



## City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

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Mayor's Report  
May 23, 2022

May is the month we recognize Fire Fighters and First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers, and Public Works employees. Each of these contributes immensely to the quality of life we enjoy daily, and we appreciate each one. The Exchange Club of Tipton County recently recognized Cody Lake as Fire Fighter of the Year and Mitchell Vandouser as Police Officer of the Year. Many thanks to each of you for your dedicated service to our community.

To everyone's relief, the Sewer Repair Project on West Main/Drummonds Road is completed, and the road is now open. The affected area included around 2900 feet and Portland Utilities Construction Company used a technique called "pipe bursting" to repair or replace deteriorated sewer lines. They completed the job considerably under budget and two weeks ahead of schedule. Many thanks to Public Works Director Sherry Bennard and her fine team of Public Works Professionals who assisted in this emergency repair.

Congratulations to Munford High School and Munford Middle School athletes who are competing at the state level for championships in Softball, Baseball, and Track and Field this week and last. These fine Student/Athletes represent Munford exceptionally well. Last week, Christian Perez and Jace Hodgins finished First and Second in TSSAA Division 1 Class AA Decathlon and Pentathlon competition. Congratulations and we wish all of you the absolute best in other games and other events this week.

Tonight, I am submitting the Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval on the second and final reading. This \$5.56M budget includes no property tax increase, a substantial increase of \$700,000 in funding for street paving, an increase of \$320,000 in Parks and Recreation for playground equipment, and a 4% pay increase for our employees. The paving and playground portions of the budget are funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the Federal Government.

The road survey, conducted by Municipal Technical Advisory Service representatives Ronnie Neill and John Carlson, is almost complete. In this survey every street in Munford was inspected and graded as to condition and traffic load. The final report is expected soon and will include recommendations of paving, repairs, and maintenance. As soon as we receive this report, we will formulate our paving plan for the coming fiscal year. This plan will include West Main Street in the area of the recent sewer repairs.

On Friday night, May 20, the Munford High School Graduating Class of 2022 completed their high school career and received their diplomas. This distinctive class of 261 graduates received in excess of \$10.5M in scholarships and seventeen (17) are entering the military. Aiding the Graduation Ceremony were Munford Police Department and Munford Fire Department. Graduating Seniors of 2022, CONGRATULATIONS and may God richly bless you as you follow your dreams.

Warm Springtime regards,

Dwayne Cole, Mayor