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Dyersburg City News

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*Have a safe and
Happy 4th of July*

This year's fireworks display will be shot from the Dyersburg High School baseball parking lot. That area is located between Dyersburg High School and DSCC. There will still be viewing areas DSCC.

*Dyersburg State Community College is happy to announce the promotion of this event as a "**Litter Free Event**". Trash containers will be placed on the Glover Education Center parking lot and all attendees are asked to put their trash in them and leave nothing on the grounds.*

Please come and enjoy the fireworks and celebrate 232 years of independence.

***Freedom isn't free;
Remember our troops.***

Thank you troops, we appreciate you!

City of Dyersburg

*God
Bless
America!*



MAYOR'S OFFICE

We are continuing to work on the 08 / 09 budgets. As many of you are aware we passed a continuation budget at the City board meeting held on June 16th, 2008. This was done because of the property reappraisal hearings that are scheduled thru July. We will not know our property tax rate until these are completed and the state certifies the property tax rate for Dyersburg. At that time we will be able to determine the level of funding in the new budget year.

I want to mention fuel costs again. In short our total fuel cost is 36% higher this fiscal year than last. However this figure is understated due to the fact that our biggest increase began in March of this year. The more accurate increase is 90%! We are paying an average of \$20,292 for a load of fuel now compared to an average of \$10,629 for fiscal year 06 / 07. For year ending 06 / 07 we spent \$373,688 for all fuel while we expect to spend \$511,508 in this current budget year. Going forward, if prices **remain** at this current level, we will spend close to \$700,000 for fuel in the next budget year. I have sent to each department head a list of items to help us in addressing the increase in these costs, please do your part in conserving fuel.

Speaking of conserving, please take advantage of the opportunity to recycle paper and aluminum. Please encourage those you know to also recycle their paper, cardboard and aluminum cans. We have been getting positive feed back from area residents. Are you using the recycle boxes in your departments?

Beginning July 25th Dyersburg will host the Dixie Youth World Series. There will be several teams and visitors in our community. This will be a great opportunity to boost the local economy and to be able to watch some outstanding baseball games. I would urge you to get out and support our local teams in this event.

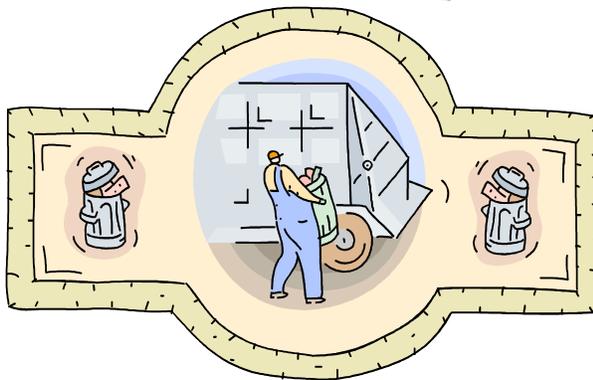
Speaking of ball, Dyersburg is hosting the 2008 Dixie Youth Girls District Softball Tournament. This tournament began on June 20th, and is being played at the girl's field on Lake Road. As of this writing, 4 out of the 5 Dyersburg teams are still in the tournament. I would like to thank the league officials and all of the volunteers who have put in countless hours of hard work make this event a success. I have had the chance to speak with many of the visiting teams and they are very pleased with how the tournament has been run.

One last item, we are planning a back to school swim party for Public Works, City Hall, and Parks & Recreation department employees and their families at Okeena Park on July 31st; more details to follow.

As always, I appreciate each and every one of you and your service to our city. Please keep up the good work and let me know if ever I can assist you in any way.

Mayor Holden

notice! From the Dept of Sanitation



Residential garbage WILL NOT be picked up on Friday, July the 4th. Friday's household garbage will be picked up on Thursday, July the 3rd.

John Damesworth
SWM Superintendent

“Those who work the safety way, live to work another day.”

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Heat exhaustion symptoms:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle Cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea, Vomiting or
- Fainting



The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention and call 911 immediately if:

- Symptoms are severe, or
- The victim has heart problems or high blood pressure

Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour.

Heat Exhaustion Treatment:

Cooling measures that may be effective include:

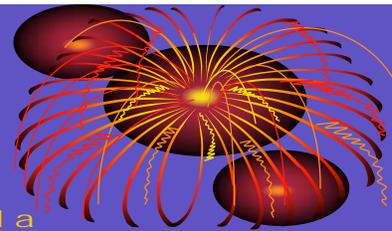
- Cool, non-alcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician
- Rest
- Cool shower, bath, or sponge bath
- An air-conditioned environment
- Lightweight clothing

Sue Teague
Human Resources Director

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"Safety starts with "S"  
but begins with "You"!"

***DYERSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT******FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS***

- Always read and follow label directions.
  - Have an adult present.
  - Buy from reliable sellers.
  - Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
  - Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
  - Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
  - Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
  - Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
  - Stay away from illegal explosives.



HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE 4<sup>TH</sup>

## From the Department of Engineering



A meeting was held recently to go over the Reagan Road East Sump Excavation Project. Those present were: Brad Davis, Gley Twilla, Thomas Mullins, Kevin Joslin and Dale Snyder, John Murray and Jeff Moore.

The project includes excavating almost 40,000 cubic yards of soil from the detention pond just north of the Reagan Rd Stormwater Pumping Station.

The purpose of this project is to lower the water surface elevations of the ditches in the south part of the City in order to alleviate some flooding and increase the quality of the storm water discharged from the City into the North Fork Forked Deer River. Excavating the pond back down to its' original elevation will create additional storage capacity for stormwater runoff from the City.

Bid packages were distributed as requested and a pre-bid conference was held June 26th. Bid opening is scheduled for July 10th.

Brad Davis. PE



### Quote of the Month

"The person who accepts responsibility makes himself/herself stand out from the others in an office, a factory or in any walk in life, and he/she is the one who gets ahead. Welcome responsibility. Do this in little things and in big things and success will come to you."

- Dale Carnegie



# Street Department



The Street Dept had a demonstration of Thermoplastic striping on June 17<sup>th</sup> by Jason Schneider of Flint Trading, Inc. Thermoplastic striping/signage is quite an improvement over the “old fashioned” way of striping and/or applying signage to roads which is routinely done with a bucket of paint and a roller.

Thermoplastic striping consists cleaning the selected roadway, heating the road with a propane torch and heat wand, applying the thermoplastic sheets or signage, heating that and then letting it cool; done! Thermoplastic is reported to hold up to 4-5 years of traffic per Jason.

The Street Dept. is definitely considering using this product; especially in high-traffic and dangerous work situations such as railroad crossings and intersections where stop signs cannot be installed into the shoulder of the road. Signage can be placed directly on the road, such as a stop sign placed the approved number of feet before the “stop bar” you see in the pictures.

**REMINDER:**

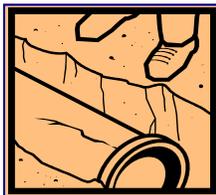
All Street Dept employees are emphatically reminded to be conscious of the rising cost of fuel and are encouraged to help to reduce fuel consumption within the department.

Dale

Dale Snyder  
Street Superintendent



Clean roadway



Heat road & vinyl



Apply vinyl



Let cool; and done!





## Geographical Information Systems

The City of Dyersburg will again take advantage of the latest technology to address an age-old problem with the beginning of its Pavement Management Program.

Using GIS and GPS technology, city officials will soon have information on street and sidewalk conditions throughout the city at their fingertips. The data can then be used to determine where problem areas like potholes, cracks and rough spots are and which streets to repair as funds allow.

Dyersburg city officials will end that speculation and streamline the decision-making process for street maintenance through a contract with Fisher and Arnold Inc. The contract will allow the city to take the guesswork, speculation and politics out of repairing streets throughout town. Using the latest GIS and GPS technology, engineers have begun to assess the condition of all city streets and pinpoint potholes, cracks and areas of distress. The company will use the information to rate the streets in greatest need of repair.

Distressed portions of the street will be marked and downloaded into a handheld geodatabase, with potholes, cracks and rough patches marked with GPS coordinates.

The streets will be ranked from 10 to 100, with 100 being the best. This will be based on the condition and the type of street. Residential streets in bad shape may not rank as high as a street with a large volume of traffic.

Also, part of the program provides assessments on sidewalks, curbs and gutters, street width and ADA Compliance throughout the city.

The original assessment of the streets should be complete in a few weeks and then the City will maintain the program for future use.

Carmen Cupples



Thank you, Dyersburg!

The Jackson Area Plectral Society would like to thank all the Dyer County and Dyersburg officials and sponsors that made the First Annual Bluegrass Festival such a wonderful event. We were very impressed with the grand welcome we received and how well everyone worked together to make this initial performance such a success. We look forward to our next opportunity to work with such eager, committed and dedicated people.



Gene and Linda



## Citizen's Police Academy



Utilities Clerk/Dispatcher, Kelly Winston, has a new respect better appreciation for the Dyersburg Police Department. Kelly was one of 20 business minded professionals and one criminal justice student to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy.

The academy consisted of six sessions with classroom presentations, hands practice, and tours of the Central Precinct & EOC. Presentations by the Patrol Unit, Bike Unit, DA's office, Narcotics Unit, Internal Affairs the Criminal Investigation Division gave each participant a glance into the daily lives of the professionals who protect and serve our community every day, 24/7.

The first of 5 classroom presentations began on April 29th and participants were given a glimpse into procedures such as emergency vehicle operations, field sobriety testing, officer survival, women's self defense, domestic abuse, our court system, internal affairs, gang awareness, the role of the chaplain.

In addition, participants took part in "simunition training" with officers in a bit of role reversal. Donning protective masks and carrying weapons with simunition (a rubber compound that takes the place of bullets, and yes, it STINGS!) officers played the bad guys and participants conjuring up traffics stops. As you may guess, some of the officers played bad guys and some good guys. When necessary, force was used...OUCH!

On graduation day participants were given a firearms demonstration and were allowed to shoot department firearms; they also witnessed a mock explosive entry by the special response team.

Finally a cookout was held for participants and 20 of the 21 participants graduated.

Kelly says "After taking this course you realize how great our police department is. It makes you appreciate our police officers and admire how they risk their lives everyday for our safety." Now that's what I call a compliment!

Thanks, Kelly, for your insight and thank you, Dyersburg Police Department for the enormous risk and remarkable job you do for us every day.

We salute you!

Kelly Winston/pmd

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Washer Pitching Contest

Hosted by the Dyersburg Parks and Recreation Department



A washer pitching contest took place on June 14<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of the Dyersburg Activity Center. Contestants participated in double elimination style singles as well as doubles washer pitching contests. Twenty contestants participated in the singles contest and ten teams of two competed in the doubles contest. The winners of the singles contest were: 1st place Dickie Tinkle, 2nd place Robert Rogers, and the 3rd place Gary Rogers. Team winners of the doubles contest were: 1st place Robert and Gary Rogers and 2nd place Jim Hunt and George Lee. The winning contestants received plaques during the contest's closing ceremonies. We at the Parks and Recreation Department hope that this contest grows more and more every year.

## Upcoming events within the Parks and Recreation Department

- Adult Lap swimming at the Dyersburg Activity Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:30 to 8:00 am. \$12 a week or \$5 a day.
- Ladies water aerobics every Monday and Thursday at 6:00 to 8:00 pm: \$3 a night or \$20 per week.
- Bingo is played every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Multi Purpose Building located at the Dyersburg Activity Center.
- Rook is played every Friday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Dyersburg Activity Center.
- Red Cross Swim Lessons at Okeena Pool: You may register your child on July 7<sup>th</sup> or July 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am at Okeena Park. \$20 dollars a week/session. Ages five and up welcome to join.

Chris Davis



*We're Sorry!*

In congratulating City Hall and the Dyer County Clerks offices on their Relay for Life success Kelly Frye and Donna Hicks names we left out of the list of participants. Kelly and Donna played an integral part in the success of this fund raiser and we congratulate them! Good work ladies!





## DEBTS GETTING YOU DOWN?

We all have them; debts that is; car loans, mortgages, and how, pray tell, does anybody go about their daily lives these days without a credit card? Try going on vacation...you can't rent a car without one; you can't buy a plane ticket without one and you sure can't rent a hotel room without one; and what about Ebay, QVC and those infomercials? Why they're even used as identification in some instances...but how do you pay them off? I mean, the balance just **GROWS** and **GROWS** and **GROWS**...how about yours? Are you depressed every time you open your statement and swear you'll never use it again, unless it's an emergency? Then, you're at the store, or you're out of town and you don't have the cash in your checking account you wish you had...and you pull out your dear friend...the credit card. Anyone who says they don't is either telling a story, or they have really, really, really good willpower.

For those of us who don't even know how to spell willpower (they ought to call it "WON"Tpover, I mean...WILLpower; sounds like I will, I will, I will...like marrying that little bitty rectangle, for better or worse; you can even fit it in the pocket of your tightest fitting jeans and go shopping without a purse or seeing the balance you are charging up!)

Perhaps you've heard of Dave Ramsey or seen his column in the State Gazette. He is the author of the best seller The Total Money Makeover. You may also be familiar with his method for getting out of debt called "Debt Snowball Method". The steps are fairly simple and once you can begin reducing the debt you have and see a light at the end of the tunnel, I think you'll actually feel good about reducing your debt or even getting OUT OF DEBT! I'm going to give this a try; especially because of the rising cost of fuel!

Here's the lowdown:

List all of your debts, credit cards, car loans, mortgages, student loans, etc. (gulp!) Now, this system focuses on the behavioral not the mathematical side of finance, which is good, because we don't always do what we know we should, so this method is good for most people. This method is based on emotions, not logic, but it works. You begin by making minimum payments on all debts with the exception of the **SMALLEST** debt balance; NOT the debt with the lowest interest. You may not think this makes sense, but because we are emotional creatures we are motivated by instant gratification. Now on the **SMALLEST** debt balance; make the minimum **PLUS** any additional payment you can afford to every month, more often if you can, and watch that debt grow **SMALLER** and **SMALLER** and **SMALLER** until it is totally paid off. **VIOLA!** Now you have something to celebrate...one debt **GOING...GOING...GONE!!!**

Don't stop there...now you take the next smallest balance you have and pay the minimum, **PLUS** what you were paying on the debt you just paid off...until that one is paid in full and so on and so on. See the snowball? If you continue this method routinely, at some point you should be debt free. How soon? It just depends how deep in debt you are. Did I mention, you might want to put your friend the credit card in the freezer, in a block of ice so you **DON'T** use it unless you **REALLY** have an emergency. Once you have paid down your debt, use the funds you've been paying on your debt and roll it into some kind of account in which you'll be **EARNING** money (or use it to buy gasoline or diesel!). For more information you may want to go to the library and get the book (why buy one?); or just give this a try.

Saving \$\$\$ is COOL!

pmd



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
LAND OF THE FREE...  
HOME OF THE BRAVE.

*Do you know?*



*Is somebody watching you?*

**Concerned citizens** have been dialing 877-8LITTER (877-854-8837) to report highway litterers to Tennessee Department of Transportation's hotline. Keep TN Beautiful is proud of your efforts and encourages everyone to continue to call in these transgressions. TDOT's litter hotline receives 300–350 calls per month. The following is a list of common traits of highway litterers gathered from a 2 month period in 2007.

- 15% of litterers drive a white car, 2nd was the color blue which accounted for 14%. 3rd was black which totaled 11%. The colors silver and green were tied for 4th, making up 8% each.
- Cigarettes were by far the most littered item during this time period accounting for 55% of the total. Paper came in second with 20%. Cans/bottles made up 14% of items that are thrown from vehicles. Coming in 4th is small bags of trash (the equivalent of fast food bags) with 11%.
- Litterers were driving cars 46% of the time. This nearly doubled the next type of vehicle SUV's which came in 2nd with 24%. Trucks followed with 20% with vans placing last with 6%.

So if you see a white or blue car grab your cell phone and be prepared to dial 877-8LITTER because chances are the driver is about to toss out a cigarette.

**TN 2007 Litter Law  
TCA 39-14-5  
Section 39-14-501: Definitions**



Litter is punishable under this law using the following definitions:

1. Commercial Purpose: litter discarded by a business, corporation, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, or any other entity conducting business for economic gain, or by an employee or agent of the entity.
2. Garbage: perishable animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
3. Litter: garbage, refuse, rubbish and all other waste materials, including tobacco products and any other item primarily designed to hold or filter a tobacco product while it is being smoked.
4. Refuse: all perishable and non perishable solid waste.
5. Rubbish: perishable solid waste consisting of both combustible and non-combustible waste.

**Section 39-14-502: Act of Littering**

Littering whether knowingly or negligently, is punishable under this law. Judge may infer that vehicle operator committed littering. Judge may infer item displaying name of person shows that person committed littering.

### Section 39-14-503: Mitigated Criminal Littering



5 lbs. or less; 7.5 cubic feet or less is Class C Misdemeanor-\$50 TICKET—Mail in to county court clerk. No court appearance or cost at discretion of judge.

-or-

Contest ticket and go to court. If convicted, pay \$50 fine, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 40 hours and may do work in recycling center up to eight hours.



### Section 39-14-504: Criminal Littering

All littering between 5 and 10 pounds is criminal littering, a Class B Misdemeanor. If convicted, pay \$500 fine, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 80



hours; may do work in recycling center up to eight hours; and may do up to six months jail time.

### Section 39-14-505/6: Aggravated Criminal Littering



10 pounds or more; 15 cubic feet or more; is Class A Misdemeanor. If convicted, pay up to \$2,500 fine, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 160 hours; may do work in recycling center up to eight hours; may be required to clean/restore damaged property; and may be required to do up to 11 months 29 days in jail.

**-Class E Felony:**

- 3rd offense of over 10 pounds,
- 2nd offense of over 1,000 pounds
- 2nd offense of Commercially Dumped.

If convicted, not less than 1 year nor more than six years in jail; the jury may assess a fine not to exceed \$3,000, unless otherwise provided by the statute.



**-Commercially Dumped:**

**1st Offense**—any amount/volume Class A Misdemeanor. If convicted, pay up to \$2,500 fine, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 160 hours; may do work in recycling center up to eight hours; may be required to clean/restore damaged property; and may be required to do up to 11 months 29 days in jail.

**2nd Offense**—any amount/volume Class E Felony. If convicted, not less than one year nor more than 6 years in jail; the jury may assess a fine not to exceed \$3,000, unless otherwise provided by statute.

**Section 39-14-506: Restore the Property**

The court may choose to require a person convicted under this law to remove any substance listed under Section 39-14-501 that was dropped, placed or discharged by the person and restore the property or waters damaged by the littering to its former condition at the person's expense.

**Section 39-14-507: Secured Load Law**

Class B Misdemeanor

"Motor vehicle...shall be required to have such materials in an enclosed space or fully covered by a tarpaulin." Private pickup truck load must be secured to reasonably ensure not to fall or blow off. If convicted, pay \$500 fine, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 40 hours and may do work in recycling center up to eight hours. Truck exceptions are:

- Trucks to energy Recovery Facility must be enclosed
- Recovered materials to convenience center or dealer
- Sand/stone/lime/ 55-7-109 have 4" load line.
- Produce transport to market, fields or storage

**Section 39-14-508: Special Provisions**

County legislative bodies may promulgate laws based on 39-14-501 to require private property cleanup. County shall send statement to owner itemizing cost of cleanup. If owner fails to reimburse county within 60 days, the statement shall constitute a lien on the property. Process for lien...resolution...stated.

**Section 39-14-509 Special Provisions**

"All law enforcement agencies, officers, and officials of the state or any political subdivision...is authorized, empowered, and directed to enforce compliance with this..."



**StopLitter** Who enforces?

- TN Wildlife Resources Agency
- TN Highway Patrol
- TN Constables
- Sheriff's Office
- Police Department

**PEER ENFORCEMENT**  
**TDOT Litter Hotline**  
**1-877-8Litter**





**StopLitter** TN 2006 Visible Litter Survey  
R.W. Beck Co.

- Deliberate Litter = 29.8% of total
  - Snack Food Packaging 9.7%
  - Cups, Lids, Straws 4.2%
  - Beer & Soft Drink containers 4.1%
  - Bottle Caps & Seals 3.7%
- Negligent Litter = 70.2% of total
  - Misc. Plastic 21.1%
  - Misc. Paper 18.0%
  - Vehicle Debris & packaging 14.4%
  - Misc. Metal & foil 6.3%

**StopLitter** Private Survey 2006

Cigarette butt average along TN roads

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Urban Freeways               | 2,070 |
| Industrial Street Frontages  | 1,082 |
| Rural Freeways               | 1,010 |
| Commercial Street Frontages  | 937   |
| Public Area Street Frontages | 790   |
| State Highways               | 462   |
| Residential Street Frontages | 158   |
| Rural Local Roads            | 87    |

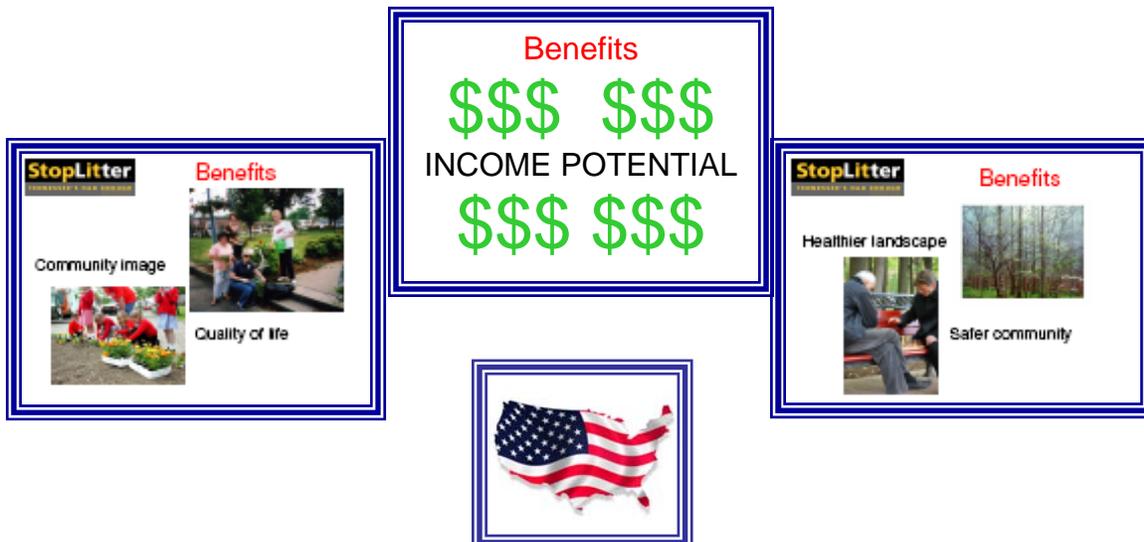
### Section 39-14-510: Use of Fine Proceeds

Fines collected shall go to general fund of county where offense occurred and designated for county operating funds with preference to litter prevention programs and education such as those conducted by Keep America Beautiful.

- Person reporting information to law officer that leads to conviction of Mitigated Criminal Littering shall receive a \$50 reward.
- Person reporting information to law officer that leads to conviction of Criminal Littering or Aggravated Criminal Littering shall
- Reward money comes from the fines collected.

### Section 39-14-511: Special Provisions

Environmental Courts have exclusive general sessions jurisdiction over these laws. Environmental Courts are located in Memphis/Shelby County, Jackson, Metro Davidson, Knoxville/Knox County/Chattanooga/Hamilton County, and Cleveland/Bradley County.





## Dyersburg Police Department

Sgt. Todd Thayer and Patrol Officer Shane Anderson represented the DPD at Quebecor's Health and Safety Fair in June. As part of the C.I.D.'s (Criminal Investigation Division) awareness program they presented items showing employees what types of drug paraphernalia are available in local stores. Crack pipes, "blunt tubes" and reading materials along with different types of drugs like crack cocaine were on display. I was shocked that these items were available locally and are right out in the open. I was really surprised that I've never noticed these items or that I just didn't know what they really were. The little rose in a glass tube, for instance, is a crack pipe. Todd and Shane explained to me that the rose is removed (the rose is in the tube so that it can be sold as a "novelty" item) a piece of "Brillo" pad is inserted in one end and the crack goes in and smoked! I hope the parents that were present took note and will be looking for items such as this that their child or child's friend may have in their possession. Even an old timer like me learned something that day.

I also talked with Shane about the internet predator program called I.C.A.C. (Internet Crimes Against Children) he will be training in Knoxville in the near future. A federal program, it is sponsored by the Knoxville Police Department which supplied DPD with a computer that will be used to track internet predators who prey on our children.

Shane, a father of 3 young children ages 6, 8 and 10, says there are things you can do at home right now to help prevent your child from being deceived and possibly harmed. He has a laptop, so his children sit beside him when they are on the internet. He has also chosen "kid friendly" sites that his children are allowed to visit.

First and foremost he says, is to monitor your child's activities on the internet, know what sites they are visiting by keeping your computer in close proximity. Watch also who they are texting (online and on their cell phone) and what type of text language they are using. (Refer back to the Nov. and Dec. issues of the Dyersburg City News for information on understanding the text used for "instant messaging" and "reporting crime online and online crimes") Have good communication with your children; know your child's friends and their friend's parents. Have good communication with them as well. Provide an atmosphere at home that will welcome your children and their friends to hang out at your house. That way you know where your child is, who he/she is hanging out with and what they are doing. If your child is going to a friend's house, check with that parent to verify that this is where they are going to be and that there will be parental supervision.

One last thing Shane said "You must be a good parent, not your child's good friend. If you are a good parent, you are automatically a good friend."





Patrol Officer Shane Anderson , left and Sgt. Todd Thayer, right with a display of Drug related items you should be aware of.

## Here's to your Health & Safety



Rita Allen—Digestive Associates and Jamilah Holloway—Quebecor HR Intern



Quebecor Employees Jason W Smith And Wallace Holden view drugs and Paraphernalia presented by the DPD.



Crack pipes, blunt tubes and a pipe

## What can cocaine do?

It can kill you and destroy your family.

Cocaine causes heart attacks and increases violence. It raises your blood pressure and can numb your body. If sniffed every day cocaine will cause painful sores and a runny nose. If you keep on using it, the drug will make a hole from nostril to nostril. Cocaine is a highly addicted stimulant. AIDS or infections can occur when you inject cocaine into your body. Cocaine is toxic.

Just Say NO...because you're worth it!

## Crime and Violence Destroy the American Dream

Maybe you read his letter to the editor on June 18<sup>th</sup>, but its worth repeating... More often than not, our civil servants are unappreciated and not praised for the good work they do. Mr. Robert L. Davis read the good works of our City's police officers and law enforcement personnel in the State Gazette and it prompted him to remind everyone that "good old fashioned police work" is working in Dyersburg.

First it was the headline "Three charged in fatal shooting of couple" and then "Teen accused of murder ordered held" that caught his attention. I then, researched recent copies of the State Gazette to see what I could add and came up with these: "Illegal aliens arrested for stealing identity", I love this one "Man who shot himself arrested for stealing gun" oops! How about "Three arrested for mailing pound of marijuana, 52 cell phones to prison" just tell me...what are they thinking!? Here's one more "Police bust mobile meth lab" well, I guess that's what you call taking your work home with you...mmm...mmm...mmm.

Mr. Davis went on to say "The community sometimes takes for granted the heroic efforts that go into bringing to justice the perpetrators of these horrible crimes; that are collectively damaging our entire city, as well as targeted cities. ...Our police officers are truly unsung heroes. They are the buffers between us and the bad guys." And then Mr. Davis makes a request, to all residents who reside within and around our fair city, "No matter what the cost, do not allow those who have willingly chosen crime as a lifestyle to establish a comfortable base of operation in your community. Our children deserve more, so do our senior citizens, who have worked so hard all of their lives to ensure peaceful rewards for life long sacrifices. Criminal activity destroys your community and damages the positive dreams of your children....Crime and all kinds of violence in such a small city as Dyersburg destroys the very human nature of focusing on positive and rewarding goals, and the American dream that is guaranteed to each of us."

Mr. Davis, thank you, for reminding us that we are fortunate to live in a city where our law enforcement personnel use their time and efforts to ensure our safety and well being on a continual basis. And thank you, for putting it so eloquently. I'm sure that reading your article put a smile on the face of our law enforcement personnel replacing those well deserved worry lines they must wear much of the time.

Penny Damesworth



## WORKER COMPENSATION CLAIMS



### OUR GOAL IS ALWAYS – 0 INJURIES

However, anytime you are injured on the job, you will need to follow the procedure listed below:

Notify your Supervisor, Department Head, or Human Resources Department and complete and sign a First Report of Injury form **immediately** when feasible. Of course, if the injury is an emergency situation, the most important thing is getting you proper medical attention as soon as possible.

Your Department Head will offer you a panel of company physicians and have you sign an Employee’s Choice of Physician form. It is absolutely necessary that you sign this form.

Your Department Head or Human Resources will make an appointment for you with the physician selected by you. You are **not** authorized to make your own appointment for a work-related injury.

If your physician indicates that you will need to be on restricted duty, we will accommodate those restrictions even if you are required to perform sedentary work.

If your physician writes you a prescription, you will receive an authorization sheet from your Department Head, or Human Resources which will indicate a list of pharmacies authorized by our worker compensation insurance. You will be required to obtain your prescription from one of the pharmacies on the list.

After receiving the initial prescription, you will be mailed a benefit card to use for necessary refills or new prescriptions related to the injury.

For any other questions or concerns while you are under the care of a physician due to a work related injury, please contact either your Department Head or Sue Teague at 731-288-7607 or 731-445-7032 (cell). Our primary goal is to get you the proper medical treatment and back to your normal activities as quickly as possible!

*Sue Teague*  
*Human Resources Director*



**“Life did not begin by accident.  
Don’t end it as one.!!!”**

**BUT – REMEMBER WE NEED YOU ! WORK SAFELY !!!!!**

### **IRS Increases Mileage Rates through Dec. 31, 2008**

From the IRS Small Business Enewsletter and passed along to us by Mr. Frank Salowitz IR-2008-82, June 23, 2008

**WASHINGTON**– The IRS today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

The rates will increase to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2008. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

This should make the reimbursement rate to taxpayers more fair. New rates including medical, moving and charitable are contained in [Announcement 2008-63](#) on the IRS website.

(Thanks, Frank!) Penny

### 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** at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives; give blood.

July 4th-Independence Day-offices closed.

July 25th- Dixie Youth World Series

**Don't drink and drive!**

**Think You Have a Gas Leak?**

**Call:**

**288-7604 from:**

**8:30 – 5:00**

**After Hours and Weekends:**

**285-1212**



**DYERSBURG GAS SYSTEM**

Good Luck Leslie Moore!

Wishing you the best at your new job.

### NOTICE

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If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter from the City of Dyersburg, email [tparker@dyersburgtn.gov](mailto:tparker@dyersburgtn.gov)

### *Happy Birthday to you...*

*Annalee Austin  
Connie Crawford*

*Esther Manns  
Jennifer Brock*

*Jerry Blair  
Jimmy Hurst*

*Linda Webb*

*Michael Carman*

*Mike "Rooster" Galloway*

*Paul Braithwaite*

*Rachel Anderson*

*Randy Pinkley*

*Ronald Collins*

*YZ Lyte*

*Anthony Adams*

*Doris Jones*

*James F Johnson*

*Jeremy Mc.Nutt*

*Jimmy Atchison*

*Kevin Chaney*

*Martha Mitchell*

*Mike Fisher*

*Pam Pleasant*

*Penny Damesworth*

*Randy Beaver*

*Ricky Roberts, Sr.*

*Walter Ferguson*

*If you do not see your name and would like to, please email or call us with your name, your month of birth and what dept you work in.*



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

**288-0724 or 288-7639**

**Thanks Everyone!**