

City of Munford, Tennessee 1397 Munford Avenue Munford, TN 38058 City Hall (901) 837-0171 <u>www.munford.com</u> Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report March 27, 2023

The Munford Downtown Development Commission grant opportunity has been welcomed by property owners in the Central Business District (downtown) and applications have been received from many. These grants will provide assistance for architectural design services for exterior improvements to building facades, awnings, lighting and aesthetics as well as incentives for new businesses. We are excited to offer this grant opportunity and anticipate building upgrades soon.

On March 16, we celebrated the Village at Green Meadows Open House by "tying the ribbon," signifying the unity of business and community. The open house was attended by numerous interested citizens and elected officials. The Village is a gated, active lifestyle community specifically designed for 55+ Seniors located on Abbey Road in Munford. The Village features a private clubhouse and pool, open floor plans and energy-efficient construction. We welcome The Village at Green Meadows to the "My Kind of Town" business community.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, I will administer the Oath of Office to our most recent Munford Police Department Law Enforcement Officer. Officer Madison Rittinger grew up in Munford and graduated from Munford High School, where she played softball for the Lady Cougars. She also graduated from University of Memphis with a Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. We are very proud to have her join our team.

To keep Munford a clean town, there will be a dumpster at City Hall, 1397 Munford Avenue, from April 10-23. The dumpster is free to all Munford citizens for disposal of yard debris, trash, junk, etc. The dumpsters will be serviced as necessary during this time. PLEASE: No batteries, tires, or hazardous waste allowed in the dumpsters.

Munford Clean Up Day is April 15 from 8-11 AM and we need volunteers to help us pick up litter on City streets. Start and finish will be City Hall parking lot and safety escorts and supplies will be provided by the City of Munford.

Recently, I received notification that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector conducted an inspection of pipeline facilities operated by the City of Munford. This inspection is to contribute to the safety and reliability of natural gas distribution and transmission pipeline facilities in Tennessee. I am very pleased to report that there were no violations identified during this inspection. This is a tribute to our fine staff, led by Greg Scott and his team. Thank you all for helping to keep us safe.

Please keep the people of Mississippi who were affected by the most recent tornado outbreak across the state in your thoughts and prayers. At last report, there were 26 fatalities and many seriously injured. Our hearts go out to these folks.

We continue to work on our infrastructure to replace/repair broken sewer lines. The Munford Avenue Intersection and sidewalk project is coming to a close very shortly. Downtown is coming alive with the Spring season at Bayless Nursery and other new businesses. Our parks are full with children playing soccer, baseball, flag football, and many other activities. This makes my heart happy. Many good things are happening in "My Kind of Town" and we are continuing to move forward.

Warm Spring regards, Dwayne Cole