



## City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

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Mayor's Report  
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On Friday, July 21 around 2:00PM, the Mid-South was once again blasted by heavy rains and strong winds. The strong winds downed many trees causing most of our town to lose power for several hours. I would like to thank all our departments for their tireless and outstanding work in clearing roads, answering calls, and serving our citizens. Many thanks to the men and women of Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (SWTEMC), our electricity provider, for their outstanding service in working relentlessly to restore electric power to our homes and businesses.

Beginning Thursday, July 27, and continuing through Friday, July 29, we will be picking up storm debris and tree limbs caused by the most recent storm. Please move limbs, etc. to the edge of the street for pick-up.

Portland Utilities Construction will continue their work on our sewer lines on Beaver Road, College Street, and Munford Avenue this week. As a result, there will be some traffic delays and we apologize for this, but this is a necessary repair in our sewer collection system. This project is scheduled to be completed before school starts on August 7.

Tipton County Schools will begin on August 7 with all the excitement of a new school year and fresh start for our students. I am pleased to report that all three Munford schools will have School Resource Officers (SRO) on the first day. Funding for SRO's is provided by Governor Lee's Statewide School Resource Officer Grant. Serving Munford Elementary School is SRO Josh Byars, Munford Middle School is SRO Josh Mobley, and Munford High School is SRO Daniel Marks. These officers are on site daily to interact with and protect our children.

As always, traffic is heavy on the first few days of school. Chief Randall Baskin has committed several officers to direct traffic at the school and various intersections to improve traffic flow. Also assisting are Crossing Guards Cynthia Davenport and Holly Underwood. Thank you, all our SROs and Crossing Guards, for your service.

Hopefully you enjoyed Celebrate Independence fireworks on July 3 at Poplar Park. The night was pleasant, and the show was grand. For those who have asked, the fireworks show is a function of Celebrate Munford, Inc. and is funded 50/50 by Celebrate and the City of Munford. The total cost of the production was \$15,580 and the show lasted 17 minutes as usual. I want to thank Jessica Collier, owner of Collier Realty, for her sponsorship of Celebrate Independence and Celebrate Munford in October. Thank you, Jessica. Next up on the Celebrate schedule of events is the Celebrate Munford 5K, sponsored by Landers Ford in Covington, on August 5 at 8:00 am, beginning and ending at Centennial Park.

Please take care on these very hot days and drink plenty of water, God bless you all.

Dwayne Cole, Mayor