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Mayor's Report
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Many have asked about the property located at 1256 Munford Avenue and the activity there. The City purchased this 2.7-acre parcel recently for the purpose of providing an additional entrance into the water plant, future expansion of water plant operations, and storage for natural gas operations. Demolition of the house and site prep are being done by local contractor Dozertrax USA of Drummonds, TN, who was the low bidder on this project. We are excited to add this acreage to our public works site.

We have been consulting with engineering firm Kimley-Horn on a Transportation Master Plan, focusing on Munford Avenue (SR206) and Tipton Road (SR178). This community mobility study includes traffic patterns, future projections, and recommendations for improvements on these routes. The study is necessary to be considered for grant funding and will be used as a guide for future grant applications. Funding is provided by a 95/5 grant from TDOT. We are now in the final stages, and I hope to be able to present this study for Board approval in August.

The full-depth reclamation, comprehensive repair and repaving of Park Street and the west end of Plum Tree Circle is now complete. These emergency repairs were necessary due to extensive damage caused by the arctic temperatures we experienced during the winter storm of February 2021. This was unexpected and unplanned but was imperative to maintain the integrity of our road system. The additional cost to perform these repairs is around \$345,000. As a reference, our usual annual paving budget is around \$225,000. We apologize for the dust, gravel and inconvenience to all residents affected.

Tonight, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Alice Green for her long-term volunteer service to our senior citizens at the Munford Senior Center. Ms. Alice has worked in various capacities by serving meals at the center as well as delivering meals to homebound seniors. In total, Ms. Alice has served approximately 50,000 meals. She has been a regular fixture at the senior center for 13 years and is now retiring and looking forward to spending more time with her family. I am pleased to present the "My Kind of Town Volunteer" award to Ms. Alice Green.

Celebrate Independence will be held on July 1 at Poplar Park. The fireworks extravaganza will begin around 8:55 PM and will be outstanding as always. This event draws thousands to our town and the show can be seen throughout South Tipton County. Food trucks will be located in Poplar Park and various other places for your convenience. Bring your lawn chairs to Poplar Park, located in downtown Munford, or gather anywhere around downtown for a great night of celebrating 245 years of American freedom! This event is the cooperative effort of Celebrate Munford and the City of Munford.

Finally, Congratulations to the 2021 Graduating Class of Munford High School. MHS graduated 300 seniors who received in excess of \$10.5M in scholarships and nine seniors have committed to serve our nation in the military. Among the graduating seniors are Macy Glass, daughter of Alderman Lonnie Glass, Riley Baskin, daughter of Police Chief Randal Baskin and Molly Hutton, my granddaughter. May God bless each one as they embark on their next great adventure!

Warm regards,

Dwayne Cole