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**A daily roundup of recent news stories and opinion pieces about Tennessee transportation, water and flood control infrastructure**

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**[Flood Fairs Offer Aid, Advice To Businesses \(Nashville Business Journal\)](#)**

Business owners who have been impacted by last month's flood are invited to attend a pair of free flood resource fairs that will take place next week, the Mayor's Office announced today. The first fair will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, at Hickory Hollow Mall, Ste. 2151. The second fair will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, in the Crown Ballroom at Millennium Maxwell House, 2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd. The deadline to apply for an SBA loan to cover property damage is July 6. Business owners who cannot attend can get help by visiting the SBA Business Recovery Center at Tennessee State University's Avon Williams Campus, 330 10th Ave. N, Room 200. The Business Response Team, which was formed in the days after the flood by the Mayor's Office and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, is hosting next week's fairs. Businesses are encouraged to register online at [www.nashvillebusinessrecovery.org/events](http://www.nashvillebusinessrecovery.org/events).  
<http://nashville.bizjournals.com/nashville/stories/2010/06/07/daily28.html?surround=fn>

**[Mudslides After Nashville Flood Put Home Repair Costs Out Of Reach \(Tennessean/Cass\)](#)**

FEMA pays only fraction for land stabilization Marti Artibee remembers hearing tree limbs that started popping like the sound of gunfire on May 2. Then the trees themselves started falling like slow-motion dominoes. Artibee and her husband, Fred, left their West Meade home that morning to escape the destruction being wrought by historic storms. They thought the Cornwall Drive home they've owned for 18 years would be gone when they returned a little later. Instead, they found the house battered but still upright. The hillside behind it was another story. "I thought the house would be splinters and pages of books," said Marti, a pre-kindergarten teacher in Metro. "But the house acted as a dam for the trees, and the trees acted as a dam for the mud." The Artibeens are among about a dozen families in Nashville dealing with the aftermath of landslides, mudslides and other non-water damage caused by the May storms. Their houses weren't flooded, but they were hit hard nonetheless.  
<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100611/NEWS0202/6110349/Mudslides+put+home+repair+costs+out+of+reach>

**Opinion**

**[Flood Recovery Advances \(Leaf Chronicle\)](#)**

Totals released this week show a stunning amount of volunteer response to last month's flooding. At least 1,136 volunteers joined together to provide 68,000 hours of volunteer work, according to a report from the city of Clarksville based on activity coordinated through the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Action Agency. These numbers include 3,514 hours worked by 502 Fort Campbell soldiers. That's an amazing and heartening set of statistics, proving that when need arises, the good people of Clarksville, Montgomery County and Fort Campbell jump in and get to work helping their neighbors. Moreover, the official total is probably only a fraction of the actual worktime donated by an array of local family members, friends and even out-of-town groups who rushed in to provide volunteer assistance to people who suffered flood damage. Much work remains, of course, but as a result of the quick, sure and comprehensive efforts of this army of volunteers, our community is on its way to recovery.

<http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20100611/OPINION01/6110319/1014/OPINION>

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