



TOWNSEND SPRING FEST

Townsend Visitor's Center, May 4-5

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy genuine bluegrass music, arts and crafts, food, and Spring Festivities for the entire family at the Townsend Visitor's Center (7906 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, TN 37882). Partake in time honored traditions and Appalachian cooking at the annual Townsend in the Smokies Spring Festival sponsored by Wild Laurel Golf Course, The Chocolate Bar, The Daily Times, WATE-TV, Big Meadow Campground & RV, Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer Shop, Carriage House Restaurant and Smoky Mountain River Rat Tubing.

Complete schedule, list of crafters, food vendors, activities and live music schedule can be found at www.SmokyMountains.org

Daily Schedule

May 4-5

Crafts & Demonstrations: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Food: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Music: Noon-10 p.m.

Parking is \$10 per day or \$15 for two-day pass. Proceeds benefit the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department.

Parking passes may be purchased at the Townsend Visitor's Center (7906 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend), the Maryville Welcome Center (201 S. Washington St., Maryville) or at the parking gate on event days.

FREE Townsend Shuttle

Don't forget to hop on the FREE shuttle that takes you around Townsend.

Buses, donated from the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center, run from the Heritage Center to Trillium Cove to Little River Railroad Museum to Cades Cove Cellars to Apple Valley to the Townsend Visitor's Center and back to the Heritage Center.

One bus runs from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a second from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., both days.

The last bus leaves the Townsend Visitor's Center at 6 p.m. and returns to the Heritage Center, on both Friday and Saturday.

Other Events

Check out the Tennessee Pottery Festival at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center (123 Cromwell Dr.) on May 5. (www.gsmheritagecenter.org)

Whether you are searching for an Appalachian piece of artwork for your home, hungry for some delicious barbeque or just looking to enjoy the many bluegrass performances, there is just about something for everyone to enjoy at this special two-day event.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

The event calendar on BlountChamber.com allows the community to post its events directly to gain added exposure. These are great opportunities to connect and network with potential customers. Visit our website to receive notices of events and meetings you would like to attend – BlountChamber.com, click on Events Calendar.

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28-29 Ken Justice at Townsend Visitors Center

MAY

- 2 Is Your Business Prepared for an Active Shooter Incident?
- 4 State Legislative Briefing
- 4 Hops for Hope
- 4-5 Townsend Spring Heritage Festival and Old Timers Day
- 5 Tennessee Pottery Festival
- 7 Sixth Annual Blount County Tourism Day
- 8 Chamber Social at Harmony Family Center
- 12 Townsend Community Cleanup
- 12 Mudder's Day Madness to benefit Harmony Family Center
- 15 Network Training Class
- 16 ZDayZ 2018
- 18-20 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games
- 21 Women in Business
- 22 Corinne Coley and Bill Saltz at Townsend Visitor Center
- 24 Coffee Club sponsored by AMR/Rural Metro
- 25 Fred Weiser at Townsend Visitors Center
- 25 Tremont Spring Open House
- 28 Karen Semmel & Ken Justice at Townsend Visitors Center
- 31 Paulette Mittler at Townsend Visitors Center

View more information on these events at www.BlountChamber.com

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on Event Submission at www.BlountChamber.com

New Members

We'd like to welcome new members to the Blount County Chamber of Commerce who joined since last month. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please call 865.983.2241 or go to www.BlountChamber.com

Chadwick's Creamery
www.chadwickscreamery.com

Chuck's Concessions
www.chucksconcessions.com

Commercial Cutting Equipment
www.cce-tn.com

Cracker Barrel
www.crackerbarrel.com

East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC)
www.eteconline.org

Excellent Onsite Computer Training
www.facebook.com/ExcellentOCT/

Open Roads Media
www.openroadsmedia.com

Panda Express
www.pandaexpress.com

Rebel Living - N2 Publishing
www.n2pub.com

Ullrich Print Plus powered by Proforma
www.ullrichprinting.com

UT Extension Institute of Agriculture
www.blount.tennessee.edu

Volunteer Mechanical, Inc.
www.volmechanical.com

WLH Consulting
www.wlhconsulting.com

Blount Area Jobs

Are you looking for a job?

Are you looking for employees?

If you fall into either category, then you need to check out www.BlountAreaJobs.com.

The job board provided by the Blount County Chamber of Commerce has listings for part and full-time positions with area employers. It also has complete job listings for DENSO, Newell Brands, Clayton, Vanderbilt Mortgage, Staffing Solutions, ResourceMFG, Blount Memorial Hospital and direct links to numerous staffing agencies.

Additionally, access to the state of Tennessee's job board can also be found. There, you can create a profile and get notifications of jobs fitting your qualifications statewide.

www.BlountAreaJobs.com

Premier & Presidential Partners



Business Counseling



Are you looking to start a small business or need help in your current one? Then check out the Tennessee Small Business Development Center that visits the Blount County Chamber every

Thursday.

To schedule a FREE small business counseling session or to make an appointment with a representative from the Tennessee SBDC call Kasey at 983-2241.