



City of Munford, Tennessee

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Mayor's Report
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We have all shared in the inconvenience of the sewer repairs being done on Munford Avenue, Beaver Road and Maple Hill Drive as well as other locations recently. These repairs are necessary because our original sewer lines were installed in the early 1960's, making them over 60 years old. Materials at that time were not as durable as those of today and we are lining the inside of the existing pipe by a process called pipe bursting. Thank you for your patience during this time of sewer line rehab. We are trying to ensure that when you flush, it goes away.

On the Agenda of the June 26, 2023, meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) we will consider the 2023-2024 budget for the City. This is a strong budget, which includes no tax rate increase for the upcoming year. We have received the certified tax rate from the Tipton County Tax Assessor's office of \$.8509 or about eighty-five cents, a reduction of \$.3186 due to the recent reappraisal. Because not all properties are equal in value or taxed at the same rate, you may see a slight increase or decrease in your tax bill for the upcoming tax cycle. Your tax bill should be the same or close to the same in the coming year.

Business and property owners in Munford's central business district have met with Kate Haywood, owner of Daily Design Group, to discuss ideas and consider plans for facade improvements to their buildings. These owners may qualify for grant assistance for these improvements administered by the Munford Downtown Development Commission. We are very excited to see this initiative gaining momentum and moving forward.

Everyone is invited to join us as we Celebrate Independence on July 3rd at Poplar Park in Munford. Fireworks will begin around 8:50 PM on Monday night, July 3, weather permitting. There will be concessions and food trucks at Poplar Park as well as the downtown area for your convenience. As always, Munford Fire Department will take safety precautions by watering the fireworks launch area, positioning emergency response vehicles strategically, and engaging additional support from other local departments. Citizens may view the spectacular fireworks from downtown and surrounding areas. Celebrate Independence is a cooperative effort between the City of Munford and premier civic organization Celebrate Munford and is an annual highlight of community life in our town.

Our Spring paving plan continues at a very slow pace but will conclude as soon as possible as scheduling and weather delays have been an issue. Streets remaining to be paved are Plum Tree Circle and Eastwood Drive, with patching in numerous places. I receive many valid comments about the condition of Munford Avenue. Please understand that this is a State Route (SR206), and repairs and maintenance are the responsibility of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). I have been in communication with TDOT regularly and they have plans to patch Munford Avenue from Doctor Drive to Tipton Road as soon as possible. Milling and repaving is scheduled for 2025.

Please take advantage of the many recreational opportunities available at Munford Parks and Recreation this summer: Summer League baseball, Summer camps, and skating along with our parks with playgrounds and open play give parents various options for Summertime activities while kids are out of school.

Thankfully, we were spared severe damage by the thunderstorm with straight line winds last night. Millington and Memphis were severely damaged, and many remain out of electricity today. We are cooperating with Tipton County Emergency Management to provide cooling stations for those affected by power outages.

Warm Summer regards,
Dwayne Cole