updates to your email account. We thank you again for all you did to make this event a successful one. We look forward to serving you in the future.

We value your feedback and comments regarding this event. Please take the time to complete our Customer Appreciation Survey. <https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/contact-tdec-customer-service-form.html>

Because of your participation, 95 households attended the event.

- 814 pounds of Flammable Liquids (Lighter Fluid, Gasoline, Lamp Oils)
- 975 pounds of Poisonous Material (Pesticides and Herbicides)
- 249 pounds of Aerosols (Spray Paint and Cleaners)
- 144 pounds of Fluorescent Lamps
- 131 pounds of Corrosive Material (Oven Cleaner, Bleach, Draino)
- 13 pounds of Oxidizers
- 13 pounds of Sharps
- Event Total Weight 2,385

From your Friends at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, "We would like to express our sincere thanks for contributing to the success of your Household Hazardous Waste Event on May 11th, 2019."

Summer is here, and there's no better time to "Soak in Roane!"

All season long, you'll find plenty of opportunities for festivals, food, fishing, and fun!

► Kick off the season at Shipwreck Diner's Shrimp Fest on Saturday, June 1 from 4p-8p. Make plans to stop by and grab some delicious food, listen to live music and visit with other vendors selling all kinds of goodies! Don't forget, there's homemade ice cream, too!



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continued from page 2... ► Looking to escape into another world for a few hours? Two weekends remain for Harriman's Tennessee Medieval Faire. On June 1-2 and 8-9 only, you and your entire family can be transported to a time of jesters, jousting matches, and just about any artisan vendor you could want. ► Downtown Rockwood's Polk Salad Festival brings fun and local flavor to town on June 15! Good food, great music & historical vendors make this a can't-miss event every year! The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion sure know how to cook! ► Looking for a little more music? You'll find great bands and solo artists playing all summer long. Every single Tuesday night, you'll hear live bluegrass at Bradbury Community Club on Buttermilk Road. Want to be a part of the action? Bring or borrow an instrument and join right in! ► If you're more of a casual observer, give the game of Singo a try on Thursday nights at Old Capital Public House! It's played just like Bingo, but with a musical twist. Order dinner, grab a card, and sing along. ► If Gospel is more your style, you can find it at Whitestone Inn's Summer Concert Series. With performances by Jeff and Sheri Easter, Guy Penrod, The Martins, The Isaacs and many more. Tickets are on sale now. ► Maybe you'd rather listen to music on the banks of Watts Bar. Well, you can do that too! Our marina restaurants book bands nearly every weekend, and it's sure to be a rocking good time. ► Speaking of Watts Bar, there are plenty of opportunities to take advantage of summer days on the water. You can rent a paddle board in Kingston, fish on the banks of more than 700 miles of shoreline, kayak across a quiet cove or meet your friends on the sand bar for a day of sunshine and good times! ► On June 22, those who dare can float in the waters of Watts Bar after dark at Kingston's Jaws on the Water event! If you're brave enough, you can watch this classic American horror film from the comfort of your own inner tube. ► Begin July at Kingston's Smokin' the Water July 4th Festival! Great live music, an amazing kid's area, tons of vendors, and the best fireworks display on the water in East Tennessee make this an annual favorite throughout the region. Best of all? It's free! Save your money to spend on food trucks. You won't be disappointed. ► Round out July with an All-American experience at the City of Harriman's Annual Cobbler Festival on Saturday, July 27. Sample creative and classic cobblers in the gazebo, vote for your favorite and stick around to hear who wins! There are plenty of vendors and musical acts to keep you busy.

This is just a small taste of how you can "Soak in Roane" this summer. There are many more events happening across the county. Make plans to visit your favorites, and be sure to use the hashtag **#soakinroane** so we can share your adventures with all of our followers across social media. For a full calendar, visit **www.visitroane.com/events**.

2019 Rabies Clinic

The Roane County Health Department is sponsoring a Rabies Vaccination Clinic to be held at the location and date listed below. You are urged to have your dogs and cats vaccinated each year to comply with the **TENNESSEE RABIES LAW**. Rabies is a threat to humans as well as animals. The vaccination is very important in its control. All dogs and cats, three months or older, are required to be vaccinated. The cost is \$15.00 per vaccination. **"Cash Only"**

Where?

Roane Veterinary Hospital
3000 Roane State HWY

When?

Saturday, June 8, 2019
9 am to 12 pm

Dr. Wesley Cook, DVM: Any questions contact Preston Woody, Environmental Health Specialist at the Roane County Health Dept. at 354-1220.

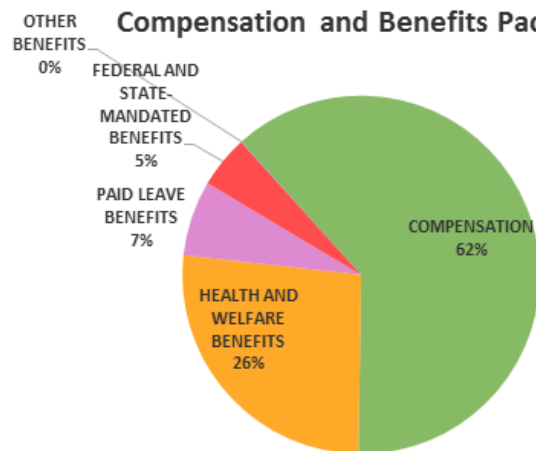
"Your Hidden Paycheck" {By Jennifer Suter}

As an employee of Roane County Government, you receive regular pay for the services you provide. The other part of your total compensation is the value of the benefits that Roane County makes available to you and, if applicable, your family. The value of these benefits is your "hidden paycheck." The following graph is calculated for an employee earning **\$30,000** per year and is intended to give you a summary of the value of the benefits you receive. Using this scenario provides a benefits package that is approximately 38% of the County's total compensation costs for this employee, or **\$18,452.34**. If you have any questions or would like an individual Compensation and Benefits Statement, please contact me at your convenience.

County Contributions Toward Your
Total Compensation and Benefits Package



Percentage of Total County Paid
Compensation and Benefits Package



Summer
Time In
Roane
County

County Government Meetings

3rd	Risk Management	QRC	6:30 pm
4th	Budget Committee	TBD	TBD
6th	Industrial Liaison Roane Alliance	CR	5:00 pm
6th	ERB	CR	6:00 pm
10th	County Commission	QCR	7:00 pm
11th	Fire Board	OES	6:15 pm
13th	Emergency Service	OES	6:15 pm
19th	BZA	QCR	6:00 pm
19th	PC	QCR	7:30 pm
20th	PUB	WWP	4:00 pm
20th	Public Hearing for Parks & Rec	The Cottage	2:30 pm
25th	Master Plan	The Cottage	5:30 pm

When Life Is On The Line, We're In The Air.

Dear Roane County Employees,



Roane County Government has partnered with AirMedCare Network (known locally as UT Lifestar) to offer you, as an employee, the opportunity to join AirMedCare Network's Membership Program at a special "members - only" discounted rate!

Annual Membership Fees for Hopkinsville Electric System Staff \$60 - Household - 1 Year Membership

Protect your family with an AirMedCare Network membership.

If you or a family member experience a life- or limb-threatening emergency, our alliance of air ambulances can provide medical transport—dramatically reducing travel time to an emergency treatment facility.

When you join, you're covered.

Out-of-pocket expenses for emergency air medical transport are a reality. But with AMCN membership, you can have peace of mind knowing you'll have no out-of-pocket expenses if flown by an AMCN provider. As an AMCN member, you're covered by over 320 locations across 38 states, including Alaska & Hawaii.

No out-of-pocket expenses associated with the flight when flown by participating AMCN providers (co-pay, co-insurance, deductible), even if the claim is denied by insurance or flight was out-of-network.

The household plan provides membership benefits for any person who resides under one residential roof (This is helpful for families who have assumed care of elderly parents or grandchildren). Full-time undergraduate college students can be covered under their parents' membership if their primary residence is still with the parents.

Joining is easy! Become a member today so you and your family can have peace of mind, at home and on the road! We will be setting up a payroll deduction for the membership. Completed and return enrollment forms to my office. AMCN Representatives will be on site July 9-10 to answer any questions and enroll members. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 865-717-4102.

Senior Employment Services (SCSEP-Title V)

An employment training program for low-income, unemployed individuals aged 55 years and older.

To be eligible, you must be:

- 55 years of age or older
- Must be a legal resident of Tennessee
- Unemployed
- A family income at no more than 125% of the federal poverty level.



The first priority for program enrollment is given to veterans and their eligible spouses, as long as their discharge was not dishonorable.

The program provides subsidized, part-time work experience for a limited time through community service. Participants in the program learn new skills through valuable work experience and other training to become competitive in today's workforce.

Contact Arlita Brisbin, Roane County's SCSEP representative, at abrisbin@ethra.org or by phone at 865-691-2551 ext 4347 for more info.

Roane County Needs You

3 Opportunities to Get Involved in Roane County Government

1. The Roane County Environmental Review Board (ERB) needs two (2) members: This board was created to review environmental issues such as hazardous waste, nuclear energy and/or anything pertaining to the environment. This board has the power to make recommendations to the County Executive and Commission. *Meets monthly at the courthouse every 1st Thursday at 6 pm*

2. Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) needs a Alternate from Rockwood: The purpose of the BZA is to rule on the application of existing zoning laws. It is difficult to create zoning regulations that universally apply to all parcels of land. The BZA allows property owners with unique conditions on their parcels a means to appeal for an exception. *Meets monthly at the courthouse every 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm*

3. Board of Equalization (BOE) Alternate: The BOE is responsible for adjusting and equalizing the valuation of real and personal property of Roane County. The BOE is also responsible for providing an estimate of all revenue that will be available for appropriation in the coming fiscal year. *Meets annually throughout the month of June.*

*For more information
contact the Roane County
Executive's Office:*

info@roanecountyttn.gov
865.376.5578

Roane County Park Master Gardeners Waterfall Bridge

A new bridge was installed at the Roane County Park Master gardeners Waterfall. Our skilled employees built the bridge in the shop during bad weather and got it in place, (thanks to our new/used Backhoe) just before the lake filled with water and the walking path filled with walkers.



Did you know about the Gideon Morgan House...

The Gideon Morgan house, which stands across Kentucky Street from the Historic Roane County Courthouse, was built about 1815 and is the oldest surviving building in Roane County. Gideon Morgan built this house and lived there until his death in 1830. He is buried in the Bethel-Kingston Cemetery. Here is his obituary from the Knoxville Register, Wednesday, 24 Nov 1830, Vol. XV, No. 747:



Obituary. Died, at his residence in Kingston, Roane County, on Monday the 15th inst. at 2 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Gideon Morgan, Sen. aged 79 years and five months after a painful illness of about two weeks. His couch was strictly attended by his numerous friends and relatives, with the assiduous attention of Dr. JORDAN, until his dying hour, when he expired without a groan. Mr. Morgan was born in Connecticut in the year 1751, where he resided until the year 1790, when he emigrated to Augusta county, Virginia, where, beloved by all his acquaintances, he raised a respectable family. He afterwards removed to Albermarle County, Va. where he resided until the year 1810, when he removed to the State of Tennessee, and has resided in Kingston for upwards of twenty years. Mr. Morgan was a man of considerable enterprise; always engaged in improving the country, and in the course of his long and useful life, he laid out as many as three new towns and spent a great deal of property in public improvement. Our little village (Kingston) will long deplore his loss as its greatest public benefactor. He was intelligent, open and sincere in all his actions; ever ready to do an act of kindness to his neighbor--to the poor he was liberal, and the penniless never came to his door but they went away well satisfied. He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent and a tender master. Mr. Morgan was a zealous Mason; he was initiated in the several degrees in early life--was advanced and exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, and was a worthy and intelligent member of the Lodge at Staunton, Va.; he still continued a friend of the order until the fall of 1820, when he became one of the petitioners to the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee for a new Lodge to be held at Kingston, which was granted, under the name and style of "Union Lodge No. 38," of which he was appointed senior warden. On the organization of the new Lodge at Kingston, applications for admissions were numerous and the labors of the craft were excessive, and although an old man of 70, he attended faithfully to his duty, and night after night was engaged with the alacrity and zeal of youth for the promotion of the order. The pillar of strength was never neglected by remissness in the west, but ever attentive to his duty, was usually the first in the Lodge room and the last to leave it. Mr. Morgan continued a member of the Lodge for several years, when he measurably lost his eye-sight and was forced to withdraw, though he often afterwards visited the Lodge, which was honored by his presence. His remains were interred on Monday evening at four o'clock, in the new burying ground, (by the side of his son the late Rufus Morgan,) with masonic honors, by the brethren of the Union Lodge No. 38, followed by a large concourse of his friends and relatives, hoping that at the great day of the resurrection he will put off this mantle of corruption, wove in dust, and , rising from the tomb full robed in immortality and bliss, spread, the strong pinions of upholding faith and hope, and tower with rapid speed beyond the dusky vale of earth to yon bright hill of eternal day; clear as the sun and fairer than the moon, where charity ever dwells an inmate of the throne of God. Communicated.