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I am trusting that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, enjoying bountiful meals with thankful hearts. We are certainly blessed by the Lord.

We received notification this month that official planning for Veterans Plaza is now underway and we should have drawings available for our review and approval early next year. The next step in this agonizingly lengthy process will be to submit construction documents to TDEC-RES in the first quarter of 2024. As a preliminary step, we will be removing the building and sign at 1483 Munford Avenue during the week of December 4. Veterans Plaza is a cooperative project between the City of Munford and First Citizens National Bank, with partial funding provided by a grant from the State of Tennessee. We are incredibly pleased to be making progress on this project.

It is Christmas Time in "My Kind of Town!" We have added numerous new features and decorations in recent years and hopefully you have noticed the enhancements. Santa has notified me that he will be visiting various places and events in the coming days, and the annual Munford Christmas Parade will be held on December 2 at 5 PM. The tree lighting ceremony will follow immediately at City Park on College Street. The Championship Munford Band will be marching, and our lineup of floats continues to grow. As always, The Munford Christmas Parade is a great family event, and it will be fabulous so please plan to attend!

Munford Parks and Recreation Director Griff Fisher and his staff are installing the Christmas decorations as well as coordinating the Christmas Parade and are doing a great job. Thank you MPR!

I want to personally commend our community for the generosity you exhibit during the holidays. The Angel Tree, toys for "Fill the Sleigh," food banks, meals for our public service employees, etc. are always highly supported and for that I am thankful. It is an honor to serve such an unselfish community.

During this busy season of gift buying, please remember to "shop local" for Christmas. Small businesses employ 42.2% of all workers in the state of Tennessee and are crucial to a successful and growing economy. It is small business owners who contribute to local organizations and charities so please remember small business as you shop.

If you have seen Mr. Grinch around town lately, please let him know that he is welcome to visit here and entertain the kids, but we will not allow him to steal Christmas. Not in our town!

Merry Munford Christmas regards,

Dwayne Cole