



# Dyersburg City News

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## From the Dept of Solid Waste



It's been talked about and the change is finally taking place. The historical twice a week task of picking up garbage has been changed to once a week. However, the citizens of Dyersburg will continue to have back door service. To publicize the event an article was run in the State Gazette, the City Watch program made phone calls to residents to advise them to call Public Works to find out what their new pick up date would be, Sanitation and Landfill employees have been hand delivering flyers announcing the new pick up dates, the schedule has also been listed on the Dyersburg City website, [www.dyersburgtn.gov](http://www.dyersburgtn.gov) and the State Gazette website has published an area wide map of the change at: [www.stategazette.com](http://www.stategazette.com)

Please understand that routes are just in the "draft" stage and will be revised until the most efficient routes are established.

The Sanitation Dept. appreciates the public's patience and understanding with the new system. It may be to the resident's advantage to add an additional covered can to store their garbage in.



Landfill employees, Pam Reagan and Anthony Adams hand deliver flyers announcing the days garbage will be picked up.

## MAYOR'S OFFICE

The City of Dyersburg has requested the assistance of MTAS in preparing a comprehensive management review for the City. MTAS will provide, at no cost to the City, a comprehensive review of all operations of the City government for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal operations. They will review the Dyersburg Private Act Charter and Municipal Code, City Operations and Procedural Manuals, Budgets and Audits, Staffing Policies and Procedures, Purchasing Policies, and Revenue Enhancement Policies. There will also be personal interviews with selected City employees and elected officials. I look forward to this review of our operations and I would ask that everyone cooperate with MTAS so that we can continue to make improvements that will allow us to better serve our citizens.

Meetings are being scheduled by departments for the purpose of discussing retirement account statements. Steve Anderson is coordinating this in conjunction with First Citizens Trust Department Associates.

I would like to thank all the department heads for their attendance at the quarterly budget review meetings in January. I hope you find these meetings informative and beneficial. It also gives us the opportunity to discuss various matters, share ideas, and build relationships.

We are very close to signing a contract with a firm to provide consultant engineering services to the City of Dyersburg. A committee recently interviewed several firms to fill this role for the City. Members of the committee included me, Alderman Dennis Moody, Gleya Twilla, Ted Gentry, and Glenn Still.

I recently received a phone call from Ms. Carol Lambert thanking the Street Department for their assistance. Ms. Jane Sawyers also called to compliment 2 of our Firemen, Jared Wright and Joel Burkhead. She was pleased with their service and commented about how nice they were. I also received a letter from Morgan V. Bateman sharing her appreciation of our Police Department. She stated that "the officers and the department as a whole should be commended and my family and I thank you for their actions".

Thanks again for all that each of you do for our City. As always, my door is open if you need me.

*Mayor Holden*

## **PARKS AND RECREATION NEWSWIRE**

*Adult Men's Basketball League game play begins Monday February 4th at the Bruce Recreation Center and the Dyersburg Activity Center.*

*Dyersburg Activity Center Girls Softball ages 6-18 registration begins on Monday February 16th. If you have a daughter or know of a girl who might want to play softball let them know about the registration start date and place.*

***Come out to the centers and check out all the Action!***



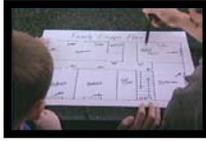
### **Walk Across Tennessee**

Kick off date is on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Dyersburg Mall at 10:30am. Dyersburg Parks and Recreation plus many more health and fitness related booths will be on hand.

A spin class demonstration conducted by a staff member of the Dyersburg/Dyer County YMCA will also be available. Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> is the first official day to record individual miles.

***Good Luck to all the teams in the City of Dyersburg!***

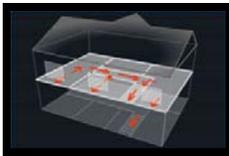
## Home Fire Escape Planning



Children as young as three years old can follow an escape plan if practiced. But many families don't have a plan, and those that do, usually don't practice them.



Practicing a fire escape plan and fire safe behaviors on a regular basis can mean the difference between life and death.



Draw a basic diagram of your home, show all doors and windows, have two escape routes from each room if possible. Consider several fire scenarios and develop actions for a safe escape. Plan for each family member, including babies and toddlers who can't escape on their own.



Keep exits clear of debris and toys.



Keep bedroom doors closed. If hallway fire occurs, this will help to keep smoke out and give firefighters extra time to perform rescues.



Teach toddlers not to hide from firefighters, they are there to help. Take them for a tour of the fire station to see the full gear.



Teach your children how to crawl under smoke.



Also, teach children how to touch closed doors to see if they are hot before opening them. If they are hot, take a different escape route.



Have a safe meeting place outside.



**AIM FOR ZERO INJURIES -**  
**James Baltimore—Safety Director**

All employees help each other stay safe, by working safe.  
 Report all unsafe conditions to your immediate supervisor.

**BEST TOOLS ARE SAFETY RULES!**

**SAFETY WORKS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!**

The City of Dyersburg is an equal opportunity employer.

*James Baltimore*

**Crimestoppers**  
**285-8477**

**Strictly Confidential!**

The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the vandalism of the East Court Cemetery is up to \$2,300!

The reward amount has been raised to help catch cemetery vandals who thoughtlessly smashed, pushed and destroyed historical headstones and markers on or about the nights of Dec. 27th—Dec. 31st.

Call 285-8477, 285-1212 or 288-7668. All calls are confidential and might make you a little richer!



## Saving Money is Easy as Pie!

Tax time is a great time to save money & review your family's financial future!

The IRS form 8888 makes it convenient & easy to direct deposit any or all of your refund. Download the form at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8888.pdf> if you prepare your own taxes.

Or tell your tax preparer you want to save a portion of your refund by using this form. There is no minimum requirement. You can direct deposit your refund in up to three different accounts. Refunds are received in two weeks or less.

You need:

- Name of your financial institution & their routing number- also called ABA or transit number- see below
- Your account number, the name on the account, and the account type: (checking, savings, IRA, other)
- Ask your financial institution if the account is capable of receiving electronic deposit

### Keep a slice of the pie you!



Spend some on expenses, invest some in a long-term goal and save some for emergency funds.

Could you pay your bills if you lost your job?

What if your car broke down?

Everyone needs emergency savings.



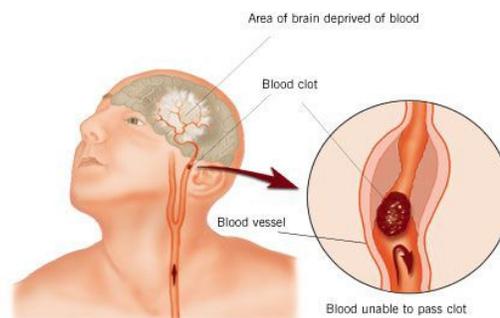
It's recommended that you have enough in an emergency savings fund to pay bills for 3 to 6 months. How's your credit history? Could you qualify for an affordable interest rate if you needed to buy a car or purchase a home? Paying off high cost credit should be a priority for any family's financial fitness and a tax refund can help pay down credit cards and other bills.

Use tax time as an opportunity to discuss money issues with family members. Ask each member how they would spend extra money. Make a list of all ideas. Prioritize the list. Discuss ways to earn more money by getting an education or part time job. Discuss how decisions like spending money on things you don't really need will affect your family's financial future.

The average taxpayer receives a refund of \$2,171 each year. Act now to adjust your W2 statement to limit your payroll withholding amount and place that money in an interest earning account. If your tax is large, you are essentially loaning money without interest. Choose to automatically deposit the extra funds into a savings account. That way, you earn the interest.

### Finally, savings made simple!

## RECOGNIZING A STROKE!



Sometimes the symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify and lack of awareness spells disaster for the victim. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms such as a stumble or slurred speech. If you suspect unusual behavior may be the sign of a stroke, remember to ask these 3 simple questions:

**S:** Ask the individual to smile. Ask them to stick out their tongue. If it turns to the right or left or if the tongue is *crooked*; this is also an indication of a stroke.

**T:** Ask the individual to talk and speak a simple sentence *coherently*! For example: "It is sunny out today."

**R:** Ask the individual to raise both arms.

If he/she has any trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Thomas Mullins, Codes Enforcement



Pfc. Kevin F. Edgin

Hometown: [Dyersburg, Tennessee](#), U.S.

Age: [31 years old](#)

Died: [July 6, 2006](#) in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Unit: [Army](#), 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Incident:** Killed when his convoy encountered enemy small arms fire in Baghran Valley, Afghanistan.

Our apologies for not including Pfc Kevin Edgin from Dyersburg in our article of fallen soldiers last month. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

**Board Meetings**—1st & 3rd Monday of each month. To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call 286-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. [www.dyersburgtn.gov](http://www.dyersburgtn.gov)

**Lifeline Blood Mobile** is at Dyersburg Electric the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives; Give blood.

February 12th—Lincoln's Birthday



February 14th— Valentines Day



February 18th— President's Day



February 29th—Sadie Hawkins Day

*Happy Anniversary*

*John & Penny Damesworth—16 years*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Larry Caldwell  
 Jerry Climer  
 Albert Armstrong  
 Jeff Moore  
 Mary Lauderdale  
 Rayjoe Evans  
 Alea Johnson  
 John Meeks  
 Tommy Holland  
 Robert Kirby

Jason Leake  
 Tracy McIntosh  
 Kevin Patterson  
 J. Heath Pritchett  
 Larry Putman  
 Mark Sykes  
 Jeff Wright  
 Janie Connell  
 Wesley Deere  
 Clifford Fowlkes

**HAPPY RETIREMENT**

Clifford Fowlkes

*Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With*

Jason Leake and family



**Think You Have a Gas Leak?**

**Call:**

**288-7604 from: 8:30 – 5:00**

**After Hours and Weekends:**

**285-1212**



**DYERSBURG GAS SYSTEM**

**Congratulations**



David Rice, Gas/Water/Sewer Dept and wife Tammy on the birth of their first grandson, Jaksen Kyler Brooks; born Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Proud parents are Ashley & Brandon Brooks.



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**Compliments of Mayor Holden**  
**Editors: Tiffany Parker**  
**Penny Damesworth**



**Please contact us with any questions you may have or any information to submit.**

**288-0724 or 288-7639**

**Thanks Everyone!**