



The La Vergne Chronicle

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EVENTS:

- 5/2 City Council Meeting
- 5/13 Library Reopening
- 5/19 Music in the Park
- 5/16 Planning Commission Workshop
- 5/30 Planning Commission Meeting
- 6/1 City Council Workshop
- 6/3 45th Anniversary Exhibit
- 6/6 City Council Meeting
- 6/13 Planning Commission Workshop
- 6/27 Planning Commission Meeting
- 7/4 4th of July Celebration



Come celebrate the 45th anniversary of La Vergne with an interactive walk through exhibit June 3, from 11-4pm at the city's multi-purpose building. Come learn the history of our great city!

La Vergne Library Set to Reopen



Back in February, the La Vergne Public Library was forced to close due to water damage from a burst pipe. During the closure, the City Of La Vergne went above and beyond to help repair the waterlogged library. Employees from all City departments stopped by during the restoration process to offer help and moral support. "The carpet was covered with two inches of water, with rivers flowing through the library," said La Vergne Library Director Donna Bebout.

All hands were on deck, and the extra help from the other departments helped the library staff save 35,000 books and media from damage, as well as computers and library bookshelves. The Library is set to reopen Saturday May 13th at 10am, featuring a newly upgraded reference section. Please join us as we celebrate! Come have your picture taken with Llama Llama, Pete the Cat, and other surprise book characters!



City Hall Gets New Operating Hours

At the April 4th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, the Board voted to amend the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual that would allow employees to work ten hour days. In conjunction with this policy change, all departments in City Hall and the Storm water Building will have new operating hours beginning on May 1st. The new hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and will be closed Friday through

Sunday. After careful consideration, the city feels that these longer hours will benefit the citizens of La Vergne by having these offices open earlier and later on those days. It will give working citizens an opportunity to conduct necessary city business before or after work. The Water Billing Department, Tax Department and City Court have drop boxes where customers can leave payments when offices are closed. Online payments

are also available for Water Billing and City Court. An automated telephone payment system for Water Billing will be available beginning on May 4, 2017. Other departments like Public Works and Parks & Recreation will change to the longer hours during the day, but will continue to work Monday through Friday by having staggered scheduling on Fridays and Mondays. Departments such as Police, Fire, Library and the Water

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ue with no changes in schedules. . "Our goal is to provide additional operating hours during the day, while saving money on overtime, fuel and utilities and making sure that all city services are still available to our residents." said City Administrator Bruce Richardson. Any forms or documents that the city requires to conduct business are available online on the city's website. This will include any forms needed to either sign up for new water service or to disconnect service. Those requests will still be

handled by the Water Department on Fridays. "We know there will be a transition period where everyone will have to make adjustments to get used to the new schedule," Mr. Richardson stated, "but once we get used to the new hours, I think most everyone will appreciate the longer hours where they can come to city offices and conduct business." If you have any questions regarding the schedule change, additional information is posted on the city website - www.lavergnetn.gov.

City Officials Meet with Governor

In February, City Officials had the opportunity to tour the new Tennessee College of Applied Technology and Nissan Training Center in Smyrna. Governor Bill Haslam was in attendance and spoke about the importance of Education in Tennessee.



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La Vergne Greenway Progresses

Construction on the Hurricane Creek Greenway in La Vergne is getting headway. Recently workers laid a stone based layer to the path itself. This prepares the base layer and preps it for pavement to eventually be applied. The Hurricane Creek Greenway will run about 1.25

miles and is 10 feet wide. We hope to promote a healthy lifestyle by having options for walking, biking, and other recreation," said Mayor Dennis Waldron. The trailhead will start near city hall and run along Nir Shreibman Blvd to the roundabout at Stones River Road.

The plan is for the greenway to eventually run parallel to the majority of Hurricane Creek, to Fergus Road, and Veterans Memorial Park eventually connecting to Smyrna. The greenway is set to open this summer.