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Extended Council Work Session



On Saturday, January 31, 2009, five of our seven Council members and several city employees attended an extended work session to begin the recovery process for Kingston as a result of the TVA ash spill. Warren Nevad, a Management Consultant from UT's Municipal Technical Advisory Service, facilitated the session and guided Council members through several pages of items considered to be damaging to our city resulting from this tragedy, and ways we might be made whole or better.

Thanks Once Again, DAR





The Fort Southwest Point Daughters of the American Revolution gave Kingston Parks and Recreation \$600 toward the Red Bud Trees around the walking trail. Pictured from left to right: Sue Collins, Mike Woody, Rick Ross and Bobby Honey. Once again, we thank them for all they do for the Fort and the city of Kingston!

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Self-discipline is when your conscience tells you to do something and you don't talk back.

-W.K. Hope

Department News



All **Public Works** employees are now equipped with safety vests to be worn during any type of street work. They completed installation of the LED traffic signal at the intersection of Highway70 and Highway 58 this month—check out how much brighter they are.

All **Fire Department** personnel are currently certified and all but four have completed their Hazmat certification. Next month they will host a Pump Operators class in Kingston.

Chief Washam reported all **Police Department** personnel are now

NCIC certified. Also, they now have four laptop computers for the patrol cars thanks to Congressman Lincoln Davis (the computers are shifted from car to car as the shifts change).

In the **Administration Office** Carolyn Brewer is talking budget, budget, budget!

Parks & Recreation Director Rick Ross had a nasty surprise this month. The roof over the Council room has apparently been leaking for quite some time resulting in mold and mildew and extensive water damage. There goes this year's budget Rick.

They are planning a half-day camp this summer called "Camp Get Out" which is for 3 hours each day for one week. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. The camp is for 8-12 year olds and will involve each city park (a different one will be visited each day).

Dr. Bass visited Kingston once again on February 16th at the Community Center as part of the Kingston City **Library's** promotion of reading. As usual it was standing room only.

Father/Daughter Mother/Son Dance

On February 20, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Staff

hosted the second annual Father/ Daughter Mother/Son dance at the Kingston Community Center



Can you tell by the leis they had a Hawaiian theme? We understand they had great fun trying the limbo. Sure hate I missed it—maybe next year!

2009 Dixie Youth State Tournament

Kingston Parks and Recreation and the Kingston Optimist Club will host the 2009 Dixie Youth State Tournament July 17-19, 2009, at Legion Field at Southwest Point. This will bring lots of visitors to our area as there will be 15 teams in a double elimination style tournament.

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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** is doing better.

- 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, Leroy Lantz passed away on February 25 following a lingering illness..
- Police Officer **Jim Lambert** is back at work after surgery to repair a knee injury.
- Police Officer **Troy Wright** is in therapy after having knee surgery.
- Eddie Lentz is back to work after surgery earlier this month.
- **Joyce Lewis'** brother **Charlie Woods** passed away after a lingering illness on February 19 in Knoxville.
- **Mr. Pinkerton** is recuperating from surgery and expects to be back in the office on March 2.

Please keep these families in your prayers!

Welcome Home Adam!

During the February 10th Kingston City Council meeting Adam Badger presented a plaque and an American Flag to the Kingston Police Department. The flag was flown over Iraq.

Mayor Beets presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Kingston to Adam for his outstanding service to our country and our city. He just returned from a six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Adam also serves as Captain of the Kingston Police Department's Reserve officers.



Guess Who!



How many of you recognized the little boy last month as our Public Works Director Tim Clark? I thought the tractor would be a dead give-away but no one made the connection.

How about the dangerous looking dude on the left? He looks pretty scary to me!

Does anyone recognize him?



Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people.

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He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with both.

- Francis Bacon

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Marriage is the most expensive way to get advice for nothing.

Three More Weeks!

At least according to Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who, on February 2 each year, predicts how many more weeks of winter we will have. If he is right we should only have three to go.

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the 1800s with the first trek to Gobbler's Knob made on February 2, 1887 (where he appears each February 2 in front of thousands of followers from all over the world).

According to his followers Punxsutawney Phil is the only true weather forecasting groundhog and his predictions are correct 100% of the time. They say there has only been one Phil and he is 120 years old. They contribute this longevity to his drinking the "elixir of life" which is a secret recipe he drinks every year at the groundhog picnic that gives him another 7 years of life.

YOU GO PHIL!!!



PHIL

Please send any news/pictures to Joyce Lewis, City Manager's Office or e-mail to jalking@bellsouth.net.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Sam Bolden	3/3
Chris Boswell	3/5
Jimmy Thorpe	3/11
Donald Stout	3/19
Steve McKeethan	3/22
Tommy Guinn	3/30
Pat Mills	3/31

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

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