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TVA's 90th Anniversary Celebration

The Tennessee Valley Authority encourages residents across the seven-state region to participate in their 90th anniversary celebrations at events across the Tennessee Valley.

TVA was established with the signing of the TVA Act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 18, 1933. To kick off the celebrations, on the actual anniversary, TVA employees and retirees participated in a “Day of Service,” volunteering in more than 150 projects at agencies and non-profit organizations across the region.

“Nine decades ago, TVA arose as a force for good - to lift up a struggling region of our nation,” said Jeff Lyash, TVA President and CEO. “TVA was created on a clear mission to benefit the public good. It’s a mission that has stood the test of time.”

“Service is at the heart of everything we do, and our employees exemplify that by their commitment to our communities, even after they retire, each and every day. We are privileged to serve the communities and people across this region. We look forward to continuing to work together on even more successes in the next 90 years.”

TVA's employees serve the people of our seven-state region through energy production, environmental stewardship and economic development. This three-fold mission of service has stood the test of time and is as relevant today as ever before.

TVA welcomes the public to join in our 90th celebration, which includes: Opportunities for the public to tour several of our historic dams. “Built for the People” tours are being offered on a limited basis at Kentucky Dam, Norris Dam, Pickwick Dam, Fontana Dam, Chickamauga Dam, Wilson Dam and Raccoon Mountain from June into September. Anyone interested in joining a tour can sign up at www.tva.com/90. Names will be drawn at random for each of the tours and individuals will be notified prior to the dates of the tours.

And if you’ve ever dreamed of a road trip to check out the best spots across the Tennessee Valley, we have you covered with Pat & Ashley’s Excellent Adventure! TVA Historian Pat Ezzell and Social Media Specialist Ashley Walker will hit the road in July, making stops at some of the most interesting and significant places across our region. You can keep up with their adventures on our social media platforms.

TVA is also bringing the festivities to communities throughout the summer. Look for our booths at locations including Riverbend Music Festival in Chattanooga, HydroFest in Guntersville, Alabama, the Tennessee State Fair, and the Asian Festival in Knoxville. For more information and a complete schedule of the anniversary activities visit www.tva.com/90.

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Clarksville Presents \$3.36 Million Solar Energy Deal

Under a considerable purchase agreement by the Clarksville City Council, if solar energy provider Silicon Ranch executes the option, it will receive a three-year plan to purchase 140.2 acres of the property from the city for \$3.36 million, according to CDE Lightband General Manager Brian Taylor.

The purchase would be for the construction of the solar farm, which would sell electricity to CDE Lightband at half the price of Tennessee Valley Authority, a federal agency that provides electricity for local power companies in Tennessee.

Silicon Ranch would sell up to 15 megawatts of solar power generated at the site to CDE Lightband. According to Taylor with CDE, that amount of power would be equivalent to generating 56% of the electricity needed for City of Clarksville departments or would provide service for 1,863 Clarksville households.

Brian Taylor said the solar facility would not have a battery component but would be strictly solar. "This is not a solar storage combination," he said. "The solar array will be connected to one or two of our (CDE) substations."

If considered, Silicon Ranch will purchase the land, build the solar farm, and will interconnect it with TVA and CDE, leaving the city to buy the power. Silicon Ranch will also be responsible for any site work and infrastructure that's needed to prepare the property for their use, Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts said.

Since CDE is authorized by TVA to acquire up to 22.4 megawatts of solar power, Clarksville's power utility would still have capacity to add up to 7.4 megawatts of renewable energy from other projects, according to Stevens.

The project will help the City and CDE Lightband reach sustainability goals.

"It also demonstrates City and CDE leadership in renewable energy, and would help the community recruit energy-conscious commercial and industrial projects," Stevens said.

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TVA Awards \$2.6 Million to Help Make Schools More Energy Efficient

TVA enhances education by awarding \$2.6 million in grants to 64 schools across the Southeast for HVAC upgrades and energy efficiency training to improve the learning environment.

- This funding, which is awarded as a part of TVA's School Uplift program, will save schools about 10% on their energy bills.
- TVA has invested \$7.28 million and helped 118 schools save on their energy bills through the School Uplift program to date.

Schools across the Southeast region will have more money back into their budgets and cleaner air within their facilities thanks to \$2.6 million in grants from the Tennessee Valley Authority. These grants are awarded as part of TVA's School Uplift program, which is expected to save 64 schools across six states an average of 10% on their energy bills this year.

This announcement was attended by hundreds of students and administrators who were eager to learn their school's grant amount. The grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$410,000 and the amount was dependent on the score each school achieved by cutting their energy waste. The grant scoring also incorporates a needs-based assessment of each school's facilities to determine which buildings could achieve the greatest energy savings.

"For nearly 90 years, TVA and our 153 local power company partners have worked to make a positive impact on the communities we serve, and our children are our most important asset," said Monika Beckner, vice president, TVA Energy Services & Programs. "Making classrooms healthier and more comfortable for both students and teachers helps give every child the opportunity to succeed. We're inspired by the winners of this year's School Uplift grants and proud of their dedication to reducing energy waste and building a sustainable future for us all."

In 2021, TVA launched the School Uplift program to invest in students' futures by offering energy efficiency training and grants that not only reduce energy costs but improve the quality of the learning environment. To date, TVA has invested \$7.28 million and has helped 118 schools save on their energy bills. The estimated energy savings resulting from School Uplift upgrades and behavior change is equal to the carbon dioxide equivalent of 26,300 metric tons, or more than 29.5 million pounds of coal.

The 2023-2024 School Uplift program will kick off this summer with 125 new schools already enrolled and on their way to saving energy and helping students across the Valley thrive. School Uplift is one of many TVA programs focused on improving outcomes for students in the region. This year, TVA awarded \$1 million in STEM Grants, helping more than 136,000 students develop STEM skills and promoting financial skills by managing one of the largest student investment programs in the nation.



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ATVG Summer Meeting

July 12-13, 2023

Brasstown Valley Resort (Eastern Time Zone)

Young Harris, GA

Phone: (706) 379-1670

July 12th

- **5:30 p.m. Lakeside Cookout & Social Hour**

July 13th

- **11:00 a.m. ATVG Board Meeting Trackroom Amphitheater** *(Separate agenda will be provided)*
- **11:45 p.m. Lunch in Hotel Dining Room** *(Meal ticket will be provided)*
- **1:00 p.m. ATVG General Meeting** – *Welcome and Introduction Lamar Paris and Cliff Bradshaw*
Call to Order Lamar Paris, ATVG Board President
- **1:15 p.m. TVA Update** – *Bert Robinson, TVA*
- **1:45 p.m. Program to Include – Recreational Tourism, Action Plan from Storm Elliott**

And TVA Energy Services Program

- **5:30 p.m. Social Hour & Dinner in the Creekside Pavilion**

* Please note Hotel Registration link can be found on www.ATVG.org

Please help us make necessary arrangements by letting us know if you will be attending. Send the enclosed registration form by email to: registration@atvg.org or by U.S. mail to: ATVG, P.O. Box 3578, Clarksville, TN 37043

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Association of Tennessee Valley Governments Meeting Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$175.00 for members and affiliates; \$300.00 for non-members

Name:

E-Mail:

Spouse's Name:

Registration Fee for spouse is included/No additional charge

Company/Organization:

Full Address:

Make checks payable to: Association of Tennessee Valley Governments- P.O. Box 3578 – Clarksville, TN 37043



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ATVG advocates for the interests of county and city/town governments residing within the seven-state TVA region and their partners in the public and private sectors.

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