



The La Vergne Chronicle

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Mark Your Calendar

- 3/22 Citizens Police Academy Begins
- 3/24 Women's Awareness and Response Class
- 3/24 Egg Hunt
- 4/7 Rolling Thunder Missing Man Ceremony
- 4/27 Music in the Park
- 5/5 Annual Stream Clean-Up
- 5/28 Memorial Day - Offices Closed
- 6/5 Farmers Market Begins

"I appreciate our law enforcements continuous efforts to both protect and build trust in our community."
 - Rep. Mike Sparks



Safest City Resolution

The City of La Vergne was recently named the safest city in Rutherford County, and the 10th safest city in the state of Tennessee by SafeHome. The House of Representatives 110th General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution 703 to mark the city's achievement. Rep. Mike Sparks, along with Sen. Bill Ketron, officially presented the resolution to Mayor Waldron on Tuesday, March 6th at City Hall.

Special Census Results

The Special Census for the City of La Vergne has been completed.

Final results recorded the total number of residents is 34,423, a 6% increase over the last federal census in 2010. The new total resident count should bring in approximately \$233,045 more in annual state shared revenue.

The additional funds will help the city with paving

streets, hiring new employees and other departmental projects or equipment.

Mayor Dennis Waldron said, "I would personally like to thank all of the city employees who put in many of hours of work over the last few months to get the Special Census completed. From going door-to-door, to logging information, and making phone calls, every person who volun-

teered to help really made a difference."

The official numbers must be verified by GNRC before being submitted to the state.

The next Federal Census is in 2020.

The last federal census conducted in 2010 recorded 32,588 residents and the Census Bureau estimated there were 35,071 residents in 2016.

2010-11 Federal Census	2016-17 City Data	Special Census Preliminary Data
Population	Est. Federal Census Population	Residents Counted
32,588	35,071	34,423
State Shared Funds	State Shared Funds	Approx. State Shared Funds
\$1,788,786	\$2,703,264	\$2,800,000

Overdue Property Taxes

Property taxes were due February 28th. Some residents may not have received a printed copy in the mail due to a power outage during the printing process last October. As a result, many bills were not be printed or mailed out.

Delinquency bills were printed March 1st and should be mailed out by March 10th. Overdue accounts will be fined 1.5% every month until the taxes are paid.

Either cash, check or money order can be used to pay taxes in one of three ways:

1. Stop by the Tax Department in City Hall at 5093 Murfreesboro Road,
2. Payments may be placed in the drop box left of City Hall's back door (no cash),
3. Checks and money orders may be mailed to La Vergne City Tax Department, 5093 Mufreesboro Road, La Vergne, TN 37086.

Questions or Concerns?

Call the Tax Department at (615) 793-3388 or the Assessor's Office at (615) 898-7750.

Projects in the Works

- ◇ New Fire Station 1
- ◇ Mason Rd. and Bain Rd. Improvements
- ◇ Widening Old Nashville Hwy. and South Waldron Rd.
- ◇ Drivers License Renewal Kiosk at Public Library
- ◇ McDonald's to remodel restaurant off Murfreesboro Pike
- ◇ Infrastructure upgrades and improvements
- ◇ Splash Pad
- ◇ Youth Center
- ◇ New Greenways, Parks, Senior Center, and Public Works Dept.

New Hires

October

- Nickalai Powell—Patrol Officer

November

- Jimmie Guthrie—PT Library Clerk
- Adam Leach—City Engineer
- Ashleigh St Peter—PT Library Clerk
- Brandon Joyner—Patrol Officer

December

- Cynthia Woodard—Customer Service Clerk
- Mary Branning—TIBRS/NIBRS Specialist

January

- Kaitlyn Mooney—911 Emergency Comm Specialist
- Matthew Whiddon—Water Laborer

February

- Anne Smith—Public Relations Specialist

Letter from the Mayor



To the citizens of La Vergne:

I wanted to take a moment to update you on a number of projects going on in our city. Right now, we are waiting on the state to send us a new Self-

Serve Kiosk that will allow citizens to renew their drivers' licenses at the Public Library, saving them a trip to the DMV. We are continuing our dedication to keeping the city safe by hiring more police officers and equipping

them with new vehicles. We are also moving forward with plans to buy land to build a new fire station that will eventually replace our oldest fire station located on Stones River Road. The inline hockey ring and concessions stand at the park will be refurbished, I'm hoping to get plans underway for a new youth center, and we're working to repave city streets and roads. These projects, and many more, are all part of our continuing effort to make La Vergne a great city to live, work, and play.

- Mayor Dennis Waldron

Poster Contest

The La Vergne Stormwater Department is asking for help from city 4th and 5th grade students to promote this year's annual stream clean-up. Students are asked to design a poster keeping the theme "Keep La Vergne Beautiful" in mind and should reflect the need to keep our streams, creeks, channels and lakes clean. All submissions must be turned into their teacher or the La Vergne Public Library on Murfreesboro Road by March 22nd. Submissions will be judged by Stormwater Department staff. Winners will be announced April 2nd. The winner will get an Android tablet and keyboard and their poster will be used to advertise the stream clean-up event May 5th. For more information visit LaVergneTN.gov.



Have you followed us on Facebook? It's the easiest way to stay up to date, keep up with events, and get questions answered. Just search for "La Vergne City Hall" and click "Like."

Farmers Market

Dates have been set for this year's Farmers Market. Vendors will be set up every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. starting June 5th and ending September 25th. This year, vendors will be allowed to sell handmade crafts in addition to produce. 10' x 20' booth spaces are available for \$15 for those who would like to participate. For more information, or to reserve a booth, email Anne Smith at asmith@lavergetn.gov.



VITA Program

Volunteers will be at the Public Library to help residents who need help filing their taxes. Tax Day is April 17th. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is for people who made less than \$66,000 last year. Walk-ins are welcome from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. every Friday through April 13th. Sessions are first-come, first-serve. There are no appointments. For a list of what to bring and for more information, visit LaVergneTN.gov.