## GOODBYE TO GOOD FRIENDS

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City employees are sad to see two of their staunchest supporters and two of the cities most involved and concerned council members leaving the Kingston City Council. These two men have worked tirelessly for the city—never looking for or expecting personal gain or power—something you don't find very often in politics.

Mr. Sugarman will have served on Council from July 2003 until November 30, 2016. During that time he has also



**John Byrkit** 

Norm Sugarman

worked as a Reserve Officer for the Kingston Police Department and

was instrumental in developing the Volunteers in Police Service organization in 2004. He could be found in the Police Department daily. In all his time on Council he missed a total of less than 5 meetings—one after having open-heart surgery.

Mr. Byrkit began his term with Council in July 2011. He has served as the Council Representative on the Kingston Library Board, the Planning Commission and the City's Insurance Committee.

Mr. Byrkit could also be seen at City Hall several days a week and made it a point to visit departments to see if he could be of assistance to them in any way. He did all these things for the city while fighting cancer. He was in remission for a short time but is back in treatment again. He was a fighter for the city so we pray he will win this most important battle. Our best wishes and prayers follow these faithful city servants.

### WELCOME



Welcome to our newly elected and re-elected City Council members. Pictured from left to right: Stephanie Wright, Tony Brown and Tara Stockton. Council Member Brown served as Vice Mayor during the past two years and was re-elected to serve as a Council Member through November 2020. Council Member Wright is no stranger to the city as she has attended meetings over the past couple of years. Council Member Stockton will serve as Council Member through November 2018 and, as the "high vote getter" will serve as Vice Mayor of the City from December 2018 through November 2020. We look forward to working with them.

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### "You can't steal second base and keep your <u>foot on first base.</u>"

- Junior Executive

**City Scenes** 

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# **Police Dept./Hand of Mercy Food Drive**



# **Our Local Story Teller!**



Elizabeth Rose is a master story teller and our Spook-tacular event is the perfect venue for her (the size of the crowd pictured above speaks for itself).



## **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.

### Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Debbie Russell, Parks & Rec employee, was hospitalized and had two stints placed in her heart on Nov. 16th.

### NOTE TO EMPLOYEES:

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

## **FD/KES Fire Safety Training**



Sparky is always a hit with children also attended the













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#### **December Birthdays**

Brian Luttrell	12/1
Gary Kerley	12/3
Doug Romines	12/4
Debbie Russell	12/8
Lisa Crawley	12/14
George Mills	12/16
Rick Ross	12/20
Greg Leach	12/25
Tony Brown	12/25
SarahHumphreys	12/27

# It is better to wear out than to rust out.

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...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and now grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## First Anniversary—Dir. Steele



On November 10th the Kingston Public Library Board members held a reception in honor of the new Librarian and Director Emily Steele. They expressed their appreciation of her fine work in providing a vibrant library program. They also expressed their appreciation of the support shown by the City Manager, City Mayor, their staffs and the members of City Council.

# Fire on our Mountain!



On Friday, November 18th the danger from forest fires, fueled by the drought in Tennessee, became all too real in Kingston when the hillside behind Roane County News went up in flames. Thanks to our firefighters and all the volunteers who assisted in bringing it under control and avoiding property damage.

### **Meetings & Events**

#### November 2016 **1** Council Work Session 6:00 p.m. 7 City Council Meeting (Immediately following Public Hearing) 7 Beer Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) 7 Water Board Meeting (Immediately following Council Meeting) **15 Planning Commission Meeting** 6:00 p.m. December 2016 6 City Council Work Session 6:00 p.m. **13 City Council Meeting** 6:00 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.

### KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR Timothy Neal VICE MAYOR Tony Brown COUNCIL MEMBERS John Byrkit Randy Childs Sarah Humphreys Norman Sugarman Don White