

## 2014 Shelby County Citizen's University Class Graduation!



**Shelby County 2014 Citizens University Class! The Shelby County Citizens University is a 10 week course that allows citizens to understand government and how it works and introduce the many departments within the Shelby County. Mayor Luttrell, Linda Archer, Kelsey Collier, Martha Daniel, Linda Delaney, Rebecca Edwards, Jimmie Franklin, Noemi Grayer, Jeff Harrison, Paula Huntspon, Pat Jackson, Lucricia Lewis, Jennifer Niter, Valerie Peavy, Tiffany Polk, Lorie Porter, M. Puckett, Preston Rodgers, Juan Self, Gary Whitmore, Darius Williams, Office Manager, Diane Brown and Executive Asst. Theresa Hill.**



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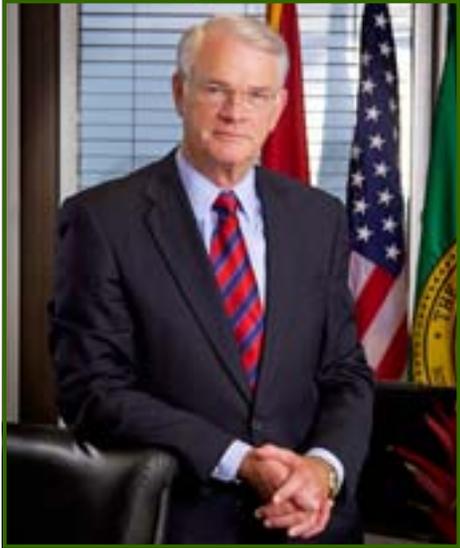


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## *Greetings from the Mayor*



The holiday season is approaching and I want to wish all of you the best for the season. It is a time to give special attention to family and friends. It is also a time to be cautious and to practice good safety habits.

Over the past few months, I have been encouraged by the life-changing events of some of our residents – one house at a time or one groundbreaking at a time. You will see photos of some of these events in this edition.

I have toured and met with many local organizations that focus on healthy lifestyles changes; child and youth development for improved education standards; and community engagement to reduce crime. This is good news to see the intense attention and collaboration given to the welfare of our citizens.

The government, at all levels, has been challenged to maintain healthy levels of services to all of our citizens. We are fortunate to have nonprofit organizations and private industries that have dedicated their missions to helping relieve some of these obstacles.

During the next few weeks of holiday celebrations and outings, take some time out to rest and to enjoy some of activities of the historic cultural venues offered here. There are many performances, sports events, and festivals coming.

I appreciate all you do to make Shelby County a good place to live.

## *Mayor Luttrell on the Move...*



**Mayor Luttrell proclaimed Monday December 22, 2014, Memphis Tigers Football Day! Mayor's staff showed**



**Mayor Luttrell took time out to read to the Pre-K students at Bartlett Elementary!**



**Kingsbury high school students gave \$400 for the Rape Crisis center. They read a novel about the oppression of women, the money came from baked sales. Mayor Luttrell and Shelby County and Community Services Director Martha Lott accepted the money from the students.**



**Mayor Luttrell hugged one of the students from Bon Lin Elementary school at the Germantown parade!**



**Mayor Luttrell listened to the White station elementary students, "Little Spartans" chorus sung Christmas Carols.**



## **Holiday Decorating! Mayor and CAO STAFF!**



**Kim Hackney, Deputy CAO, hosted a women only fellowship event which included decorating of the Christmas tree for the lobby and enjoyment of hot chocolate. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to those in attendance; Diane Brown, Robin Harwell, Mattie James , Vivian Frazier, Jacqueline Taylor, Theresa Hill and Marcia Boyd.**

## **Departmental News Food Baskets Delivery! Department of Communication and Sheriff's Office!**



**Shelby County Government's Public Affairs staff delivered food baskets to residents of the Kefauver Public Housing community near Bartlett during the holidays. Volunteers with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy, Emergency Services and Senior Services divisions assisted with the delivery of the 50 food baskets .**

## **"Memphis Tigers Football Day"**



**Mayor's staff ..... Go Tigers Go!**



**Shelby County Attorney's Office supported the Memphis Tigers Football day!**



**Shelby County Community Service Agency showed off their Tiger attire!**



**Shelby County Health Dept. Betty Robinson & Shirley Terry**



## Meet Marathon Runner Lisa Hill Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator



Lisa Hill, Disproportionate Minority Contact Research Analyst, with the Shelby County Mayor's Office just completed her 30 marathon at the Memphis St. Jude Marathon on June 6, 2014. Her finishing time was 3:49 which qualified her for the 2016 Boston Marathon. Not only did Lisa set a personal record, but this was her second time qualifying for Boston. Lisa is an avid runner, and has also completed countless half marathons, so many, she can no longer recall. She runs 4 days a week and saves her biggest runs, typically anywhere between 15 to 20 miles, for the weekend. Lisa has been running since she was in elementary school and has trained several individuals in the past for half marathons. She believes that running is as common as getting dressed in the mornings and says she will continue to run as long as her feet and knees will allow her. Lisa's current goal is to complete marathons in as many states as she possibly can and is expecting to complete 6 marathons in 2015 as she has done so in the past. She is always trying to encourage friends, family and anyone she encounters to take on her passion for running, and admits that she does indeed have an obsession for running. Lisa welcomes anyone who is willing to lace up their running shoes and join her on a run along the Greenline.

## Department News Shelby County Offers Free Preparedness Training!



### Shelby County Offers Free Preparedness Training

Start the New Year off with CERT Training!

Learn how to prepare for the unexpected by taking the free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, coordinated by Eugene Jones, Preparedness Officer. CERT students learn life-saving skills, gain a new confidence that they will know what to do when an unexpected event occurs, and are then able to assist family, neighbors, and co-workers until the professional rescuers arrive on the scene.

CERT training is presented through lectures, videos, and hands-on exercises to teach students what to do before, during, and after a disaster. Modules include:

- fire suppression (extinguishing a small fire with an ABC fire extinguisher)
- disaster psychology
- medical triage and first aid
- hazardous materials
- disaster preparation (learn how to create a "go kit" for home, work, and auto)
- terrorism
- light search and rescue

Next Class: January 10 and 17, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Students must attend both Saturdays to obtain a certificate.

Location: Shelby County Office of Preparedness, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Building C, Memphis, TN 38134.

Age Limits: 18 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

Register: Pre-registration is required. Email Sandra Mathias at [mathiassl@bellsouth.net](mailto:mathiassl@bellsouth.net).

## Shelby County Office of Preparedness



The eighth session of the Shelby County Citizen's Academy was held at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP), 1075 Mullins Station. Twenty civic-minded citizens were welcomed by Director Dale Lane and his staff to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

"What does the Shelby County Office of Preparedness do and what is an emergency operations center?" Director Lane asked the students. He explained that SCOP, a two-fold agency, Emergency Management and Homeland Security, is tasked with keeping our county prepared for all hazards and threats such as earthquakes, weather events (ice, flooding and tornadoes), and terrorism. "Disasters have little to no warning and we need to ready for anything!" he said.

He pointed out the EOC functions, a large room with computers, Mondo boards, and projection screens - the gathering place where Emergency Support Function representatives report to coordinate resources during a disaster.

He told his audience about the numerous agencies that partner with SCOP: the 6-county Urban Area Security Initiative, who meet monthly working to mitigate disasters and share Homeland Security grant-funded equipment; the University of Memphis Geographical Information System; the Joint Terrorism Task Force; the National Weather Service; and the Area Maritime Security Committee - to name a few. He said SCOP's ongoing planning and training, using tabletop and full-scale exercises, is vital to test our preparedness plans. Director Lane introduced his dedicated staff who each gave a presentation in the EOC and then invited the students outside to demonstrate their Homeland Security equipment.



## Departmental News



To All Shelby County Elected Officials and Employees

I want to express my appreciation to our Shelby County Government family for making our community an even better place to work and live. Because of you, our partnership with United Way of the Mid-South has been strengthened this year. Our most recent fund drive ended with a huge success raising a total of \$134,500.00 to support our community. That is \$3,500 beyond our campaign goal!

These donations will certainly assist United Way in impacting the lives of those in need in the greater Memphis and Shelby County metro area. I am even more pleased to report that our employees supporting United Way has grown to 1,099 contributors. Our Leadership Givers (contributors giving \$500 or more) also increased this year from 76 to 127 members.

I want to personally thank Janice Holmes, Campaign Chair and Mike Lewis, Leadership Chairman, this year for their hard work. Additionally, all of those coordinators in the various departments are to be commended for pushing us over the goal.

Again, thank you for your support and contributions. Your support will go a long way to ensure the stability of United Way's efforts in our local community.

Sincerely,

Mark Luttrell

Mayor

## Shelby County Trustee's Office Project Home Workshop!



**Mr. David Lenoir, Shelby County Trustee, shared information on the different programs that Shelby County have to offer citizens to assist with questions and helpful resources in regards to their property tax.**

## Training!



Shelby County Employees,

Supervisory- Communicating with Employees About Work Issues:  
January 12, 2-4 p.m.

Supervisory- Using Feedback to Improve Management and Leadership Skills:  
January 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Supervisory- Balancing Working and Leading:  
January 20, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Supervisory- Management by Walking Around:  
January 22, 2-4 p.m.

**January 2015 Winter Blood Drive**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26	27	28	29	30
		Winter Blood Drive	Winter Blood Drive	Winter Blood Drive
		Jail East 12 noon - 4 p.m. (Sat)	Jury Commission 157 Poplar Ave. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (ends at 1st hour)	Aging Commission 2670 Union Ave. 12 noon - 6:00 p.m. (Sat)
		Code Enforcement 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (ends at 1st hour)	201 Poplar Ave. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (See Washington st.)	Health Department 1100 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Sat)
		Division of Corrections 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Sat)		

**Lifeblood**

That every 2 seconds 1 person in America needs blood ...

Did you know? That donating blood reduces the chances of ischemic heart diseases (beginning of heart problems) and frequent donations reduce the accumulated and unwanted iron load from the human body...

That one donation can help save up to three lives, maybe even someone you know ...



**Department News**  
**Family Safety Center**

**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**



The Crime Victims Center The Shelby County Crime Victims Center is the hub of victim services for the City of Memphis and Shelby County. Any resident of Shelby County who is a victim of a crime, or anyone who becomes a victim while visiting the county, may access services through this office. Victim services include:

- Assistance Filing for the Tennessee Criminal Injuries Fund
- Crisis counseling
- Help developing a meaningful safety plan
- Help with obtaining an Order of Protection
- Help with Social Services needs, including screening

Note: All services are free and confidential.

For help as a victim of crime, please contact us at (901) 222-3950, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Or, you may complete the following online request for help:

**Contact**  
**Anna Whalley, LCSW**  
Administrator of  
Crime Victim Services

**The Crime Victims Center (CVC)**  
1750 Madison Ave., Suite 100  
Memphis, TN 38104

Ph: (901) 222-3950  
Fx: (901) 222-3951

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm





## Department News

### Shelby County Promotions Spotlight

*The following Shelby County employees were promoted during the month of September 2014.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>
Lawrence Allen	Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Captain
Gregg Axley	Public Works	Manager A
Vonda Cherry	Assessor's Office	Appraiser
Kenneth Cole	Criminal Court	MGR of Information Systems
Mona Curtis	Information Tech	Network Systems Administrator
Ladonna Graham	Juvenile Court	Training Coordinator
Dwayne Johnson	Sheriff's Office	Manager A
June Lindsey	Criminal Court	Chief Executive Secretary
Katherine Nall	Assessor's Office	Computer System Tech.
Sidney Purham	Assessor's Office	Field Appraiser
Barbara Reynolds	Chancery Court	Principal Court Clerk
Estellita Richardson	Criminal Court	Supervisor B
Emma Sturdivant	Juvenile Court	Attorney- Coordinator Def Panel
Larry Swain	Juvenile Court	Process Officer II
Toccara Ware	Juvenile Court	JC Detention Officer Lead
Brenda Wash	Corrections	Foreman A
Brent Weirich	Juvenile Court	Accountant B
Yolanda Woods	Health Department	Environmental Sanitation Trainer
Donald Wright	Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Chief Inspector



## ***Congratulations!***

### ***Thank you to the Employees of Shelby County Government***

The Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree charity event provides an excellent opportunity for those who want to make a difference and bring a smile to the faces of underprivileged children and forgotten seniors during the holiday season. This giving opportunity doesn't require a significant commitment of money or time, and it's an excellent good deed of choice when it comes to giving; small budget donors work just as well as donors who make significant contributions, and we are thankful for all donations. The only requirement to be a donor is to have a large heart.

The employees of Shelby County Government did an awesome job this year and we want to thank each and every employee who adopted an angel out the goodness of his/her heart and we would also like to thank those who had a desire to give, but did not have the financial resources at this time. We can truly say that we have made some children and seniors very happy during this great holiday season, so again thank you and we hope that we can continue this wonderful tradition next year.

Chamayne J. Shaw  
Employee Activities Coordinator





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## About Shelby County

Shelby County was established in 1819. It is the state's largest county both in terms of population and geographic area. Its county seat is Memphis. It is part of the Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area, which comprises eight counties in the three states of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Shelby County was named for Governor Isaac Shelby (1750-1826) of Kentucky.

Shelby County is governed by a mayor-commissioner form of government under a Home Rule Charter that went into effect on September 1, 1986. Each serves a 4-year term. Together, the administration and the Board of County Commissioners are responsible for governing the most populous of Tennessee's 95 counties. The county's personnel staff of approximately 6,270 people have the direct duty of providing services for 910,100 citizens according to the 2007 estimated census data.

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., was elected as Shelby County Mayor on August 5, 2010.



## DECEMBER 2014 ANNIVERSARIES

### 35 Years of Service

- Loretta Skinner, Health Dept.
- Calvin Ester, Sheriff's Office
- Susan Mason, Health Dept.
- James Milam, Code Enforcement
- William Pinkston, Juvenile Court

### 30 Years of Service

- Edward Illsley, Code Enforcement
- Sylvester Reaves, Sheriff's Office
- Cheyenne Johnson, Assessor's Office
- Carol Boyd, Health Dept.
- Ywonna Mays, Health Dept.
- Vivian Mormon, Health Dept.
- James Powell, Support Services

### 25 Years of Service

- Randy Mason, Correction's
- James Doss, Health Dept.
- Della Sheffield, Information Tech.
- Vivian Ellis, Sheriff's Office
- Daniel Nesbitt, Sheriff's Office
- Steven Perry, Sheriff's Office
- Michael Pryor, Sheriff's Office
- Arlene Reed, Sheriff's Office
- Elizabeth Triplett, Assessor's Office
- Ronald Palmer, Assessor's Office
- David Smith, ATTGEN
- Susan Peterson, Sheriff's Office
- Teresa Garvins, Juvenile Court
- Gail Peppers, Sheriff's Office



## DECEMBER 2014 RETIREES

### Employee, (Years & Services) & Dept.

- Lisa M. Arnold, (31), General Session
- Janet L. Bell, (10), Juvenile Court
- Larry Hill, (15), Sheriff's Office
- James R. Kanel, (25), Fleet Service
- Gina F. Lee, (25), Sheriff's Office
- Mark C. Loeffel, (25), Corrections
- David M. Marshall Sr., (24), Health Svc.
- Rhonda Norris, (32), Board of Equalization
- James M. Tickle, (7.5), Sheriff's Office
- Stephen L. Williams, (29), Sheriff's Office
- Anglis Hayes, (15), Juvenile Court
- Carmen Thomas, (21), General Sessions



## DECEMBER 2014 CONDOLENCES

Below is a list of employees who lost a loved one this month. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Relations</u>
Yvonne Gaines	Criminal Court Office	Ms. Elizabeth Howard	Mother
Edwin Raper	Information Technology	Ms. Sherri Moore	Mother
Cynthia Chambers	General Sessions Criminal	Mr. Patrick McDaniel	Brother
Dr. Cleo Kirk	Board of Commissioners		Former EE
Ms. Marzine Pegues	Criminal Court Office		Self
Sandy Montesi	Circuit Clerk's Office	Mrs. Ruthie Hayse Griffin	Mother
Lavator Thompson	Division of Corrections	Ms. Orlisa Horton	Mother
Valerie Horton	Assessor's Office	Ms. Horton	Mother

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