



Happy New Year!



The Mayor and several Council members accepted an offer from TVA to view ash spill site from the air. As you can see in the picture above, Kingston is as lovely as ever.



Mayor Beets discusses the ash spill with Senator Corker (pictured left) during a helicopter tour of the ash spill site.

City Manager Jim Pinkerton was photographed by Councilman Norman Sugarman during their flight. Councilwomen Teresa Ferguson and Jane DeVall, Vice Mayor Marty Miles and Councilman Kevin McClure also took advantage of TVA's offer to view the site from above.



JAMES W. PINKERTON
CITY MANAGER
CITY OF KINGSTON

City Scenes

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Trials have no value or intrinsic meaning in themselves. It's the way we respond to those trials that makes all the difference.
—Joni Eareckson Tada



The **Water Department's** Wastewater Treatment Plant has made great strides in solving some of the sewer and drainage problems that plagued the city for years. For the first time during heavy rains they didn't bypass this season. This speaks volumes for their sewer line rehabilitation program. The camera truck and equipment purchased in 2007 has proven to be invaluable in locating broken lines and roots. Mike Jolly and his crew are to be congratulated on a job very well done! They are also working hard to keep the pumps pumping water into local homes and businesses.

The **Water Plant** personnel are quite literally swamped—not with water—but with water testing in an effort to calm the fears of Kingston citizens after the Swan Pond fly ash spill at the end of December. After sitting across from **Ed Roberts** every Wednesday for close to five years, you will never convince me that he would let me drink the water if he **didn't think it was safe**.

Ed, Chuck, Steve and David are very conscientious and continually making improvements at our water plant. In fact, according to State reports our plant was the most improved water plant in the state in 2007.

If you think you have been cold the past few days you need to join the Distribution and Collection guys. During these extreme weather conditions they have been working around the clock due to frozen water lines and broken water mains. They had four main-line breaks the weekend of January 10. **Russell Miller, Alvin Pierce, Johnny Goodman, Eddie Kennedy** and **Kevin Hamilton** spent that weekend on the streets of Kingston fixing one main break after another. I forgot to mention **Robby**—boy am I in trouble!

Public Works employees stayed busy cleaning drains to prepare for the heavy rains and patching potholes and roads damaged from waterline breaks, and doing maintenance at City Hall.

Fire Department employees spent a Saturday taking their practicals along with folks from Chattanooga and Oak Ridge—39 firefighters total. They are waiting for the results (firefighter 1 and 2). **Bo Murphy** has decided to go back to school to become a doctor. Building permits are slow so far this year with only 2 requests for permit applications. **Eddy Lentz** has been working to solve the abandoned car problem in Kingston. Last count there was only one left.

Rick Ross was elected to stay at the Joint Information Center set up as a result of the ash spill. He has reported a couple of serious building repairs needed at the Community Center. A leak in the Council room has resulted in mold and a leak in the back hallway means roof repairs.

Strength is the ability to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands - and then eat just one of those pieces.

—Judith Viorst

Family and friends came by City Hall to join Carolyn Brewer in celebrating her 30-year anniversary with the City with cake, snacks and punch.

Congratulations Carolyn. We hope you make it thirty more!!!



Carolyn Brewer accepts a plaque from Mayor Beets commemorating her 30 years of service to the city of Kingston.

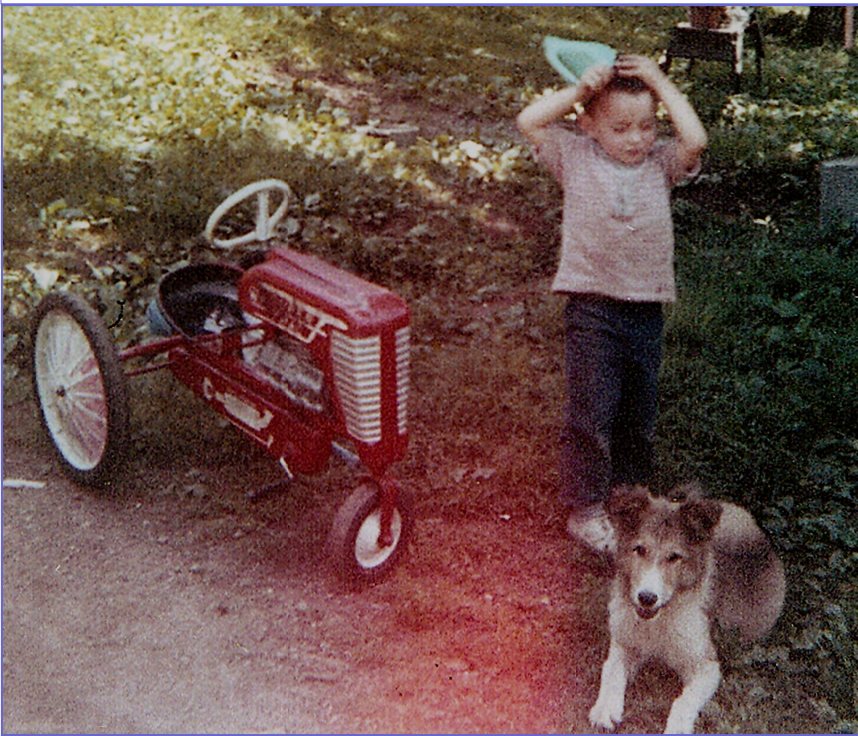


Personal Notes, Etc.



- **Ms. Nell Pinkerton**, our City Manager **Jim Pinkerton's** Mom, in Harriman Health and Rehabilitation.
- **Mr. Pinkerton's** Mother-In-Law, **Ms. Thelma Thurman** in the Rhea County Health Care facility and his Father-In-Law, **Mr. Clifford Thurman** who is receiving treatments for lung cancer and is at home in Dayton, TN.
- **Tim Clark's** Grandmother **Faye Cline** who has been ill for some time.
- **Willie Gordon's** Mom, **Wanda Sue Gordon**, is recuperating from surgery and has begun chemo treatments.
- **Willie Gordon's** 3-month old grandson **Trey** has been in the hospital. He is having trouble breathing and tests are being done to try to determine the cause.
- **Officer Bo Smith's** brother-in-law **Mike Douglas** has been diagnosed with colon cancer and it has metastasized.
- **Gary Nelson's** father-in-law is seriously ill with cancer.
- **Alvin Pierce's** brother in law Don Medley passed away on January 12 in St. Petersburg, Florida (the husband of his sister Shirley Pierce Medley).
- Former **Water Department** employee **Phyllis Clark** lost her daughter **Claudia** to cancer on January 14.
- Police Officer **Jim Lambert** has been missing in action due to an on-the-job knee injury that required surgery.
- Police Officer **Troy Wright** took a bad fall at the Michael Dunn Center while on duty last month and is scheduled for knee surgery this month.
- **Chuck Moore's** wife is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, February 3.
- **Steve Jacks** is scheduled for eye surgery February 6 at Vanderbilt in Nashville.

Guess Who!

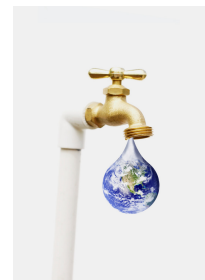


Can you guess who the little fellow is in this picture?

Please keep these families
in your prayers!



THE WATER
IS GOOD!!!



When it is dark enough,
you can see the stars.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



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**The only people with whom
you should try to get even are
those who have helped you.**

—John E. Southard

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

What a way to begin the new year! If we hang in there long enough do you guess there is a chance that Kingston will finally make the front page with good news? Since Hariman has kept such a low profile during the fly ash spill, and since the plant is named after Kingston, we seemed to take the brunt of this disaster with the news media.

If you check out the picture on the front page of the newsletter you can see that we faired pretty well despite what you read in the paper. I have enough faith in our Water Plant employees too that I have never stopped drinking the water. I have complete faith that if they become concerned in the least, they will let us know.

Once again—Happy New Year!!!

*Please send any news/pictures to
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or e-mail to jalking@bellsouth.net.*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Effie Cole	2/2
Jo Ann Knies	2/11
Jay Logan	2/14
Jimmy Agee	2/16
Mike Woody	2/23
Amy Hutchison	2/29

If your birthday is not listed please call Joyce at 376-5911 Ext. 102

We apologize to Jerry Singleton as we printed the wrong date for his birthday. His birthday is January 21—not January 27.

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Schedule of Meetings

JANUARY

6	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
13	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
15	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
19	VIPS	7:00 pm
31	Extended Council Work Session	9:00 am

FEBRUARY

3	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
10	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
16	VIPS	7:00 pm
19	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 pm

KINGSTON

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- W. Troy Beets, Mayor**
- Jane DeVall, Councilwoman**
- Teresa Ferguson, Councilwoman**
- Kevin McClure, Councilman**
- Marty Miles, Vice Mayor**
- Norman Sugarman, Councilman**
- Brant Williams, Councilman**

