



Employee Spotlight

Justin Adams works in the Water Department and is the Meter and Leak Detection Manager for the City of La Vergne. He started working for the city six years ago as a meter technician and has a masters in business administration.

Adams is originally from Culleoka, TN and is an Army veteran. He spent 3.5 years serving the country, completing tours in Korea and Kuwait, earning the rank of E5 Sergeant. "It was challenging and certainly opened up more doors and opportunities," says Adams. He says despite repelling out of helicopters while in the Army he is scared of heights.

While working for the city, Adams say his favorite thing has been "being able to build a team in my department and watching my employees grow."

Adams enjoys playing basketball and is a huge Kentucky Wildcats fan. He's married to his wife Ashley and has a five-year-old son, Jamison.

He says his fondest memory of the city was after his son was born. "Jamison needed major surgeries and the city was very supportive and giving. They allowed me to take the time I needed to take care of my family."



Justin Adams

City Council Passes 2020-21 Budget

The City of La Vergne Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to pass the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget at a special meeting on June 23 at City Hall. The FY 2020-21 general fund budget is \$23,082,666. The board passed the second reading with a 3-1 vote.

There is no property tax increase or water bill rate increase in this fiscal year budget. The current property tax rate is \$0.71 per \$100 assessed value. The last property tax increase was in 2011 and since then the rate has been dropped three times.

There are no budget cuts being made due to the COVID-19 pandemic however, the board chose not to fund everything requested by department heads. Due to the pandemic the city is preparing for a worst case scenario but doesn't plan to dip into any reserves to balance the budget. This budget does include a three-percent increase for employees.

No jobs are being cut from the budget. Five jobs total will be added next fiscal year: one assistant police chief, one assistant fire chief, a parks and recreation supervisor, a maintenance supervisor and a utility engineer. All positions are part of the general fund except the utility engineer which is part of water/sewer/stormwater. Several other positions were requested but not funded. These positions will be reviewed later in the fiscal year and could possibly be included at that time.

Some of the capital projects include a switch refresh and fiber lines for IT, a new roof for the library, a leaf collection pickup machine and truck for the storm water department, and a new roll up door for the water treatment plant, among others.

The streets department plans to begin the widening design and construction on Carothers Road, the realignment of Charter and Centerpointe, as well as designs for several other road projects.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 4 - Independence Day Celebration

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jason Cole	615-308-3565
Vice-Mayor Melisa Brown	615-653-0787
Alderman Matt Church	615-499-2731
Alderman Calvin Jones	615-653-8075
Alderman Steve Noe	615-490-4602

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Workshops (6:30 pm)

July 2
July 30

Meetings (7:00 pm)

July 7
August 4

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Court	615-287-8630
City Hall	615-793-6295
Codes Department	615-213-2624
Economic Development	615-793-6295
Finance Department	615-287-8629
Fire Department	615-287-5832
Human Resources	615-287-8622
Parks and Recreation	615-793-3224
Police Department	615-793-7744
Public Library	615-793-7303
Public Relations	615-287-8690
Public Works	615-793-9891
Tax Department	615-793-3388
Water & Sewer Billing	615-793-5932

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4th of July Celebration

The City of La Vergne plans to hold its Independence Day Celebrations with social distancing guidelines.

The City's Fireworks show will be on July 4th at Veterans Memorial Park, located at 115 Floyd Mayfield Drive. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a live music performance. Fireworks will begin once it gets dark. The park football field will be open to anyone who wants to attend the fireworks show. Anyone who attends is asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines and separate

their groups by at least six-feet. There will be food vendors for anyone who wishes to buy dinner.

As an alternative for families who want to see the fireworks show but don't want to physically attend, the fireworks show at the park will be aired live by the City's public relations department. The show will be viewable on the La Vergne City Hall Facebook page, the La Vergne YouTube page (LaVergne37086), and the local channel 3.





Get Alarmed, TN!

The State Fire Marshal's Office presented the La Vergne Fire Rescue Department with a supply of 10-year battery smoke alarms to be installed in homes within the community at high risk of fire.

This statewide distribution of smoke alarms launched in November of 2012 and is part of the State Fire Marshal's effort to both educate and equip Tennesseans to incorporate fire safety into their daily lives.

The alarms are free, but must be installed by the fire department or a partnering organization that has been trained by the fire department. Because supplies are limited, the fire department may need to give first preference to those who are not able to otherwise afford smoke alarms.

To apply for the program contact Fire Marshal Curtis Brinkley at cbrinkley@lavernetn.gov or by filling out an application online at <https://bit.ly/2ZOHMlx>.

9 PM Routine

The City of La Vergne Police Department is inviting citizens to take part in the 9 PM Routine every night to help cut down on crime.

The 9 PM Routine reminds you every night at 9 p.m. to lock your car doors, bring in your valuables, turn on your outdoor lights, and close your garage door.

There have been more reports recently in La Vergne of people having items stolen out of their vehicles during the night and a majority, if not all, of the the vehicles are left unlocked.

"We want the citizens to take this seriously," says Chief Mike Walker. "A simple routine can help keep you and your family safe while also protecting your stuff."

The campaign has proved to be extremely successful in jurisdictions across the country. It is the hope of the department that La Vergne residents will set alarms so that these nightly security checks will help everyone by not allowing yourself to be an easy victim for criminals looking to make a quick snatch.

How to Register for Alerts

Stay connected with what is going on in the City of La Vergne by signing up for News Alerts at LaVergneTN.gov. The alerts include news, police and fire alerts. You'll receive all news releases and updates to city business that can effect you.

Visit LaVergneTN.gov and click on "Notify Me" to register and select the news alerts you want to receive.

New Farmers Market Guidelines

The La Vergne Farmers Market is underway and providing fresh, farm grown foods for people looking for healthier alternatives.

The Farmers Market is every Tuesday through September from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. It is located at La Vergne's Bicentennial Park, 5093 Mufreesboro Road.

Extra precautions by vendors are being taken to ensure proper social distancing while still providing fresh, healthy food alternatives for families.

There is a new traffic patter for the market this year. Drivers are asked to enter at the City Hall entrance where they will park on the left of the roadway. Then drivers will be allowed to exit at the roadway near the Hurricane Creek Greenway trail.

There will be a walkway with one way in and one way out. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance, as well as face masks (one per person).

No pets will be allowed until further notice. and customers are asked to not touch produce before purchasing. Vendors are welcome to apply online at <https://bit.ly/2LJb8Q7>.

At this time we are only accepting applications for vendors who sell agriculture and homemade items. It costs \$15 per week and all proceeds go to benefit the La Vergne Senior Center.

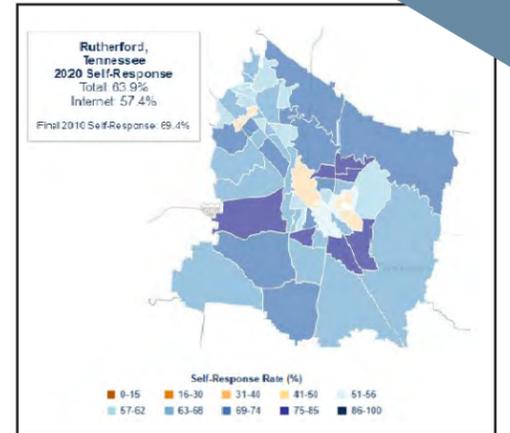


Don't Delay, Respond to 2020 Census Now

The 2020 Census has not slowed down despite COVID-19 but nearly 40% of Rutherford County still hasn't responded. As of May 30, 2020 63.9% of Rutherford County had responded to the federal census which is conducted every ten years.

Census takers will begin interviewing households in person from August 11 through October 31. Census takers will be properly identified with a valid ID badge and other equipment with the census logo.

There's still time to respond by visiting My2020Census.gov or by calling 1-844-330-2020. It takes just a few minutes to complete. Results must be presented to the president and congress by December 2020.



Board and Committee Applications

Are you interested in giving back to the community? You may be interested in serving on one of our various boards or committees! Click the link to get the application (<http://bit.ly/2nW8xKv>). Applications can be returned to City Hall or emailed to City Administrator Bruce Richardson at brichardson@lavernetn.gov.

Currently, there are seats available on several boards and committees: Economic Development Advisory Committee, Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, La Vergne Housing Authority and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.



2019 Inframark Consumer Confidence Report

Inframark has released the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) which reflects testing done between January and December of 2019. The report provides a summary of the water quality from the treatment plant and throughout the distribution system. It includes important information about your water source, the level of any detected contaminants, compliance with drinking water rules, and some helpful educational information. Topics discussed in the CCR include unidirectional flushing, water system security, cross-connection, and more.

An important take away from the CCR is the average Total Organic Carbon removal. The treatment plant removed 54.1%, well over the required 15%, and averaged over 3.6 times better removal than the required regulatory requirement.

The highest Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) was 40.68 parts per billion (PPB). The Maximum contaminant level is 80 PPB, putting the water treatment plant 49.2% below the maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The highest Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) was 24.9 PPB, the maximum contaminant level of which is 60 PPB, putting the treatment plant 58.5% below the MCL.

Last year the La Vergne Water System had a failure to monitor violation due to the Revised Total Coliform Rule. They are required to collect a minimum of 40 bacteriological samples in the distribution system each month, and in November they only collected 38 valid samples. The error does not require any action on the part of a citizen. The plant has installed a battery back-up on the equipment.

You can read the report in its entirety on La Vergne's website, LaVergneTN.gov, or on the City Hall Facebook page.

