



DETOUR AHEAD



Crews take a break from preparing for the Rockwood Waterline Interconnect Project on Highway 70

Let's hope for an abundance of patience in the next few months (years?) as construction begins in several different areas in Kingston—you might say from one end to the other.

Work has already begun on Race Street (Highway 70) in preparation for the Rockwood Waterline Interconnect Project. Next in line should be Phase 2 of the sewer-line project on Gallaher Road.

The city lost its full-time meter reader a year ago and the Water Distribution and Collection employees have been hard pressed to handle that job in addition to their regular duties—especially all the leaks caused by inclement weather this past winter—so they are most hopeful for the automated meter project to begin (like yesterday).

Engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion should be winding up any day so ads requesting bids for a contractor are imminent and we are hopeful construction will begin sometime this summer or early Fall.

Energy projects underway through funds from a grant will replace HVAC systems at the Kingston Community Center and pumps at the Swan Pond Pumping Station.

Some smaller but no less important projects being handled by city employees are replacing and reconstructing drainage tiles and sewer lines on Spring Street with long awaited street paving to follow.

Traffic may be slow moving in Kingston during the next few months.

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A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind.

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Department News

Fire Department Chief Willie Gordon is crossing his fingers in hopes of getting a grant to purchase a new fire truck—Good Luck!

Police Department Chief Jim Washam also serves as our codes/animal enforcement these days—we might say “dog days.” Things are hopping (no pun intended—I don’t think rabbits have entered the picture yet!

Public Works Director Tim Clark scheduled brush pickup the week of March 21st. His employees new dirty-word is “drainage.” Due to all the recent rain they have had issues all over the city.

Rick Ross, Director of Parks and Recreation, is splitting his time between ball field and park maintenance, and teaching safety

classes. He held a CPR/First Aid session for Police Reserve Officers this month at the Community Center.

They are also getting ready for our annual July 4th celebration and the Triathlon scheduled for August. Donations for the Fireworks is a little slow so far. A road block should be scheduled some time within the next few weeks.

Carolyn Brewer, Finance Director for Kingston, is once again knee-deep in numbers in preparation for the Council Budget Meeting to be held in April. Once again the message to Department Heads and Water Department Managers is “be frugal.”

Steve Jacks, Director of the Kingston Public Library, com-

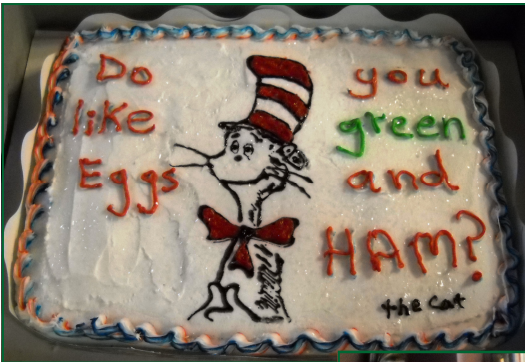
pleted the application for a sidewalk grant in hopes of replacing some of the sidewalks in the Cherokee Middle School area. Also, in addition to their “Fun With Dr. Seuss” session shown below, they hosted another visit from Dr. William Bass on March 24 at the Community Center with part of the proceeds from the sale of his new book going to the Library building fund.

Water Department

Four major projects are beginning for the water department:

- Rockwood Waterline Interconnect Project
- Gallaher Road Phase 2 Sewerline
- Automated Meters
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Library Fun With Dr. Seuss!



On March 15 local children were treated to a special time with Dr. Seuss characters during a reading by Jo Ann Knies of “The Cat In The Hat” and a crafting session with Barbara Thorbjornsen where children were able to create a copy of the “Cat’s Hat” to take home with them.

Personal Notes, Etc.

- **Mr. Pinkerton's** Mother-In-Law, **Ms. Thelma Thurman** is in the Rhea County Health Care facility.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant employee **Tony Workman's** wife **Amy** is seeing a specialist in Tampa, FL in her fight against cancer. She began treatment last month.
- **Water Plant Manager Ed Roberts' youngest brother Tommy** has completed his treatment and is battling brain cancer.
- **Water Department Accounting Clerk Tammy Sherrill** had surgery this month on her shoulder for a tear and on her wrist for carpal tunnel.

Please keep these folks and their families in your prayers!



CONGRATULATIONS LAWRENCE!



**GRADUATION
DAY
for
LAWRENCE
RUSSELL!**



Attending (L-R): Officers Travis Fouts and Kelly Jackson; Lt. Gary Nelson, Honoree/Officer Lawrence Russell, Officer Roy Montgomery, PD Secretary Teresa Johnson, Officer Bo Smith and Chief Jim Washam.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



**"I don't need the City's money,
I'll just SHRED my Paycheck!"**



GUESS WHO



**Do you recognize this
young man?**





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Don't forget to keep your Partnership Promise!

When you enrolled in the Partnership PPO you signed the Partnership Promise. That means you promised to take an active part in your health by completing two simple steps. You must have a **Health Screening** and complete a **Health Questionnaire** before **June 30, 2011**.

If you do not fulfill your Partnership Promise, you will not be eligible to enroll in the Partnership PPO for the next plan year. This means you will be enrolled in the Standard PPO next year and pay more for monthly premiums, annual deductible, pharmacy co-pays, medical care co-insurance, and out-of-pocket maximum.

For help with completing your Health Screening and Health Questionnaire, call a PartNers for Health Coach between the hours of 8 a.m.—8 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday; or, go to www.partnersforhealthtn.gov.

Hearing and/or speech impaired dial 711 for Relay Tennessee.

"The health of the tongue is a very strong indicator of the health of the entire body."

The same is true when it comes to the words we speak. "The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. Good people have good things in their hearts, and so they say good things. But evil people have evil in their hearts, so they say evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35, NCV). If my words are boastful, my heart is insecure. If my words are filthy, my heart is impure and if my words are critical, my heart is filled with pride and anger. In other words, the problem is not really my mouth, it's my heart. The words I speak reflect the true condition of my heart.

Meetings/Events

MARCH

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| 1 | City Council Work Session | 6:00 pm |
| 8 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| 8 | Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) | |
| 8 | Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Beer Board Meeting) | |
| 17 | Planning Commission Meeting | 6:00 pm |

APRIL

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| 4 | City Council Work Session | 6:00 pm |
| 11 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| 11 | Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) | |
| 11 | Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Beer Board Meeting) | |
| 20 | Planning Commission Meeting | 6:00 pm |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Troy Wright	4/2
Marsha Marshall	4/4
Caleb Strayer	4/10
Don White	4/16
Barbara Thorbjornsen	4/17
Shawn Clark	4/21
Thomas David	4/24
Hugh Patterson	4/27
Robby Humphreys	4/28

If your birthday is not listed please call

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