

Happy Thanksgiving!



Another year has passed and with it we have all had our moments of joy and happiness as well as days of sadness and grief. What are you thankful for? Is your family healthy? Do you have a warm place to rest during this cold autumn weather? What about food and clothing? If you are reading this there is a good chance you have a job as a city employee and all that entails. Have you considered how much less likely you are to be killed by a bomb or of starving to death as do many thousands in less fortunate countries? Did you exercise your right to vote this month—were you thankful for that privilege?

So many times we focus on the things we don't have and our losses and forget just how many things we have to be thankful for.

GIVE THANKS!



"The First Thanksgiving", painting by [Jean Leon Gerome Ferris](#) (1863–1930). Taken from the Wikipedia free encyclopedia.

Inside this issue:

Department Happenings	2
Personal Notes, Etc.	3
December Birthdays	4
Schedule of Meetings	4

You can't help someone get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself.

—H. Norman Schwarzkopf



Department Happenings



The Kingston Fire Department responded to an early morning fire on November 14. Even though they responded within 3 minutes from 911 notification they were unable to save one victim from smoke inhalation from the fire. These professional firefighters have a really difficult job. I can't imagine walking into a burning building—no matter how much gear I might have on. Can you?

The next time you see one of them let them know how thankful you are they are willing to risk their lives to save ours.



In the scene above Police Reserve Officers Gene Sutton and Pete Stinnett to hold one of their Neighborhood Watch meetings in Kingston. These meetings are set up in perimeters of 15 sections. A few of the neighborhoods where meetings have already been held include Lakeshore, Circle Drive, Allison Circle, and Blossom Lane.

Three more neighborhoods are scheduled during the months of December and January. All 15 sections should be complete within the next year.

Way to go guys!!!



Chris Washam, an officer with the Roane County Sheriff's Office, tries to recover after being sprayed by his dad, Police Chief Jim Washam during Aerosol Spray Certification training.

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

—Mother Teresa (1910-1997)



- **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**, is recuperating from surgery and has begun chemo treatments.
- **Willie Gordon** has a new grandson. We will forward the particulars as soon as possible!
- **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.

Please keep these families in your prayers!



A Thanksgiving Prayer

The first response to any crisis is prayer; urgent and honest prayer. Before we turn to money managers and governments, let's turn to the Maker of the Universe. —**Max Lucado**

You Have Our Attention, Lord

A prayer by Max Lucado - October 2008

*Our friends lost their house
The co-worker lost her job
The couple next door lost their retirement
It seems that everyone is losing their footing*

*This scares us. This bailout with billions.
These rumblings of depression.
These headlines: ominous, thunderous -
"Going Broke!" "Going Down!" "Going Under!" "What's Next?"*

What is next?

We're listening. And we're admitting: You were right.

*You told us this would happen.
You shot straight about loving stuff and worshipping money.
Greed will break your heart, You warned.
Money will love you and leave you.
Don't put your hope in riches that are so uncertain.*

You were right. Money is a fickle lover and we just got dumped.

*We were wrong to spend what we didn't have.
Wrong to neglect prayer and ignore the poor.
Wrong to think we ever earned a dime. We didn't. You gave it. And now, tell us Father, are You taking it?*

*We're listening. And we're praying.
Could you make something good out of this mess?*

*Of course You can. You always have.
You led slaves out of slavery,
Built temples out of ruins,
Turned stormy waves into a glassy pond and water into sweet wine.
This disorder awaits your order. So do we.*

*Through Christ,
Amen*

God will always give what is right to His people who cry to Him night and day, and He will not be slow to answer them. (Luke 18:7 NCV)



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



JAMES W. PINKERTON CITY MANAGER

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

Be careful of the environment you

**A man wrapped up in
himself makes a very
small bundle.**

—Benjamin Franklin

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

**Be careful of the environment you
choose for it will shape you;**

**be careful of the friends you
choose for you will become like
them.**

—W. Clement Stone

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Alvin Pierce	12/1
Joshua Harwell	12/2
Doug Romines	12/4
Tammy Pipkin	12/5
Joseph Cunningham	12/5
Debbie Russell	12/8
Kevin McClure	12/9
Lisa Crawley	12/14
Clint Redwine	12/14
George Mills	12/16
Rick Ross	12/20
Charles R. Hiatt	12/26
Johnny Goodman	12/29

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

REMEMBER!

**Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear
and the blind can see.**

—Mark Twain

Schedule of Meetings

NOVEMBER

3	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
13	Public Hearing	6:45 pm
13	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
17	VIPS	7:00 pm
20	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 pm

DECEMBER

2	City Council Work Session	6:00 pm
9	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
16	VIPS	7:00 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