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• Aging and Disability Advisory Committee – The committee will meet at GNRC offices, 44 Vantage Way, Suite 450, Nashville, TN 37228 on March 6 at 10:00 a.m. to develop recommendations for the Area Agency on Aging and Disability.  
 • Transportation Policy Board – The board will meet at the Nashville Downtown Public Library, 615 Church Street, TN 37219, on March 19 at 10:15 a.m. to conduct business related to regional transportation plans of the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Further notice is given that the most up-to-date information about these and other public meetings is posted online at www.gnrc.org. Please check the website or call 615-862-8828 for the latest information about public meeting times and locations or other items of public notice.  
**Opportunities for Public Comment**  
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 GNRC posts items available for public review and comment at <https://www.gnrc.org/PublicNotices>.

• Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – A public hearing to consider amendments to the TIP is scheduled in conjunction with the Transportation Policy Board meeting on March 19. The TIP is a federally required document that includes all regionally significant and federally funded transportation projects planned for Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties through September 30, 2026. In addition, the TIP satisfies the public participation requirements for the program of projects for WeGo Public Transit, the Franklin Transit Authority, and the Murfreesboro Rover.  
**About GNRC** GNRC was established by the TN General Assembly as an association of local governments empowered to convene local and state leaders for the purposes of planning and programming state and federal investments into a range of social services and public infrastructure. GNRC serves as the region's federally recognized Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) and Economic Development District (EDD) and administers the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on behalf of the Nashville Area MPO Transportation Policy Board. **Non-Discrimination Policy** GNRC does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), family status, national origin, age, disability, genetic information (including family medical history), political affiliation, military service, limited English proficiency, any other class protected by applicable law in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities, and GNRC does not permit retaliation in response to engaging in protected activities. This policy applies to applicants for employment and current employees as well as sub-recipients and subcontractors of the GNRC that receive federal funding. A copy of the Non-Discrimination Policy is available at [GNRC.org/Legal](https://www.gnrc.org/Legal). Complaints or requests for accommodation should be directed to Grant Kehler, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, 44 Vantage Way, Ste. 450, Nashville, TN 37228, or by calling 615-862-8828. GNRC meetings may be audio and video recorded.



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is different from her first role. “It’s a different rodeo,” Tunie explained. She, who spent two decades on daytime television as Jessica Griffin Harris, one of the only Black characters on CBS’ “As the World Turns.” “I’ll say they’re both fruit, but it’s apples and oranges. When I was on “As the World Turns,” I was more often than not the only Black contract player on the show. Over time, others were added. But when you’re the only Black person in the room and the only Black perspective at the table, it’s a heavy thing to carry. When they’re writing stories for you and you’re the only one, then people say that’s the story.”

She praises “Beyond the Gates” for offering another view of the Black Experience. “We know the African-American community is diverse in its own community,” Tunie continued. “We’re not a monolith. There are so many stories to tell and so many experiences to share. With this show now, we have a whole family and community of African American players, so multiple stories can be told, not just one. [Fairmont Crest] is a new perspective of a population of the Black community that exists. This is truly a multi-cultural show. There’s not just the one Asian or the one Black actor or

the one Hispanic, we’re all up in there. We’re all a part of the Fairmont Crest community. It’s really delicious in that way.”

The show debuted Feb. 24. Tunie adds that current environment makes this the ideal time for the program. “I think this is the perfect time for this show to land,” she added. “We’re presenting this now because this is a part of Black life and culture that has been a part of the history of this country and the fabric of this country for hundreds and hundreds of years. No, we’re not going away, we’re actually going to be in your living room every day. And in the most fabulous way, and in the most welcoming way. Because this show, though it centers around the Black family, there are universal stories. That’s why people love soap operas. It’s the human frailties that really drive the shows — the flaws, the secrets, the lies, the backstabbing. So it’s all of that on this show, but it just looks so much different because of the population of the stories. The writers are knocking this show out of the park, and the stories are going to be fantastic.”

“Beyond The Gates” airs weekdays on WTVF-5 at 1 p.m.

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