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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report October 23, 2023

Just when you thought Celebrate Munford couldn't be any bigger or better, this year's celebration was just that. On a near perfect October day, Celebrate Munford 2023 was a tremendous success, breaking attendance, and vendor records. The Celebrate Munford committee, under the leadership of Cynthia Zickefoose did an outstanding job of organizing and executing our annual fall festival. I want to thank all our Department Heads and employees for their part in setting up the infrastructure, cleaning, trash pickup, and support of Celebrate Munford 2023. Without apology, I say our employees are the best!

We currently have three projects underway in our Downtown Improvement Grant under the direction of the Munford Downtown Development Commission. These businesses are Nichols Family Dentistry, Mount Zion Bakery, and Backwater Marsh Airsoft and Hobbies and all are located in the central business district of Munford. We are excited to see these improvements.

The City currently has two demolition projects beginning soon. The outbuildings behind the Log Cabin, home of the South Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, are being removed due to safety concerns. The former drive-thru bank building and marquis sign on the corner of Munford Avenue and Tipton Road will be demolished and removed as part of our Veterans Plaza project to be located on this property. The Veterans Plaza project is to be funded by a grant funded by the State of Tennessee and the City of Munford.

Please join the fun on October 28 from 5-7 PM in downtown Munford as businesses will host Fall Festivities, giving candy and other goodies to children of all ages and providing a safe venue for Halloween. This event has developed into one of the largest attended fun times in downtown. There have been sightings of Woody, dinosaurs, and Superheroes. Join the crowd and watch out for children.

The 2nd Annual Keep Tipton County Beautiful Community Clean-up will be held on November 4 and will be a competition between communities to judge how much litter each can pick up. If you know me, you know how much I hate litter and how much I hate to lose. Let's make this a "No Trash November." Volunteers may sign up at volunteersignup.org/y8dfa

There are so many things about our community that make me proud. One of those things is the College Scholarships that our Fire Department and Police Department sponsor. MFD hosts a Cornhole Tournament on the eve of Celebrate each year. This event raised \$1522 for the Nick Smith Memorial Scholarship. MPD had a dunk tank in the heart of Celebrate Munford 2023 and raised \$3,037 for the Bruce Potter Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships are given to Munford High School students who desire to enter public service in fire and/or law enforcement.

And as our Championship MHS band says, "Are you Proud?" Yes Ma'am!

Warm regards,
Dwayne Cole