



# Swearing-In Ceremony



On December 1, 2014, the new members of the Kingston City Council were sworn in and a lunch was held in their honor in the Conference Room. Pictured left to right: Re-elected Council Member Don White; Council Member Randy Childs; Mayor Timothy Neal; Council Member Sarah Humphreys; and Commissioner Jim Henry.



Proud Mother Eleanor Neal, Kingston's City Clerk, welcomes our new Mayor and is on hand to watch him being sworn in as other Council members watch.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**The soul always knows what to do to heal itself. The challenge is to silence the mind.**

*—Carline Myss*

# Kingston Christmas Celebrations & Giving



Pictured above are some of the many bikes restored by Kingston's Public Works employees with the help of prisoners. These bikes will be given to children in the Roane County area.



Kingston City Council Member Randy Childs and Kingston Investigator Jamie Melton and his wife Jennifer are pictured above with the young folks they helped with Christmas shopping for the 2014 Operation Reach Program.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Caroline and Carter Bolling help Dad, City Manager David Bolling, ring the bell for Salvation Army donations!



**Ho Ho Ho!**

Santa made it to the Bazaar!



**Candy Cane Run**

Parks & Recreation Director Rick Ross with top contestants in the 2014 Candy Cane Run.

# Personal Notes, Etc.

- **Water Department** employee **David Loy's wife Teresa's** cancer has progressed to her liver.
- **Police Officer Bo Smith** was hospitalized with heart problems and kidney failure. He is recuperating at home.

**Please keep these folks and their families in your prayers!**



## Welcome New Additions!

Marsha Marshall's newest granddaughter, Lucille Clark, was born on April 29th. She weighed in at 10 pounds 3 ounces (pictured on the right at 12:22 p.m. CST)



We have a new little firefighter! Cooper James Organek was born on July 9th at 2:10 p.m. Cooper weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and is 21 inches long.

Halen Kae Strayer was born at 5:01 p.m. on June 15. Halen weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces and is 20-1/2 inches long. As you can see from the picture Papa Caleb is once again in love!



## Loved Ones We Lost in 2014

- **Water Department** employee **Tony Workman's Dad, Emery Blaine Workman**, passed away on January 30th in Ohio.
- **Public Works** employee **David Alford's Dad Larry Alford** passed away on March 28th.
- **Public Works** employee **Randy Collins** sister **Carol Smith** passed away on June 4th following a lengthy battle with lung cancer.
- **Water Department Superintendent Mike Jolly's** brother-in-law **Stanley Parks** passed away on June 22nd.
- **Police Department Reserve Officer Mark Warren's** Mother **Gladys Warren** passed away on August 3.
- **Police Department Patrol Captain Caleb Strayer's** Grandmother **Betty Louise Yandell** passed away on August 18th.
- **Mayor Beets** sister **Mildred Beets Mason** passed away on August 3rd following a lingering illness.
- **Office John Neal's** Mother-In-Law, **Jane Harrell** passed away on October 17, 2014.
- **Councilman John Byrkit's** Mother **Emily Byrkit** passed away on October 24th.
- **Tony Workman's beloved wife Amy** passed away on October 30th.



**Brad Miller** is pictured holding the first **Tim Arnold Memorial Award** with **Nancy Arnold**, Tim's wife. Brad also received a promotion to Lieutenant of the Kingston Part-time Police Officers.



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### January Birthdays

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Jerry Singleton | 1/21 |
| Eleanor Neal    | 1/24 |
| Martin Cash     | 1/25 |
| Tim Neal        | 1/29 |

**It's not how many hours you put  
in but how much you put in the  
hours.**

***Whatever you do, work at it with  
all your heart, as working for the  
Lord, not for men. ...It is the Lord  
Christ you are serving.***

***—Colossians 3:23, 24 NIV***

## From the City Manager. . .



As I write this, we are five short days away from Christmas. Many of us are still scrambling around to get last minute gifts for friends and family, and children are starting to get that rush of excitement and anticipation that we all remember so fondly at this special time of year.

As a child, I thought that nothing in world compared to the joy of opening Christmas presents. Even today, I still get excited watching my children's faces as they tear through the wrapping paper to see what Santa brought. However, my real joy, and one of the true blessings of the season, is to see people selflessly helping those in need.

All around us we can see examples of people taking time out of their busy lives to help their fellow man. I've seen our city employees work with Hands of Mercy to make sure hundreds of people in our community had a warm meal for the holidays, witnessed them help with Operation Reach to provide a bright Christmas for children who may otherwise not have one, and seen them take pride in bringing new life to old bicycles, which will no doubt bring smiles to the faces of many on Christmas morning. I could certainly name other examples of our employees giving of themselves to help others, not because they had to but because they wanted to.

Seeing our employees do their jobs well is a testament to what good workers they are. The way they help others shows what good human beings they are. I feel blessed to be associated with such a wonderful group of men and women, and I want to thank them for everything they do to help make our city a better place for all.

Ours is not a perfect world. One only needs to watch the evening news to see that violence, poverty, disease and hate are far more prevalent than we wish they were. Despite the problems we see around the world, and the troubles we all have in our own lives, we only need to take the time to look around us to see all that is good in our lives. To borrow from the late Alex Haley, let us all make an extra effort this holiday season, and beyond, to "find the good and praise it".

On behalf of the City of Kingston, I'd like to extend to each of you, and to each of your families, my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to come.

## Meetings & Events

### January 2015

|    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| 6  | City Council Work Session                                   | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9  | City Council Work Session                                   | 2:00 p.m. |
| 13 | City Council Meeting  | 7:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)  |           |
| 13 | Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) |           |
| 20 | Planning Commission Meeting                                 | 6:00 p.m. |

### December 2014

|   |   |            |
|---|---|------------|
| 1 | Swearing-In Ceremony at City Hall                           | 10:00 a.m. |
| 2 | City Council Work Session                                   | 6:00 pm.   |
| 9 | City Council Meeting  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 9 | Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting)  |            |
| 9 | Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) |            |

**KINGSTON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**  
**Timothy Neal**

**VICE MAYOR**  
**Tony Brown**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**John Byrkit**  
**Randy Childs**  
**Sarah Humphreys**  
**Norman Sugarman**  
**Don White**