



Dyersburg City News

Vol. 3 Issue 6



NSK STEERING SYSTEMS AMERICA, Inc.

Even cloudy skies could not dampen the ribbon cutting at the NSK Grand Opening on Thursday, May 8th. State, County, and City Officials along with business professionals gathered to welcome NSK Ltd. Exec. Vice President, Mitsuo Degawa and entourage, to the second building in the U.S. to build steering systems. At 10:25 am Mr. Degawa announced NSK Steering Systems America, Inc. officially open with the ribbon cutting taking place shortly thereafter.

In his presentation, Mr. Degawa acknowledged that NSK does not make decisions of this magnitude lightly. They (NSK Steering Sys. America, Inc.) plan to be here for the long haul and the decision to locate in Dyersburg was based on many factors including the professional spirit in which their questions and concerns had been addressed as well as a labor force "that was ready to continue our success".

Governor Phil Bredesen praised Chamber CEO, Allen Hester, for his excellent corporate practices. Bredesen went on to say that the customer service relationship/partnership between Dyersburg, the State of TN, and NSK would not stop "after the sale". And that it is our goal to continue to provide higher skilled, more educated Tennesseans to the work force as well as a strong business climate. Bredesen also spoke of the new spec building anticipated to be built next door to attract future businesses to Dyersburg.

Plant Manager, Bill Berry, expressed his enthusiasm saying "Never have we come across anything quite like this before" speaking of the "can do" attitude at state and local levels and the expedient manner in which questions about electrical power and roads were answered.

A tour of the plant and production line was given and a Japanese cherry tree was planted to commemorate the grand opening.



MAYOR'S OFFICE

There is so much to tell you in this newsletter. June is here and a new budget year is right around the corner. I know that Steve Anderson and his staff are working diligently on next year's budget. All department heads have turned in their worksheets to City Hall and they are being reviewed. During the month of June we will conduct budget meetings to finalize the 08/09 budget.

As you are aware Governor Bredesen recently outlined the State of Tennessee budget for the 2008 – 09 budget year. He plans to cut \$468 million out of the proposed state budget and to bridge a \$315 million budget gap to close the books on this year. This most certainly has a trickle down effect on cities across the state of Tennessee. City governments across Tennessee are also facing a tight budget year. More than 50% of Tennessee cities are experiencing a budget shortfall. A reduction in local option sales tax collections, increase in the cost of fuel, rising health care costs, and the general slowdown in the economy are some of the reasons for the shortfall. As you may imagine, we have our work cut out in preparing for the 2008 – 09 budget.

It is important that I discuss the subject, again, of rising fuel costs. Last month I mentioned that we will spend an additional \$150,000, or more, on our fuel this budget year. As the price of fuel continues to increase, our cost escalates as well. We suggested some ideas in last month's newsletter to cut back on fuel consumption. **Please be aware of the impact this is having on our city. I am again asking each of you to make a conscious effort to help manage our fuel costs.**

Don't forget the open enrollment period for the city medical and dental insurance coverage. Please contact Terryll at City Hall to add eligible dependents effective July 1, 2008. We are planning to coordinate more department meetings (similar to what we did with our retirement plan) to discuss our insurance programs, the benefits of the plan and how to better utilize the plan we have.

I would like to welcome Sue Teague to the City of Dyersburg. Sue has been hired as the Personnel Director for the City. She comes to us with over 30 years of experience in human resources and I know that she will be a great addition to our team. Please take the opportunity to meet and visit with her.

I would also like to welcome Ms. Maggie Kate Frye. So many of you have expressed concern and delight at the arrival of Maggie Kate. Kelly, Marty and Maggie are all home and doing well. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for this family. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

There are so many events taking place in June, please look for these and participate when you can. I am personally excited about the Juneteenth Celebration that will take place the weekend of June 13th. There will be many activities planned for this event and I am looking forward to fellowshiping with each of you.

There is also the Dedication Ceremony and unveiling of the Dyer County World War II Memorial that will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 11a.m. at the Dyer County Court Square. I would like to personally thank Dustin Strube for his leadership and dedication to this worthy project. Good work Dustin.

The 2nd Annual Public Safety Day in the Park will be held at Okeena Pool on Thursday, June 19th. All Public Safety employees, and their families and the Aldermen and their families are invited to join us in a celebration of thanks for your service to our community and to us as individuals. We invite you to dine, play, and fellowship with each other from 5:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Thank you also to the traffic safety guards who just completed another successful school year on May 29th. They are so very crucial to our city, as they work in all types of conditions to ensure the safety of our children and our citizens. I would like to mention one special lady that has worked in this department since 1983, Ms. Adelene Chambers, who just celebrated her 25th year of service in her role as a school crossing guard. Thank you, Ms. Adelene, so much for the outstanding job you do and your years of service to the city of Dyersburg. She also told me today she is planning on working next year as well! I look forward to having her.

There are so many thank you's to express; as always, I appreciate each and everyone of you and all that you do for our city.

Mayor John Holden

BE A HERO!

Become an organ/tissue donor today

At: www.tndonorregistry.org

Thought for the Month

I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.



MEDICAL BENEFITS

Open enrollment for medical & dental benefits is the Month of June, effective date of coverage begins is July 1st, 2008.

Contact Terryll Holland, Payroll Clerk 288-2548.

Welcome Aboard!



Please welcome Mrs. Bettye "Sue" Teague as the City of Dyersburg's Human Resources Director. All though Sue has only been on board for three short weeks, she brings with her a great deal knowledge and experience with 20 plus years in the field of Human Resources including her employment with Bekaert Steel Wire Corp. where Sue administered to approximately 275 employees.

Sue and her husband Bill have 3 children, Debbie, Ellen, and Mark and are the grandparents of six grandchildren. Her hobbies include exercising, shopping and keeping up with her very busy grandchildren!

Sue says she somewhat of a "physical fitness nut" and starts each day by walking 3 miles on her treadmill. She's been walking each day for approximately 25 years and about 9 years ago began going to Curves for a 30 minute work out (designed especially for women) which she usually does on her lunch hour. By staying healthy during the week, Sue allows herself a little splurging on the weekend by eating out with her husband Bill.

They say you can't take care of anyone else unless you take care of yourself first. Looks like Sue has an excellent start.

Welcome aboard Sue, we're look forward to working with you.

pmd



When the worst happens...the Air EVAC Lifeteam

is your life line to emergency medical care. I met Rick Perry at the Blue Grass Festival and he explained to me that time counts down quickly. Air Evac's operations include over 75 helicopter bases in 12 states. It is the largest *Membership* supported air ambulance service in the U.S.

Above the helicopter lifted of to answer an emergency call during the Bluegrass Festival.



For more information about becoming a member you may contact Air Evac Life team member: Rick Perry at 731-514-2568 or call 800-793-0010.



Royce MCGuire, W/S-HEO/Crew Leader passed his state certification as Water Distribution grade II Operator and Grade II Collections Operator. Good work, Royce!

Mike Morgan



POLICE DEPT.



On April 23rd, 2008 the SRT Team rappelled from the tower located at Dyer County High School as part of a training exercise.

CAN WE FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?

FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND TO A FIRE EVERY 15 SECONDS.

RESPONSE TIME IS CRITICAL; SECONDS LOST CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE IN LIFE AND DEATH.

APPROXIMATELY 84% OF ALL **FATAL** FIRES BURN 10 OR MORE MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRE SERVICE IS NOTIFIED.

MOUNT NUMBERS WHERE THEY CAN BE SEEN EASILY FROM THE ROAD.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, POSTAL AND DELIVERY TRUCKS, UTILITY TRUCKS TO FIND HOMES THAT ARE NOT MARKED PROPERLY (MAYBE REFLECTIVE MATERIALS FOR DARK CONDITIONS).

NUMBERS AT LEAST 4" TALL



DYERSBURG FIRE DEPT.
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

EASY TO READ NOT CURSIVE



Welcome
Miss Maggie Kate Frye
Making her debut appearance on
Wednesday, May 8th, 2008
Weighed 6lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches.
Proud parents are
Kelly and Marty Frey
Congratulations!

Congratulations!



Wastewater Operators James Lyons and Neal Hardin (far right front and back row) passed their state certification as Grade III, Wastewater Operators. Good work men! We are proud of you and for you.
 Larry Palmer

Retired Wastewater Operator, Pete Permenter, (front and center) was presented the beautiful cake below with the City emblem created by Heather Goff, wife of WWTP Asst. Supt. Mike Goff, at his retirement reception. Heather took a class at Specialty Cakes about 3 years ago and has been creating cakes ever since. If you would like to contact Heather you may call her at 287-0733 or email her at, heathergoff@cablone.net



3 dimensional Tom & Jerry birthday cake made for Kate Gibson, granddaughter of Larry Gibson

For husband, Mike, a birthday cake called "Muffin Monster" was featured in Monster Matters published by JW Environmental Magazine-Costa Mesa, CA



Eric S. Hummer

SALUTE !

Eric S. Hummer of Dyersburg, TN was recently commissioned into the United States Air Force as second lieutenant at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Proud parents are Vicki and Mike Morgan (G/W/S)

WATER TREATMENT

The DWP plant clarifier was painted a couple months ago. The clarifier was painted beige to blend with the rest on the water plant's buildings.

Water Question: Can home filters improve the taste of drinking water?

Some can, partly because they remove the chlorine added during treatment. (Another way to improve the taste is to refrigerate tap water in a clean container overnight, this causes the chlorine to dissipate out.) If you use filters, maintain them carefully, they can become breeding grounds for bacteria.

The Water Plant along with Distribution would like to **THANK the Fire Dept for implementing the new Flushing Program. Thanks for all your help!!! We appreciate it.**

tlp

Rebanding 800 MHz Radios

During the last few weeks Motorola technicians have been busy in Dyersburg rebanding the mobile and portable radios. Some of you may have been wondering what this rebanding is all about and if it was really necessary.

Over the past several years, public safety radio systems-including those used by police, firefighters, emergency services, utilities, businesses and others operating in the "800 Band" have increasingly been experiencing equipment interference problems and communication "dead zones" as a result of technically incompatible commercial wireless systems operating in the same or adjacent spectrum bands (cell phones). To eliminate cell phone interference with public safety communications the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that all 800 MHz systems in the United States be modified. This includes retuning, reprogramming and/or replacing all subscriber units and tower site hardware to broadcast on the new frequency.

Thanks to each of you for your cooperation in this event. Again you have shown your willingness to work together to get the job done.

Cathy Cavness

"If money is burning a hole in your pocket, it's not a new pair of pants that you need!"~



FeedthePig.org

RESCUE ME!



HOW SWEET!



On Wednesday, on May 14th, I received a call from concerned mother, Tina Goostree (Raines Foot Clinic) about a Mama Duck and her babies. Mama Duck was taking 6 baby ducklings for an early morning stroll when 3 of the ducklings fell into a storm drain on Cook St. Poor Mama! She was crying out for her babies, the babies were crying for Mama...what to do? Worried, Tina called our Public Works office and asked for assistance. I called Street Dept. Asst. Supt., Alton "Jr" Rogers, and he immediately drove to the scene to assess the situation. Anxious, the frightened ducklings continued to call for their Mama and tried to jump up and out of the drain; hitting the concrete walls of the drain, with no success. After a time and being very, very, young, they quickly tired, huddled together and got quiet. Not a good sign. They would need food, warmth and their mama's reassurance that all would be well again. Upset and apprehensive of the crews, Mama Duck left with her 3 remaining ducklings to secure their wellbeing.

Street Dept. back hoe operator, Ricky Davis, arrived to remove the heavy metal grate to try and rescue the three bewildered infant ducks. Michael Pilkinton, (16) nephew of Raines Foot Clinic receptionist, Gloria Ator, who just happened by to show off his newly acquired driver's license; found himself in the middle of the suffering ducklings. Without thought Michael lowered himself into a second storm drain, whose grate had been lifted by Pete Parker with a crow bar, to become the HERO that rescued the first two ducklings with a net. Aahhh, sweet freedom! Angst-ridden duckling #3 was so afraid and would not be captured easily. With Ricky Davis in one end of the storm drain and young Michael in the other, they were able to rescue the last duckling.

But where did Mama Duck and her other 3 infants go? While the three trapped ducklings were being cuddled by Goostree, Pilkinton and Dreana Sinclair (Parker Shoes) a foot search was on to find the rest of the family. The rescued babies were brought to an area of safety. Soon thereafter, Mama Duck and her 3 lucky duckys were found behind Security Bank. Finally reunited with her 3 bewildered babies Mama Duck and all 6 babies settled down for a bit of well deserved rest and relaxation. Quack, Quack!

Dyersburg, taking care of one another... pmd



TOPS TN # 431 Dyersburg

won second place at State Recognition Days held in Paris Landing May 16th and 17th. The skit "Camp 431" consisted of Johnnie Carroll, Mckenzie Hugueley, Pat Kilzer, Louise Owsley, Barbara Jones (not pictured) and Carolyn Hicks (not pictured) arriving at camp.

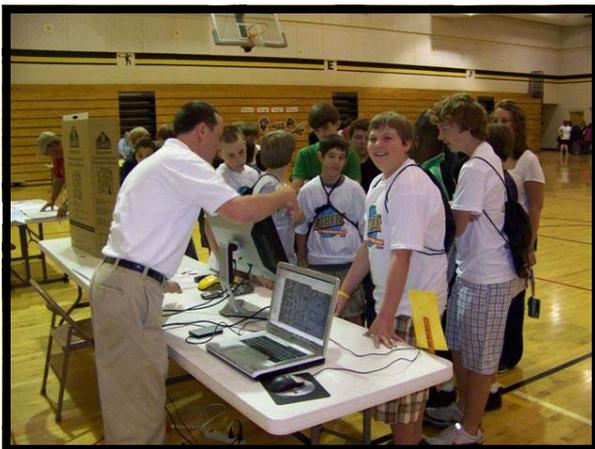
PK



Celebrating Earth Day at DMS with GIS & Water Treatment



On May 8th the Dyersburg Middle School 6th grade students participated in "Earth Fest", an Earth Day Awareness project. Various booths were set up on the campus, including the Water Treatment Plant and G.I.S. Department. I had the opportunity to spend time with and educate these children about what takes place with the City's drinking (potable) water. I explained the importance of disposing any hazardous chemicals properly to prevent the contamination of the city's water supply and talked about how their water is treated, the use of liquid bleach to disinfect the water to make it safe from diseases, and the importance of fluoride to help prevent tooth decay. Students were shown pictures of our two water plants, Roger Hawkins Water Treatment Plant and Dyersburg Water Plant; and our 5 water tanks; Bekaert, Sylvania, RoEllen, Volunteer and Gordon. They also got to view a model water tank up close and Tiffany explained how a water tank works, and the reason that we have and need water tanks. Each child received educational materials and pencil. The kids and adults were great! tlp



Earth Fest 2008 was held at the DMS campus on Thursday May 8th and though the weather refused to cooperate, we still had a great turnout. Carmen Cupples and Pam Pleasant introduced students to GIS at their "Location, Location, Location" booth. They were educated on how everyday information can be turned into a powerful tool using Geographic Information System. Students were shown different devices that the city uses to capture information including: GPS, Digital Cameras and other mobile devices and taught how technology has changed the way we work from day to day. As always, the favorite attraction was the video of the sewer system. We explained how we integrate GIS and Sanitary Sewer TV inspection together as well as the many other areas in the city and county. The kids and adults both had a great learning experience. CC

BATTLE OF THE CHRISTIAN BANDS



Raise Your Cross in Battle

sponsored by

Center United Methodist Church

3430 Edgewood Rd

Newbern, TN

look for signs from Hwy. 77 and Hwy. 104

Saturday, June 21, 2008

RAINDATE: Saturday, June 28, 2008

12:00 p.m.

**FREE Family Entertainment
Concessions Available**

Bring your lawn chair or blanket



BAND REGISTRATION

ENTRY FEE: \$30, please register by Wednesday, June 11th

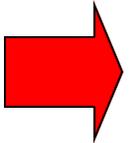
Drum Kit provided – Bass Amp available

Sound provided by Feedback Sound Services, www.feedbacksoundservices.com,

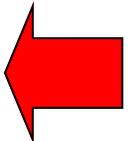
(731) 692-2401

Judged Contest – PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

To register, contact Gary McClain at 676-3130 or gmcclain@usit.net



EVENTS



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who came out and joined the Humane Society during the annual Bark in the Park event. The humane Society was able to raise over \$3,000, this was their biggest year ever!

AIM FOR ZERO INJURIES -

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

The City of Dyersburg is an equal opportunity
employer.



Summer Fun Fest 2008

Working Together to Make a Difference

The **Tennessee Rollerz Motorcycle Club** will host the third annual *Summer Fun Fest* on **June 7, 2008** at Future City Recreation Center (Dyersburg, TN) and on **August 23, 2008** at the Nash Street Park (Union City, TN). These events are **FREE** for kids ages 5-16. We will have the following activities taking place for them:

Free Throw Contest – Each person gets a predetermined number of shots. The person with the most shots made will be considered the winner.

Potato Sack Race – Participants will compete by hopping in a burlap sack to the finish line. The person to cross the finish line in the fastest time will be considered the winner.

Obstacle Course – Participants will compete by racing across an obstacle course. The person to cross the finish line in the fastest time will be considered the winner.

Relay Race – Participants will run to see who can complete the relay in the fastest time. The person with the fastest time will be considered the winner.

All registered participants will receive an award. Prizes will also be given to winners of each event for each age group: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16.

We are planning for 100 children to participate at each location and are asking that your business or organization be a financial sponsor of these events:

Gold - \$150 Silver - \$100 Bronze - \$50 Patron \$ _____

Any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated and the names of each sponsor will be on display during each event. For more information call Kevin Newman at 731/676-7294.



We need your support and we look forward to your participation!

**TENNESSEE ROLLERZ MOTORCYCLE CLUB
2008 CRD Most Outstanding Organization**

Note: The Tennessee Rollerz are dedicated to the youth in our community and surrounding communities. It is our commitment to serve as role models to our youth and to encourage them to be the leaders for their generation.

The Summer Fun Fest 2008 event is a non-profit event to help support and help our young people to set and exceed their goals. We hope that you will bring your youngsters to participate.

We humbly request and appreciate all material contributions of food and drink and monetary contributions. These contributions will go toward sack lunches for each child who participates at the Summer Fun Fest 2008 and the prizes we will be giving for the contests and races that day.

Won't you please, help us; encourage our children to be good citizens and leaders for the future of our communities. If you would like to contribute to this free event please contact me at 288-7632 or 676-7294.

Kevin Newman



WE SALUTE CITY/COUNTY CLERK RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS 2008



This year's theme "Hunting for a Cure" organized by the City of Dyersburg and Dyer County Clerk's office was another winner!

Over \$5000 in funds were raised before the event took place on May 9th with a total of \$5,614 being raised by the combined team by the end of the event.



AWARDS RECEIVED:

Scavenger Hunt:	1 st Place
Poster contest:	1 st Place
Best campsite:	1 st place
Most \$ raised-Sm Business:	2 nd place
Relay creations:	3 rd place



Thank you to relay team members and those who worked that night:

Jannifer Ross	Lisa Hill	Mayor Holden	Stephanie Cagle	Thank you Mr. Butler for sharing your pic- tures with us! Penny
Gwen Edmonds	Lisa Baker	Rebecca Moore	Amanda Taylor	
Kelly Winston	Kim Bishop	Nita Twilla	Johanna Jelonek	
Dianne Moore	Rose Corcoran	Dana Jernigan	Donna Hicks	
		Kelly Frye		

Rave Reviews for 1st Annual Dyersburg/Dyer County Old Time Bluegrass Festival

Blessed with absolutely gorgeous weather, approximately 1800 people attended the 1st Annual Dyersburg/Dyer County Old Time Bluegrass Festival held at the Dyer County Fairgrounds in May.

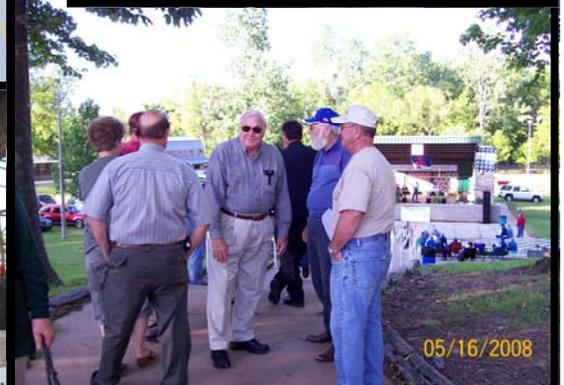
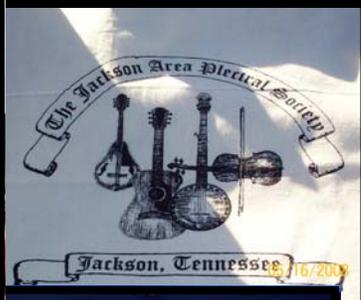
Saturday night's main event featuring Mike Snider, Grand Ole Opry musician and comedian, and fellow musicians Matt Combs, Shad Cobb, Todd Cooke, and Tony Wray entertained a multitude of people who attended the event with music, some clowning around and a bit of joking. Spontaneous performances by several other bluegrass groups, sprinkled across the fairgrounds during the two day event, filled the air with old time bluegrass melodies by way of instruments such as fiddles, banjos, harmonicas, bass fiddles, and guitars.

Twelve vendors including AfterFive Jewelry by Audra, Blue Grass & Country Music by Jackson Area Plectral Society President Gene Legget and wife Linda, Air Evac Lifeteam member Rick Perry, Scrunchie Combs by Naomi Gosa, K & N Screen Printing by Kenneth & Gabe Goggans, A Jolley Find-Unique Handcrafted Jewelry by husband and wife team Beverly & Trevor Jolley and others set up craft tables and booths to display their wares and services while the smell of hotdogs, hamburgers, fresh fried onion rings and other goodies tickled the senses and then satisfied appetites. Vendors were so successful that event coordinator, Alderman Freeman Dudley, is already receiving calls asking to be booked for next year's event. Per Dudley, of all the events he has participated in, this is the very first one in which he has not received a single complaint, not even a negative murmur. "This event was good for the entire community and the City of Dyersburg. The fact that it was free is just icing on the cake. Everyone had a good time."

Other crowd pleasers included the Shade Tree Tractor Club and Forked Deer Antique Car Club displays that drew visitors from far and wide.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, and participants who made this event so very successful! Thank you Mike and Vickie Morgan for taking pictures and sharing them with me. We will be looking forward to next year's event!

1st Annual Dyersburg/Dyer County Old Time Bluegrass Festival



2008 GRADUATES



Jamar Edmonds

Son of Stuart (DPD) and Gwen (City Hall) Edmonds
2008 graduate of Dyersburg High School



Michael Gray

Son of Jim (DPD) & Sandra Gray
2008 graduate of Dyer County High School



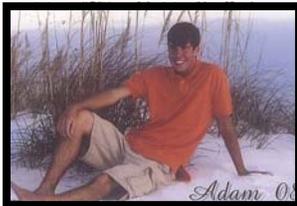
Jordan Murray

Daughter of John and Wendy Murray
2008 graduate of Dyersburg High School



Matthew Sentell

Grandson of Jimmy and Connie (Public Works) Sentell
2008 graduate of Christ Classical Academy—
Kindergarten



Adam Phillip Ozment

He is the son of Nathe & Mona Ozment of Dyersburg.
He is the nephew of Linda Webb (City Hall) and Pam Pleasant (GIS)
2008 graduate of Homelife Academy Christian School



Kate Chaney

Daughter of Kevin & Julie Chaney
2008 graduate of Dyersburg High School



Taylor Davis

Daughter of Susan Davis (City Hall)
2008 graduate of Dyersburg Primary School



Rachel Dudley

Daughter of Roger Dudley (DPD)
2008 graduate of Dyersburg High School
Rachel currently works at City Hall part time.

What's new at the EOC



The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 1165 Harrell Ave celebrated our 9th anniversary this year. After 9 years of 24/7 use it was time to upgrade our workstations. Our new workstations are larger than the previous ones and have the feature of raising and lowering the monitors and keyboard platforms. This offers the dispatchers the choice of sitting or standing while working. The individual computers are no longer inside each station but are rack mounted in the computer room. We added an additional station (making a total of 4) that will be extremely helpful during training of new employees and times of crisis (tornadoes, earthquakes, power outages, etc.). The dispatchers are proud of our new equipment and want to thank the 911 Dyer County Board in providing the funds to purchase and install them.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Debbie Sanders

Hi, I'm Debbie Sanders and I am employed as a dispatcher with the Dyersburg 911 Center.

I have been with the City for 10 1/2 years. I enjoy my job and I work with a great department. We have always been given the best equipment in order to do our job more efficiently. Everyone that works at the 911 center is dedicated and very good at their job. Besides, where else can women tell men where to go and get away with it without an argument?! I get to tell Tim (Ware) where to go when he's at work and at home! Tim is a fireman at the Dyersburg Fire Department.

Tim and I live in Newbern with our 2 year old daughter, Abigail. In my spare time, I like to fish, travel, cook, and spend time with family and friends.

Public Works Week



As a way of thanking Public Works employees for their service to our city, Mayor John Holden hosted a luncheon for the Public Works Departments to celebrate Public Works Week. Employees were treated to a meal of BBQ and all the trimmings catered by French's Catering Service. It was a beautiful day with a cool breeze and plenty of shade under the canopy. Everyone enjoyed the get-together



Empty your ashtray on the road or throw your butt out of the window and it could cost you...\$50 BUCKS or more to be exact! Tennessee adopted a new litter Law in 2007 and it is being enforced! Contest it and it can cost \$50 fine, court costs, and 40 hours of community service.
Don't be a litter bug!

I attended the Keep TN Beautiful 2008 Litter Summit on May 16th to learn about educational programs, technology applications and the new TN Litter Law and how they are enforced. Believe me, law enforcement is not shy about enforcing litter prevention. Others who attended were, Sheriff Jeff Holt, and Adm. Assistant Paula Winchester, Solid Waste Director, Tommy Edmonds, Gibson Co Litter Grant Coordinator LaNita VanDyke, Dyer Co. Bldg & Zoning Officer, Daniel Cobb, and Education Coordinator Ertle McLemore.

Speakers included The Honorable Judge Larry Potter of the Memphis Shelby County Environmental Court who discussed the new litter law and boy oh boy could he talk trash! Judge Potter said, "This bill is written so as to encourage police officers to write citations for littering in a manner similar to the successful seat belt law in TN. The more litter that is dumped as it relates to weight, the stronger the penalty." The Honorable Blake Anderson who presides over the City of Jackson Environmental Court spoke about how Jackson, TN is cracking down on their litter problem.

Per Keep TN Beautiful State Leader Edith Heller. "This law will move TN forward to break the cycle of social disorder and protect the environment. Small social offenses can quickly lead to larger disorders, disrespect and crime; ultimately leading to the spiraling downward and decay of a neighborhood, community or area. We believe the new law with a simple ticketing method will make it easier for officers and thus more tickets and enforcement will be issued."

Benefits of enforcing the litter law are an improved community image, better quality of life, a healthier landscape and safer community. To review the entire litter law in it's entirety online you may go to www.ktnb.org/educationalresources.htm. pmd



Front row: Daniel Cobb, Hon. Judge Larry E Potter, Penny Damesworth
Back row: Ertle McLemore, Paula Winchester, Sheriff Jeff Holt and Tommy Edmonds



Standing L to R: KTnB Project Coordinator Stine Cooperwood, Transportation Specialist, LGP Teresa Culbreath, Hon. Judge Blake Anderson, Hon. Judge Larry Potter, THP Trooper Kevin Brown Seated: TWRA Officer Buddy Brien and KTnB State Leader Edith Heller



Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow! Tennessee Trails Association that is!



The vote is in you're the winner! Dyersburg will soon become the newest chapter of the Tennessee Trails Association. It's happening this fall.

The Parks and Recreation Department along with state TTA officials hosted a meeting on May 20th that drew a number of area hikers, runners, and outdoor enthusiasts. At the meetings end, a decision to proceed with the formation of a Dyersburg chapter was made and seconded. Temporary Chapter Chairperson, Joe Hayden, is scheduling a follow up meeting June 10th. New members are welcome!

Parks & Recreation Director James Johnson and Newbern Mayor Jim Start made presentations pointing out that Dyersburg and Dyer Co. have a number of existing trails, some in the vicinity of the Mississippi River as well as several in the Forked Deer watershed. Virtually all of the trails offer scenic and wildlife hiking possibilities. Initial focus will be to maintain and upgrade existing trails and explore ways to connect to existing trails as well as making the public aware of hiking and nature exploration opportunities in the Dyersburg/Dyer County area.

The Dyersburg Chapter will offer local hikes and hiking opportunities, as well as making members aware of other opportunities, such as the hiking schedule of the Memphis Chapter, information on the Cumberland Trail, Meeman-Shelby Forest, the Tennessee Hiking Guide, and other information of general interest to hikers and nature enthusiasts.

If you would like more information you may call the Dyersburg Activity Center at 731-288-2564, email Joe Hayden @ joehayden@bellsouth.net or visit the Tennessee Trails Assoc. website at www.TennesseeTrails.org.

A special thank you to Mr. Frank Salowitz for sharing this information with me. Penny

NOW OPEN!

The Main Street Farmer's Market opens Saturday, May 31st. You may purchase locally grown, fresh foods each Saturday beginning at 7:00 am until sell out. The Main St. Farmer's Market is located at 335 S Clark St, Downtown Dyersburg. See you there!



New building and location of the Main Street Farmer's Market. One of the largest market buildings in the state.

The City of Dyersburg Needs You!



We have combined departments to have a City booth at the 2008 Dyer County Fair and we need help. Plans have been made and now what we need are workers...we need those of you who can saw, hammer, paint, etc. to work with other employees to build our backdrop. Please either call or email me so you will be contacted when it is time to begin building our booth (July and/or Aug.).



Thanks,

Cathy Cavness

Office 288-3596

ccavness@dyersburgtn.gov



Grand Lodge of Tennessee Free & Accepted Masons



I was at the fairgrounds to attend the Inaugural Old Time Bluegrass Festival and did not know what was going on in the Family Living Center (which happens to be 11,750 sq. ft. of meeting place!) and so I stepped inside the building and began asking questions (they were just setting up, I did not walk into the middle of a meeting"...I promise!): "What type of meeting are you holding?" and then "What are the Masons, mind if I take a few pictures and include you in the Dyersburg City News?" Poor John, he just slinks back into a corner and lets me do my thing. If I could only hear what he was mumbling! Thank goodness I had my camera!

What I found out was that A District #2 Masonic Meeting was being held honoring the Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Bro. Jerry Lynn Hanson. I did not know anything about the Masons so I did some research and found that the Freemasonry is the oldest and largest world wide fraternity dedicated to the service of the brotherhood of man and charitable works. These men are dedicated to the up-building of moral character and preservation of personal freedom.

The Grand Lodge of TN was formed on December 27, 1813 in Knoxville with TN having 348 individual lodges. Notable people that have been Masons include fourteen of the U.S. Presidents and many prominent people in business and the professions. Notable Tennesseans that have been Masons include: Andrew Jackson, James Polk, Andrew Johnson, Roy Acuff, 28 Governors and many members of Congress.

How are Masons charitable you may ask. Well, in the U.S. Masons contribute over two million dollars a day to charitable purposes fulfilling needs including: medical care for indigents, shoes, and sick room equipment, elderly assistance such as Meals on Wheels, installing smoke detectors in the homes of the elderly, and assistance with tax preparation for the elderly. School programs include academic scholarships, sponsoring awards for speaking and essay contests, providing books to local school libraries, and school literacy programs. Community Service Programs include a Masonic Widows and Orphans fund, a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Organ Donor Awareness programs, Veterans Hospital visitation programs, domestic violence shelter support, Ronald McDonald House assistance, Hospital Hospitality House assistance which provides a haven for those who give the physical and emotional support necessary to sustain a family member through a serious illness., sponsoring blood drives, and giving Christmas baskets to the needy. Another worthy program is the Child Recovery, Identification and Abduction Awareness Education program offered at no cost—free of charge to parents in North America.

Freemasonry is not a religion although it is of a religious nature as it urges its members to be faithful and devoted to their own religious beliefs. Masons are also taught to be loyal to the laws of the country in which they reside. In the U.S., the Masons have many patriotic activities; all meetings include the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

For more information you may visit: www.grandlodge-tn.org



Hear ye, hear ye!

Please be notified that residential household garbage (garbage in your garbage can) pick up will begin one hour earlier (6:00 am) Monday, June 2nd. Each year the Sanitation Dept. begins residential garbage pick up earlier because of the summer heat. Please keep your garbage bagged and in covered garbage can to prevent animals from scattering it, to keep insects from breeding in it and to keep it from getting wet. Wet garbage can quickly turn into a safety hazard for the men who must pick it up and carry it a distance.

John Damesworth

How to talk to your children about money



HOW OLD SHOULD THEY BE?

There's no right or wrong age to start talking to your children about money. By age five or six, your children might be mature enough to understand basic financial concepts. As soon as they become interested in money, start teaching them to handle it wisely. There are several important lessons you can teach your children to give them a solid foundation for a lifetime of sound financial decisions.

LESSON 1: LEARNING TO HANDLE AN ALLOWANCE

Many parents choose to offer their children an allowance. This is a child's first experience with financial independence, and you need to ensure that your child knows what an allowance is and why you are giving it to him. Establish whether the allowance is tied to household chores or whether it is simply a weekly amount. Some families establish a base allowance and then give their child extra money for additional chores.

HOW MUCH?

Experts recommend giving a child 50 cents to a dollar for each year of age.

Discuss with your child how he will be using this money. Will he put it into savings, or will he plan on spending it on parent-approved items? Now is a good

time to teach your child a valuable life lesson by introducing him to the benefits of saving.

LESSON 2: OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Taking your child to the bank to open an account is a good way to introduce her to the concept of saving money. Many banks have programs that provide activities and incentives to help children learn financial basics. Your child can learn how a savings account works and will enjoy trips to the bank to make deposits (allowance money, birthday gifts, etc.). If your child is working toward a long-term financial goal, you could offer to match whatever your child saves.

LESSON 3: SETTING FINANCIAL GOALS

Let your child set her own goals, so she has an incentive to save. Encourage your child to divide up her money: some to put toward her goal, some for charity, and some to spend right away. Try taping a picture of the item your child wants to a bank or jar, to help her make the connection towards setting a goal and saving for it.

LESSON 4: BECOMING A SMART CONSUMER

Here are some ideas to help your child identify smart consumer activities: set aside one day a month to take your child shopping. This will encourage your child to save up for something he really wants rather than buying something on impulse. Explain that you will not purchase something for your child every time you go shopping. Have your child put an item he wants on a birthday or holiday wish list, or make it into a long-term goal. Show your child how you purchase items based on price and quality. Take him with you when you go grocery shopping so he can see you make smart shopping decisions.

Visit www.360financialliteracy.org for more information about raising financially responsible children.

FEEDTHEPIG.ORG

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

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

June 1st-30th—OPEN ENROLLEMENT FOR MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE

June 7th— Dyer Co WWII Dedication Ceremony
Summer Fun Fest 2008. see article for details.

June 13th—Juneteenth Celebration (weekend event)

June 14th—Flag Day

June 15th—Happy Father's Day

June 19th— 2nd Annual Public Safety Day in the Park.

June 21st— Summer Begins

Battle of the Christian Bands

Farmers Market Is now OPEN on Saturday 7 am till?

Think You Have a Gas Leak?

Call:

288-7604 from: 8:30 – 5:00

After Hours and Weekends:

285-1212



DYERSBURG GAS SYSTEM

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jimmy and Connie Sentell celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on May 20.

Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With

John & Penny Damesworth and Family

Kenneth Moody (Sanitation) and Family

During their time of loss.

HAPPY 50th
BIRTHDAY!!
GEORGE
MCCAIG



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

George McCaig
Wilburn Pierce
John Damesworth
Clifford Dean
Kenneth Moody
David Rice
James Mosley
Stephen Weeks
John Woods

James Roy
Jimmy Cooper
Marty Gibson
Jim Joyner
Bethany Watington
Cathy Cavness
Lee Ann Hallum
Joe Bryan
Elma Ward

NOTICE

If this newsletter was forwarded to you and you would like to receive your own copy each month, email pdamesworth@dyersburgtn.gov
If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter from the City of Dyersburg, email tparker@dyersburgtn.gov



City of Dyersburg News
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!