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The effects of COVID 19 are drastically impacting businesses in Nashville-Davidson County. Staffing shortages due to illness and social isolation are forcing business to close for short/intermittent periods of time and disrupting production schedules and mailings. Unfortunately, the October TRTA Bulletin Newsletter has been a victim of these disruptions. TRTA prepared and e-mailed to the printer the October Bulletin in time for it to be printed and placed in the mail on October 15 and prepaid the postage with a check dated October 12. Due to a miscommunication between the company that prints the Bulletin and the company that mails the Bulletin, mailing was delayed until November 12—one month late! This issue of the Bulletin was heavy on emphasis of getting out the vote so that opportunity was lost.

Fortunately, the three regional Zoom training sessions held by TRTA in October emphasized this issue to local leaders in the local association who participated in the training. A HUGE THANK YOU to all locals who participated!!!! We continue to move the Association forward!

We continue to face challenges caused by the virus. We remain optimistic and determined to do the best job we can under the daily challenges that are presented. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

On a personal note, it has been a very long time since I stayed up late on New Year's Eve to celebrate the event. My desire to not to welcome 2021, I want to be very sure that 2020 is over!

Take very good care of yourself, stay safe and well. Remember to keep in contact with your family and friends and community.