



## City of Munford, Tennessee

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On Saturday, July 23, we welcomed Outlaw Bar-B-Que, located at 24 McLaughlin Drive, into the Munford business Community. Their Grand Reopening was a tremendous success and they "sold out of all our food and had to close early." What a fantastic way to begin business in My Kind of Town! They will replenish inventory and be open on Monday, July 25. We extend best wishes for a successful future.

The future home of OrthoXpress, located just south of RedMed, is moving quickly toward completion. OrthoXpress offers quick and accurate diagnosis of injuries with the highest degree of medical specialty and provides the convenience we all want. Other specialized services offered at the Munford location will include physical therapy and urology. We look forward to welcoming these friends into the business community in early October.

We will begin a small paving project to repave the affected areas of West Main Street due to the recent emergency sewer repairs. Also included in this project is Demery Drive, and the final coat of asphalt at Central Park - a new development off of Colonial Heights Drive. The Central Park paving is paid by the developer. Paving should begin in late August with only minor traffic interruptions.

Public Works Director Sherry Bennard and I have been working on the first phase of a long-term street paving and maintenance plan. We will be getting estimates on the streets which are rated as needing "immediate attention" on our recent MTAS Street Survey. The MTAS Survey rated every street in the city as to pavement condition, traffic load, and necessary repairs. We have budgeted around \$700,000 to street repair, maintenance, and paving in FY2023.

For several years, First Citizens National Bank and the City of Munford have been in discussion about the city acquiring the bank property at 1483 Munford Avenue. The purpose of this acquisition is to build "Veteran's Plaza" as a tribute to military veterans as well as provide a focal point in downtown. Veterans Plaza will include a performance stage, restrooms, bays for food trucks and Farmer's market. The first step in this process was to apply for a grant from the State of Tennessee to partially fund this project. The City of Munford was recently awarded a grant for this purpose. I am asking the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to approve the acquisition of the property tonight (July 25, 2022).

We recently had two Firefighters obtain their Fire Officer II Commission certification. Congratulations to Bradley Jacobs and Taylor Billings for achieving this Certification. Also, Munford Public Works employee Ty Younger recently passed his Biological Natural State Exam for sewer operation. Congratulations Ty!

To state the obvious, these are dangerously hot days for all our citizens and employees. Please take important measures to protect yourself from heat exhaustion and dehydration. Public Works is now on an early schedule to help them "beat the heat" as much as possible. Please be understanding to all our employees and contractors who are battling daily to serve us.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed the Celebrate Independence fireworks on the 4th of July and the beautiful hanging baskets lining our streets downtown. Please do not miss the Celebrate Munford 5K run, beginning, and ending at Centennial Park at 8:00 AM on August 4. It is always a great event. There is a lot of planning and coordination required to host these events and keep the town beautiful. Thanks to all. God bless each one of you.

Warmest Summer regards,  
Dwayne Cole