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Scenes

CITY COUNCIL 2017



Front Row (left to right): Council Members Stephanie Wright, Don White, and Sarah Humphreys.

Back Row (left to right): Council Members Tony Brown and Tara Stockton; Vice Mayor Randy Childs and Mayor Tim Neal.

Aaron Noble Photography

GERTRUDE PORTER PARK CONSTRUCTION



Check out the construction progress!

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I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

-Andy Rooney

Department News

- Department heads have been busy working on their 5-Year Plans. The Council plans to form a Strategic Planning Committee in February.
- The first meeting of the Personnel Policy Committee is scheduled for February 17th.
- The Beautification Committee will consist of Chief Washam , Jo Ann Knies, a Council Member and citizens. We have had one citizen express an interest to date.
- Public Works employees did a great job preparing the city for a "predicted" snow this month.

- Finance Director Carolyn Brewer announced that payroll deductions for the 401(K) plan began in January. Mr. McKinney was scheduled to visit again in February to sign up anyone who missed the last meeting.
- Police Chief Washam reported his department was awarded two surplus trailers to be used for storage.
- Kingston Parks & Recreation Director Rick Ross and his staff are preparing for all sports to begin (constructing batting cages, etc.). Gertrude Porter Park should be complete this Spring.
- Water Department Superintendent Mike Jolly and his staff are happy to have new centrifuge equipment and clarifiers. It has been a long time coming. City Manager David Bolling thanked Mike and his staff for taking the lead on getting help with the lights at City Hall.
- Joyce Lewis is working with Medic Regional Blood Center to set up a Blood Drive with city employees (must have at least 20 volunteers to make it worthwhile.

The first website meeting was held on January 19 in the confer ence room at City Hall.



Doing some winter cleaning? The Re-cycle center closed? No worries. You can take your re-cycle items to Byrd Field to our Re-cycle trailer. City employees were heartbroken to hear of the passing of our friend Zane Grey. He was such a mildmannered and polite man, not to mention his computer knowledge and skill. We knew when he showed up our computer problems were solved. God speed Zane. Our prayers go out to his friends and family.





We have 5 Police Department employees signed up so far. We need a total of 20 to make it worthwhile.

Elected Officials Tour Kingston Facilities

On Friday, January 13, Parks & Recreation employee Sonny Hunter escorted Mayor Tim Neal, Council Members Don White, Randy Childs, Stephanie Wright and Tony Brown on a tour of the city facilities/offices. This gave them a chance to meet city employees and gave them a "first-hand" look at how the departments operate.

Personal Notes, Etc.

We have employees, friends and family members suffering illness, loss and various other trials and issues. Please include them in your prayers.

• For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

NOTE TO EMPLOYEES:

If you suffer a loss or have a personal need or concern you would like to share with other employees, please either call Joyce at Ext. 1102 or e-mail her at jalking@bellsouth.net.



Kingston Parks and Recreation

Out of the Park

February 2017

Start Fit in the Cold Winter Months

Zumba Mondays at 320/08A 5:30 pm

ABC (Anybody Can Exercise) Senior Exercise Mondays and Thursdays 9:30am

AARP Tax Prep Assistance Will begin Tuesday February 14th and will be every Tuesday til April 11th from 9am to 1pm. No appointments

When Winter Weather Hits,



Check with us to see if your group will still meet or if the Community

Center is Closed. Call 865-376-9476 or check us out on Facebook at Kingston Parks and Recreation



Kingston Parks and Recreation Girls Volleyball



tration begins February 7th online at kingstonparks.com Grades 3rd- 9th

Kingston Girls Softball Association Registration begins



February 10th online at kingstonparks.com Ages 5-18 (groups based on birth date)

Gertrude Porter Park Construction is continuing, hope to be ready this spring.

The Kingston Department is collecting Canned Yams for the Hands Of Food Drive. They can be dropped off at Kingston City Hall



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Corrections or additions should be called or e-mailed to:

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February Birthdays

Daniel Bredwell	2/2
John Neal	2/7
Albert Ladd	2/9
Michaela Langley	2/10
Jo Ann Knies	2/11
Randy Childs	2/15
Jimmy Agee	2/16
Micah Plemons	2/19
Tara Stockton	2/20
Brad Miller	2/24
Jan Collins	2/28

- * Take time to think...it is the source of power.
- * Take time to read...it is the fountain of wisdom
- * Take time to pray...it is the greatest power on earth.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

-Ecclesiates 3:1 NIV



STEPHANIE WRIGHT December 1, 2016 To November 30, 2020

KINGSTON

The following questions were sent to the Mayor and Council Members. Council Member Wright's answers follow each question.

Meet the Council

- 1. What made you decide to run for office?
 - By attending council meetings and workshops, I found myself wanting to participate in the discussion more and more.
- 2. What do you think are the two most important issues facing the City of Kingston?
 - The waterfront and empty retail.
- 3. If you could accomplish one thing during your time in office, what would it be and why?
 - Having a vibrant downtown. It is the heart of a city.
- 4. As an elected official, what would you like to say to the citizens reading this (anything goes)?
 - I am here to work for you, and I hope to make you proud.

Meetings & Events

February 2017		CITY COUNCIL
7 Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	CITYCOUNCIL
 14 City Council Meeting (Immediately following Public Hearing) 14 Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) 14 Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) 		MAYOR Timothy Neal
21 Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.	VICE MAYOR Randy Childs
January 2017		COUNCIL MEMBERS
3 City Council Work Session 10 City Council Meeting 10 Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) 10 Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) 13 Council Tour of City Facilities 17 Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tony Brown Sarah Humphreys Tara R. Stockton Stephanie Wright Don White