

SESSION 5: Experiencing the Value of Transit in Middle TN

A field excursion on WeGo Public Transit, Music City Star commuter rail operated by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to Mt. Juliet, TN

Wednesday, November 13th

- 3:45 pm Park at the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
211 Commerce Street (Baker Donelson building)
- 4:00 pm Walk to Riverfront Station (10 minutes/4 blocks)
- 4:20 pm Depart on Music City Star to Mt. Juliet Station
- 4:51 pm Arrive at Mt. Juliet Station
Walk to Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce (5
minutes)
Mark Hinesley, Mt. Juliet Chamber
- 5:00 pm Transit Oriented Development: Hamilton Springs
Rick Bell, Hamilton Springs Developer 🎓
- 6:00 pm Board VanStar Vans
- 6:30 pm Arrive Downtown



MARK HINESLEY

President, Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce

Mark joined the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce as a small business owner in 1991. Mark served on the Board of Directors for 6 years, and was elected Board Chairman in 1996. In 1998, Mark sold his business and became the full time President / CEO of the Chamber.

Mark attended Aquinas College and is a Graduate of the Institute for Organizational Management from the University of Colorado. Mark is a Past President of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives and is a Charter Member & Past President of the MJ Noon Rotary Club, a Founding Member of the West Wilson Arts Council, the 100 Club of Wilson County as well as serving on numerous other community, educational, civic, and organizational boards.

Mark was born and raised in the north but here as quick as he could, arriving in Mt. Juliet in 1988. He and his wife Tonya have been married for 13 years. Together they have 4 grown children; two sons and two daughters who live in Alexandria, Atlanta, Nashville, and Memphis. Mark & Tonya enjoy traveling and are on a mission to visit every State Park in TN...52 and counting so far!



RICK BELL

Hamilton Springs Developer

Rick Bell, a native of Lebanon, is a Professor of History at Cumberland University and co-developer of Hamilton Springs, Tennessee's first transit-oriented community. A former member of Lebanon's City Council, Rick is involved in the Wilson County Community in several ways. He serves as the Lebanon City Historian and on the Board of Directors of Historic Lebanon. He also serves on the management committee of the James E. Ward Agriculture Center, the home of the Wilson County Fair, and on the Board of Directors of Empower Me Day Camp, which provides recreation for special needs children in Wilson and surrounding counties. Rick is also a graduate of the 2017 Class of Leadership Middle Tennessee.