



# Tennessee Urban Forestry Council



On April 16 the Urban Forestry Council held their Board meeting and hosted a luncheon and Town Hall meeting at Fort Southwest Point. This was of particular interest to Kingston residents and employees as they listened to the experts relate the many benefits of our decision to become a Tree City. TUF C Board members in attendance:

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Heather Langford | Patrick Haller  |
| Hester Rodgers   | Todd Morgan     |
| Derrick Lynch    | Jon Nettle      |
| Warren Nevad     | Liz Didier      |
| Patrick Walding  | Jennifer Smith, |
|                  | TUFC Director   |



Pictured above: Council Members Teresa Ferguson and Kevin McClure (front) and City Manager Jim Pinkerton



Inside this issue:	
Department News	2
Personal Notes, Etc.	3
May Birthdays	4
Schedule of Meetings	4

Representing the city: Mayor Troy Beets, Council Members Teresa Ferguson and Kevin McClure, City Manager Jim Pinkerton, Parks & Recreation Director Rick Ross, Asst. Dir. Jo Ann Knies, Admin. Asst. Joyce Lewis and Fort staff member Mike Woody and Keith Foster.

# Department News



All **Public Works** employees are into their busiest season once more—between drainage issues, mowing and trying to keep our vehicles up and going.

The **Fire Department** just finished flushing hydrants all over the city and now that the weather is clearing from April showers will begin painting them.

**Police Department** officers continue to write citations to those folks who insist on driving too fast through Kingston. They are also planning for the annual National Night Out later this summer. The Neighborhood Watch program is available to any Kingston area wishing to participate

In the **Administration Office** **Carolyn Brewer** continues to work with the Council members, the city manager Mr. Pinkerton and department heads toward a final budget for FY 09/10.

**Parks & Recreation Director Rick Ross** has scheduled a meeting with all the emergency/security service personnel on May 5 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center to plan for this year's July 4th celebrations.

They are also planning a multi-purpose area next to the walking trail behind the Fort Southwest Point Pavilion and, of course, this time of year means many, many ball games so working on ball fields is a constant.

**Kingston Library** personnel are getting ready for the Summer Reading Program and—as it should be—Director Steve Jacks report things are quiet at the Library. By the way, his eye surgery was a great success—our prayers were answered!

**Ed Roberts**, Manager of the **Kingston Water Plant** has been nominated for the Meritorious Operator of the Year Award for the Kentucky/Tennessee Section of the American Water Works Association.

Remember ... no one is in charge of your happiness except you.

## Visitors from India

On April 14, 2009, five members of the GSE Rotary Team from India visited Fort Southwest Point. Councilmember Ferguson gave each member a proclamation welcoming them to Kingston and naming each of them honorary citizens. They received the “full fort treatment” from Fort staff members Mike Woody and Don Lawrence including a tour.



Those visitors attending were Ms. M. S. Thangam, Ms. Sunita Teresa Samuel, Dr. S. Sheik Saleem, Mr. Jeyaveerapandian Kanagasabathy, Dr. R. Jeya Kumar, and Councilmember Teresa Ferguson.



- **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.
- **Tim Clark's** Grandmother **Faye Cline** who has been ill for some time.
- **Willie Gordon's** Mom, **Wanda Sue Gordon**, has begun chemo treatments for cancer.
- **Officer Bo Smith's** brother-in-law **Mike Douglas** is battling colon cancer and is currently under Hospice care.
- Police Officer **Troy Wright** had his second knee surgery on April 17.

**Please keep these families  
in your prayers!**

## Tobacco Surcharge

At their March 31 meeting, the State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees approved a plan that calls for the implementation of a \$50 per-month tobacco surcharge for those members who use tobacco, which will go into effect January 1, 2010. These policy changes are intended to encourage plan members to take appropriate steps toward giving up use of tobacco products. The surcharge will not exceed \$50 per month even if both the employee and spouse are tobacco users.

Members who incur the surcharge will have access to a variety of resources to safely and effectively quit using tobacco, which will be paid for using surcharge funds. The committees will vote in April on coverage of specific medications and resources.

—Benefits Bulletin

A Newsletter for Agency Benefits Coordinators

April 2009

## Never A Dull Moment

**Just Another Day  
At  
City Hall!!!**



**A flood out the back door (water main break) and a fire out the front door!**

**My days of whining and complaining about others have come to an end. Nothing is easier than fault finding. All it will do is discolor my personality so that none will want to associate with me. That was my old life. No more.**

—Og Mandino



**JAMES W. PINKERTON  
CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF KINGSTON**

**Primary Business Address:  
125 West Cumberland Street  
Kingston, TN 37763**

**As we express our  
gratitude, we must  
never forget that the  
highest appreciation is  
not to utter words, but  
to live by them.**

—John F. Kennedy

**We are on the web!  
www.kingston-tn.org**

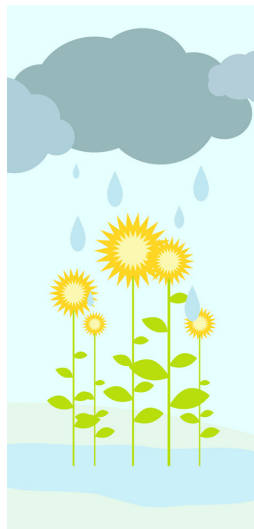
## Schedule of Meetings

### APRIL

7	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
14	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 pm
20	VIPS	7:00 pm
21	Council Budget Meeting	9:00 am

### MAY

7	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
11	Council Budget Workshop	Noon
12	Public Hearing (Annexation Issues)	6:45 pm
12	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
14	Candidate Forum	7:00 pm
18	2nd Council Budget Meeting	9:00 am
21	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 pm



## So Long Bo!

*Firefighter Bo Murphy will be leaving us to begin classes at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville this summer. He plans to major in Business Administration and will sign up for 12 hours during summer semester and 15 in the fall.*

*We wish you great success Bo. Stay in touch!*



*Please send any news/pictures to  
Joyce Lewis, City Manager's Office  
or e-mail to [jalking@bellsouth.net](mailto:jalking@bellsouth.net).*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Jamie Melton	5/11
Jim Lambert	5/15
David Lewis	5/22
William Griffith	5/22
Lawrence Russell	5/29

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

**Joy is what happens  
when we allow our-  
selves to recognize  
how good things  
really are.**

—Marianne Williamson

## KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

**MAYOR  
W. Troy Beets**

**VICE MAYOR  
Marty Miles**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Teresa Ferguson  
Kevin McClure  
Norman Sugarman  
Brant Williams**