



# La Vergne Chronicle

## March

### Street Department Moves from Salting Roads to Patching Potholes

Nearly 500 tons of salt was spread on the major roads and arteries of La Vergne as crews worked tirelessly to combat the winter storm at the end of February. The City of La Vergne street department is now turning its focus to patching potholes that are popping up all over town.

Crews began repairing potholes beginning Tuesday, February 23 and will continue until all reported holes are filled. If you see a pothole please notify the Street Department by calling (615) 793-9891 or by reporting it on the City's "Report a Concern" tracker on the website, [www.lavergnetn.gov](http://www.lavergnetn.gov). Please be as specific as possible when filling out the form, providing the street address and nearest cross street. There's also an option to allow you to include a photo.



During the week of the storm seven street crew workers were on the clock for more than 500 work hours, salting roads and clearing snow. "Our guys worked very hard to do everything they could to keep the main roads and secondary roads clear," says Public Works Manager Garlon Russell. "Now our attention is to fix up all the roads that were damaged by the ice storm as quickly and as safely as possible."

For information on the La Vergne Street Department visit [www.lavergnetn.gov](http://www.lavergnetn.gov), or contact Public Works Manager Garlon Russell at (615) 793-9891 or email [grussell@lavergnetn.gov](mailto:grussell@lavergnetn.gov).

### New Police Dog Selected to Serve La Vergne

A new police K-9 has been selected to serve in the city of La Vergne.

Officer Justin Darby was able to visit U.S. K-9 Unlimited in Abbeville, Louisiana to spend time with K-9s who are in training to be police K-9s. He selected Turbo, a year-and-a-half old Belgian Malinois. Officer Darby is expected to return to Louisiana in early April to conduct two weeks of hands-on training with Turbo before bringing him home.

"We think Turbo will be a great addition to the La Vergne Police Department," says Interim Police Chief Chip Davis. "It's important for our department to have good, reliable working K-9s that can help us keep the city and its residents safe."

A swearing-in ceremony will be scheduled for a Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting once Turbo and Officer Darby's training is complete.

Turbo will take the place of Sjaak (pron: Jacques) who passed away in 2020 after being shot while he and his handler, Officer Darby, were leaving the La Vergne Police Department.



## Property Tax Deadline Passes VITA Returning to Public Library

The 2020 property tax deadline was March 1. All taxes that have not been paid will be charged 1.5% interest for every month that they are late. Taxes can be paid by cash, check, money order, debit or credit at City Hall, located at 5093 Murfreesboro Road. Checks and money orders can be left in the drop box at the back of City Hall.

Payments can also be paid over the phone or online at <http://bit.ly/3rjT3v4>. To pay online you'll need the receipt number and the exact amount due for the property in addition to the card number, expiration date and security code. The property tax account number can be found on the courtesy bills that were sent out in October or you can contact the Tax Department.

Residents can contact Tax Department Specialist Becci Steed with questions by calling (615)793-3388 or by emailing [bsteed@lavergnen.gov](mailto:bsteed@lavergnen.gov).

### Water Line Replacement

The City of La Vergne water department is busy replacing a line that's had maintenance issues over the last several years, causing detours in a busy La Vergne community. The 6" line is in the area of Cedar Park Circle near Lake Forest Park.



"It will be difficult to determine how long the repairs will take because we normally would contract out this type of work," says Utilities Manager Michael Dietz. "I hope to have phase one, which runs from Holland Ridge Drive to CY Young Cove, completed within three to six months."

Detours are in place for those who live in the area or want to visit Lake Forest Park. The water department will be trying to limit the detours to smaller sections as they move down the street to complete the replacement.

As tax day approaches free help is being made available thanks to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through United Way of Rutherford County.

The program is mostly for qualifying individuals who made less than \$66,000 in 2020. Volunteers will be providing basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing.

Due to COVID-19 appointments are required and participants must wear a face mask. To make an appointment visit [www.yourlocaluw.org/VITA](http://www.yourlocaluw.org/VITA). Appointments are available at the La Vergne Public Library at 5063 Murfreesboro Road every Friday and Saturday from February 12 through April 10. The library is closed April 2 and 3.

What to bring:

- Original Social Security Cards or ITINs for everyone on the return
- Photo ID for each spouse on the return
- All income documents including W-2s, 1099s, social security, retirement, dividends, cash and gambling income
- Self-employed and contract work
- Proof of expenses including charitable contributions, 1098-T, education expenses, child-care and dependent care expenses forms/documentation
- Healthcare form 1095 for Marketplace health insurance
- Direct deposit information
- EIP/Stimulus documents received in 2020 (non-taxable) and previous year's return

All IRS required documents must be available in hard copy format during the appointment. Missing documents will require participants to make another appointment.



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## La Vergne Farmers Market Moves Days, Opens Vendor Registration

With spring just weeks away the City of La Vergne Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce some changes to the popular Farmers Market.

The La Vergne Farmers Market will be open every Saturday from May 15 through September 11 with the market opening at 8:00 a.m. and wrapping up at noon. Vendors are charged \$15 per week with all proceeds going to benefit the La Vergne Senior Center. Applications are being accepted for agricultural vendors as well and product vendors. All products sold must be homemade/handmade.

“Something new this year is that we’re going to be inviting a limited number of food trucks to each market,” says Event Coordinator Kathi Melendy. “We’ve put a lot of thought and work into this season’s market and hope our patrons see that when we open in May.”

Social distancing practices will be in place to keep patrons and vendors safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. “We want everyone to feel safe,” says Parks Director David McGowen. “We will be spacing vendors further apart and recommend patrons maintain at least six-feet between themselves and others while shopping.”

For more information or to apply to be a vendor visit [www.lavergnetn.gov/407/Farmers-Market](http://www.lavergnetn.gov/407/Farmers-Market). Questions can be directed to Event Coordinator Kathi Melendy at (615) 793-3224 or by emailing [kmelendy@lavergnetn.gov](mailto:kmelendy@lavergnetn.gov).



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 27 - Easter Drive-Thru

April 23 - Movie in the Park

### NEW EMPLOYEES

James Fleming - Meter/Leak Detection Tech

Maegan Hall - Police Officer

Nicholas Lanzafame - Firefighter

Jonathan Partridge - Firefighter

Joseph Pfifer - PT Library Clerk

Jevann Videau - Firefighter

Austin Zumbroegel - Firefighter

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Workshops (6:30 pm)

February 25

April 1

#### Meetings (7:00 pm)

March 2

April 6

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Parks and Recreation	615-793-3224
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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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