

La Vergne NewsWire

City of
La Vergne

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Welcome to 2010 — We're going *green!*

With the advent of a new decade, the "La Vergne NewsWire," employee newsletter is now being delivered via e-mail. This is the first step in what we hope are many efforts by the city, employees and citizens to help make the planet a greener place on which to live.

In the coming months, we'll be looking at a number of ways to become more eco-friendly and we thought that saving paper and ink by not printing this newsletter was a great way to

start!

Some of the things we're looking at include a city building recycling program for cans, bottles, office paper, junk mail, magazines and newspapers. Cardboard is also something we want to put in our future recycling plans.

Shakamuni once said, "A person writing at night, may put out the lamp but the words he has written will remain. It is the same with the destiny we create for ourselves in this world."

We hope you enjoy this first e-issue of many to come.

Welcome to 2010 and have a happy new year!

La Vergne Parks and Recreation

A printable version of this newsletter is available from any office assistant.

'Celebrate La Vergne' in March

The annual Celebrate La Vergne historical event will take place from 3—5 p.m. on March 13 at the Civic Auditorium.

Get out your old photos of La Vergne and bring them by so they can be scanned into our computer system.

The photos will be used by our Historical Preservation Committee for inclusion in a book, at Old Timers' Day and other events the city might have.

For more information, call Parks at 793-3224.



Upcoming Events:

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| March 13 | Celebrate La Vergne, Civic Auditorium, 3—5 p.m. |
| March 27 | Easter Egg Hunt, Bicentennial Park, 9-11 a.m. |
| April 16 | PAL Golf Tourney, Smyrna 11 a.m. |
| May 8 | Parks and Rec summer sign-ups, Parks office, 9 a.m. |
| May 8 | Senior Citizen's Prom, MP Bldg. 6-8 p.m. |
| June 1 | Library summer sign-ups |
| July 24 | DARE/Rotary car show, Veteran's Memorial Park, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. |
| Aug 3 | National Night Out, Veteran's Park 6-9 p.m. |
| Aug. 20 | Howl at the Moon 5K, Veteran's, 8 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Old Timers' Day, Veteran's Park, all day |
| Oct. 30 | Trail of Treats, Veteran's Park 2-4 p.m. |
| Nov. 13 | Kickball Tourney, Veteran's Park, 9 a.m. |



New restaurants open in La Vergne

Two new restaurants — Little Caesar's Pizza and New Apple Buffet — opened in December. We encourage you to shop and eat locally. Stop by sometime and have some good food. You're sure to enjoy them!

Employees celebrate Thanksgiving



January Anniversaries:

Rheta Engle	15 years
Steve Welch	11 years
Mike Foster	8 years
Mike Jenkins	8 years
James Rose	6 years
Andrew Stack	6 years
Yolanda Maddox	4 years
Evan Cope	3 years
Michael Tisdell	3 years
Heather Fach	2 years

January Birthdays:

• Christopher Jones	Jan 1
• Bobby McCoy	Jan. 2
• Vicky Magyar	Jan. 5
• Julie Wilson	Jan. 5
• Amanda Fergus	Jan. 7
• Nancy Davis	Jan. 9
• William Watson	Jan. 11
• Tiffany Taylor	Jan. 12
• Richard Ursery	Jan. 12
• Holly Lafuenti	Jan 15
• Noel Rosario	Jan. 16
• Johnny James	Jan 18
• Wendell Wilson	Jan 19
• Bob Hayes	Jan. 22
• Derek Beard	Jan 23
• Stacey Woodard	Jan 23
• Kristine Keeves	Jan 24
• Chris Goins	Jan 25

Happy birthday to all!

Welcome, new employees!

Welcome to recently hired employees, Nancy, Dennis, David, Donna, and Julie.

Nancy Davis and Dennis Grandinetti were hired as Senior Center Assistants.



Nancy is from Murfreesboro. She has been married to Michael for 19 years. They have three kids, Haidyn, 6, Dorian, 5 and Sophia, 2.

She worked in pre-school for 23 years. In her spare time, she teaches pre-school at church and sings.

Dennis is a 21-year resident of La Vergne. Married to Luanne, they have two children, daughter Katie, 27

and son Michael, 23. He is expecting his first grandchild in May.

For years, Dennis worked in electronics and television production, working at WNPT in Nashville and as a supervisor at The Nashville Network (TNN). He also was supervisor of operations at MTV Networks and CMT in Nashville. In addition to working at the Center, he has a side job, Grandinetti Video Productions.



David Ward was hired in the Street Department as a laborer.

David is from Smyrna. He has worked for the city since November. He is married to Kristi and they have no children.

In his spare time, his hobby is working on vehicles.

Donna Schafer and **Julie Wilson** were hired as rental assistants.

Donna, from Pennsylvania, has lived in Tennessee for 14 years. She has five cats and one dog. Her day job is at Franke in Smyrna. She has been there 20 years.



In her spare time, she does crafts.

Julie, who is from La Vergne, is married to Howard. They have three children, Trent, 12, Tylan, 9 and Trey, 7.

She just finished EMT school and is a licensed EMT.

In her spare time, she reads.

Each month, the La Vergne Newswire will highlight new hires in hopes that you welcome them to the city and get to know them.



Mayor Ronnie Erwin draws a name out of the treasure chest during the Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving dinner. The seniors were giving away three homemade quilts as part of a fund-raiser for the Center's building fund. Senior Center Coordinator Donna Bebout waits for the name to be drawn.

"The Survey Says..."

A recent survey at www.lavergne.org revealed the following answers to the burning question "Which do you prefer?"

Happy Holidays: 15%

Merry Christmas: 82%

Happy Hanukkah: 2%

Happy Kwanzaa: 1%

A total of 96 people voted in the survey.

Walking Club winding down for season

The City of La Vergne Employee Walking Club has taken its final few steps of the season. Of course, you can still see the hard-at-work employees still walking the paths at Veteran's Memorial Park, but all in all, the effort has died down until spring.

As of mid-November, Cecil Painter has walked 253 miles and Kitty Walker, 37.5.

Keep watching for updates to the new season. The Walking Club is for employees and others (citizens, family members, etc.) and consists of a few laps around the trails at Veteran's Memorial Park. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 793-3224.

Biggest Loser contest to start again this month

The third Biggest Loser contest, held quarterly by the La Vergne employees, will start again this month, according to organizers Katie Kline and Robin Grubb.

The informational meeting will be Jan. 6 at noon at City Hall.

The next 10-week contest will begin Jan. 20. Weigh-ins will take place Wednesdays at noon at the Senior Center.

During the last contest, we lost 247.25 pounds. Winners from the last contest were: Lloyd Adkins 8.3% and Kristine Keeves 5.7%. Team winners were Lloyd and Gary Riddle, with 7.7%.

Public Works accepting live trees

Public Works will be accepting live trees through January 31.



All decorations, tinsel, garlands, lights, etc. must be removed from the trees before dropping off at Public Works.

There will be a sign where trees may be dropped off.

Breakfast with Santa a success



The Library's annual Breakfast with Santa was a huge success, with tickets going the first day they were available. Above, excited children talk to Santa.

Mayor lights Christmas Tree in Lighting Ceremony

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony went off without a hitch on Dec. 3. Below, left Mayor Erwin speaks while the rest of the board waits for him to flick the switch. Below right, Ezell Harding Choir sings Christmas tunes.





Vinnie Pollizzotto poses next to his model AT6 Army Training plane. Dec. 14 was the Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea, showcasing Senior's Creations .

Days off in 2010

Jan 18 — *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

April 2 — *Good Friday*

May 31 — *Memorial Day*

July 5 — *Independence Day*

Sept. 6 — *Labor Day*

Nov. 25—26 — *Thanksgiving*

Dec. 23—24 — *Christmas*

Dec. 31 — *New Year's Eve*

For more information, see your department supervisor.

Parks and Rec News

Sign-ups for in-line hockey will take place this month. Keep watching www.youthincorporated.org for more information.

Sign-ups are now underway for Spring Soccer 2010, hosted by the North Rutherford Soccer League. For more information on prices and age groups, check out www.nrssoccer.org.

Sign-ups for Spring baseball and softball will take place next month. Their web site is www.lavergnebsa.org.

The La Vergne Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking sponsors for each of its programs. From the Easter Egg Hunt to the Howl at the Moon 5K Run to Old Timers' Day to the Kickball Tournament, sponsors are needed to help fund the costs of the programs. Sponsorships begin at \$100 and go up to \$12,500 or higher. For more information, please call Angie Mayes, Marketing and Program Coordinator at 207-4678.

Taking care of the ball fields



Infield dirt is dumped near a Pee Wee field. The Parks Department will use the dirt to fill in the infield and prepare it for spring play.

City to plant trees for Christmas

The Parks and Recreation Department will be planting live trees soon to replace the two which were donated for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. At least one of the trees will be an evergreen. Check back to see photos of the new trees.



Christmas luncheon enjoyed by all

