



City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report
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The night of March 31 was disastrous, destructive, and deadly for Tipton County as two tornados (EF3) struck parts of our county causing damage to 540 structures, \$37 million in damages and one death. Munford residents received some damage, but the major damage was near Drummonds, Brighton, and Covington.

Disaster seems to unite us as a people more than most happenings and this one highlighted the absolute best in Tipton and surrounding counties. Immediately, emergency personnel responded to various locations of damage and began their excellent work. And very quickly, Tipton Countians in spite of darkness, began to show up with chainsaws, generators, tractors, trailers, supplies and whatever was needed. It was friend helping friend, neighbor helping neighbor. This sense of community in the midst of disaster was beautiful to see. The American spirit is alive and well in Tipton County. Please continue to pray for those affected by this storm.

On April 13, I signed the street-paving contract with low bidder Fowler Paving Company. Streets to be paved and/or repaired are based on pavement condition as well as traffic load. Our most recent Street Survey was performed by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) last year. This paving contract includes Eastwood Drive, Kate McClanahan, Robert Avenue, and Park Street north of Reeder. Plum Tree Circle is also included and will require full depth reclamation, which is basically reconstruction, as well as repaving. The contract is around \$500,000 and paving will begin as soon as possible, weather permitting.

On April 10, we (the City of Munford) closed on the property formerly owned by First Citizens National Bank at the corner of Munford Avenue and Tipton Road. The City received a grant to develop this property into Veterans Plaza and will be the focal point for community events in the Central Business District (Downtown). Veterans Plaza will include a tribute to our Veterans, performing stage, bays for food trucks and farmers market in season, restrooms, and open area. I would like to thank First Citizens National Bank for their continued support of Munford and their generous offering of this property. Special thanks to Chris Heckler, Executive Vice-President of Retail Banking, for his efforts in helping the City acquire this property. We are now working with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to begin the project.

The trash dumpster will remain at the City Hall parking lot through April 30 for our citizens to dispose of yard debris, construction materials, trash around the house, and general junk. Please, no batteries, tires, paint, or hazardous materials. This is one aspect of our Spring Community Clean-up effort. And thank you for helping to keep our town litter free.

Please join me for National Day of Prayer on May 4 at 6:00 PM at the Munford City Hall parking lot. The theme for 2023 is "Pray Fervently and Avail Much." I hope we can all agree that we need to call on the Name of the Lord for His blessings in these days.

Looking for warmer weather,
Dwayne Cole