

Waldron Road construction to begin

Waldron Road construction is to begin soon, according to the Codes Department.

Lojac had the lowest bid for the project, estimated to cost \$10.3 million dollars. The city has gotten Federal and State monies to assist the city for the project.

Right-of-ways have already been obtained by the city. Now all that's left to do is move

the utilities and begin the actual project.

The work — which will widen the road from Bridgestone Parkway to Murfreesboro Road — is expected to take two years to complete.

During that time, there will be lane closures.

Once complete, city officials hope that more retail will locate the city, thus improving the economy and helping with sales tax dollars.

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

Upcoming Events:

- March 13 Celebrate La Vergne, Civic Auditorium, 3–5 p.m.
- March 27 Easter Egg Hunt, Bicentennial Park, 9-11 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.

Codes Department to move this month

The Codes Department is expected to move to their new location on Murfreesboro Road (next to New Apple Buffet) later this month, according to Kyle Brown, city engineer.

The offices — which will be located in the former U.S. Post Office building — has been totally renovated.

Located in the building will be the Codes, Mapping, Engineering, Planning and Stormwater departments.

Once they move to their new building, work will begin on renovating the current Codes Building so that CID can move into that location. There is no time frame as to when that will be completed.

The need for more space is the reason that both departments are moving.

For more information, contact the Codes Department at 213-2624.

Parks now taking booth sales for OTD

The Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting booth sales applications for Old Timers' Day 2010, to take place Sept. 18.

To sign up for the business tent, sales or food booths, please check the web site at www.lavergne.org.

Costs and more information is available on the site.

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Twenty-year employees



Three City employees celebrated their 20th anniversary with the city in 2009. Pictured with Mayor Ronnie Erwin are Donna Ruch, Evie Rutledge and Capt. Stace Thompson.

Donna started with the city as a Dispatcher, Records Clerk and Court Clerk.. She worked in those positions for 10 years. In 2001, she was named Court Clerk.

Evie came from the Rutherford County Tax Assessor's office in 1989, the first year the City imposed taxes. Business taxes were added in 1992. She was also the 911 Coordinator for a while during her tenure.

Stace began his career as an officer. From there he moved to K9 and then to Traffic. He was Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant in CID before being named Captain.

February Anniversaries:

Mike Campbell	15 years
Anne Thompson	15 years
Bill Timson	14 years
Felicia Smith	11 years
Ricky McCormick	10 years
Johnny James	8 years
Billy Bowen	4 years
Jo Ann Smith	4 years
Matt Appleton	3 years
Michael Candler	1 year

February Birthdays:

Happy birthday to all!

Katie Kline	Feb. 4
David Durham	Feb. 7
Jeremy Morris	Feb. 7
Billy Bowen	Feb. 10
Norman Johnson	Feb. 10
Steven Crotts	Feb. 12
Cecil Painter	Feb. 13
Martha Lovell	Feb. 15
Phillip Accomando	Feb. 20
Doug Mason	Feb. 20
Ricky McCormick	Feb. 27

Congratulations to...

Rand Bartlett who has received the Certificate of Competency from the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board of the State of Tennessee, and is now a Grade II Wastewater Collection System Operator.

Artist packages for OTD due by 28th

Know someone who wants to sing for OTD, Sept. 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park?

Then have them get their artist packages to the entertainment committee by Feb 28. All they need to include is a CD of their music and a CD of their bio and photo. Send the packages to Angie Mayes, OTD Entertainment Committee, 5093 Murfreesboro Road, La Vergne, 37086.

Average pay for those who perform is \$250. Only seven artists/groups will be chosen for this year's event.



OTD T-shirt contest to begin April 1

The annual Old Timers' Day T-shirt design contest will begin April 1, according to city Marketing and Program Coordinator Angie Mayes.

Graphic artists and others are encouraged to participate in the contest. The image, to go on the front of



the OTD T-shirt must include the event logo.

Pay for the winner is \$150. Designs must be in both an .eps

and .jpeg format. An original copy is also needed.

The OTD logo must be incorporated into the design.

The contest goes through June 1. All designs must be delivered to the Parks and Recreation office no later than June 1.

For more info, contact Angie at 4312.

Parks and Rec News

Sign-ups are now underway for Spring sports.

In-Line Hockey: Jan 23-Feb 6

Contact: Gary Curtis 397-1947

www.youthincorporated.org

Baseball/Softball: Feb 6,13, 20, 27

Contact: Tom Broeker 207-8030

www.lavegnabsa.org

Soccer: Feb 20 & 27

Contact: www.nrssoccer.org

Adult Baseball/Softball: March 1-19

Contact: Michael Tisdell

mtisdell@lavergne.org

YMCA Soccer: Jan 26-Feb 28

Contact: Katy Hendricks 220-9622

Days off in 2010

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.

Don't forget: Census 2010

The Census 2010 is upon us and the government needs your help.

Please fill out and return your 2010 census to the proper location (it will be with the form). The government needs a proper count of the people within the United States. This will help for various things, such as allocating money to the states for education, etc. It will also help determine if an area needs to be redistricted for voting purposes.

If you have questions about Census 2010, please contact the U.S. Census Bureau's Murfreesboro office at 278-1570.



During storms in late January, a rainbow was seen in La Vergne at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Senior Citizens stay active in La Vergne



At left, Santa kisses senior Helen Lee. Above, Beverly Davis, Homer Allen, Mary Wilson and Joyce Otis try out the newly paved walking trail at the La Vergne Senior Center. The trail was paved in mid-October. The trail is 1/8-mile long. The Parks and Recreation department plans on doing landscaping around it.



Marilyn Moss takes a gander at the magnifier, on loan from the La Vergne Lions Club. The magnifier helps the visually impaired read magazines and other items by enlarging the text.



Gloria Denney poses with her New Year's garb on. Approximately 40 seniors showed up for the party, which included food, dancing, Family Feud and party favors.

Know a senior who likes to stay active? Call the Senior Center for information on how to get them involved. The knowledgeable staff at the Center can help with people who like other people and want to be a part of the group who plays cards, bingo, goes on shopping, eating, bowling, casino trips and more.

It's a great place to be and the seniors who attend have a great time visiting and staying active.

**Need to know more?
Call the Center at 793-3048 today!**

Snap Fitness discount

La Vergne Fitness facility Snap Fitness is offering a membership discount for city employees and their immediate families.

Information on the facility will be available Feb. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the Biggest Loser weigh in at noon at the Senior Citizen's Center.

If you sign up before Feb. 26, 2010, enrollment is free and you'll get five percent off your monthly dues.

Your membership includes free instruction and work out plan, free online training center, free personal wellness plan. Online nutrition and meal planning is extra. With Snap Fitness, you have access to all clubs worldwide.

Why Snap Fitness?

There's no contracts or hassles. It's nearby and open 24/7. They have great training equipment and offer a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. Plus, there's a 30-day satisfaction guarantee.

To join, take your employee ID or pay stub to Snap Fitness, located in the Madison Square Shopping Center, next to Sir Pizza.

For more information, contact Leslie at Snap Fitness at 793-9675.



Building rentals available



Don't forget that we have two buildings available for rentals. They can be rented Sunday—Saturday, 8 a.m.—11 p.m. Plan early, bookings fill up fast. Call Kim or Amanda at the Parks and Recreation Department at 4301 or 793-3224 for prices or more information.

Recycling information

Thanks to our recycling monitors for each building: Robert Brooks, Public Works; Montique Luster, City Hall; Chip Davis, Police Department; Donna Bebout, Senior Center, Jeff Johnson, Water Treatment Plant and Katie Kline, Codes, Mapping and Stormwater.

Tips on recycling:

Paper bins are located at each of the four major buildings:

Public Works

City Hall

Library

Parks and Rec

These bins are for paper products only (not cardboard): office paper (shredded or not), junk mail, magazines and newspaper. "If it tears, we'll take it," said Buford Powell of SP Recycling in La Vergne. Smaller bins are located within each building to place paper in. Those smaller bins will then be taken to the larger bin and the paper dumped.

Also, there are containers for cans and bottles in most buildings. Please take the time to use them.

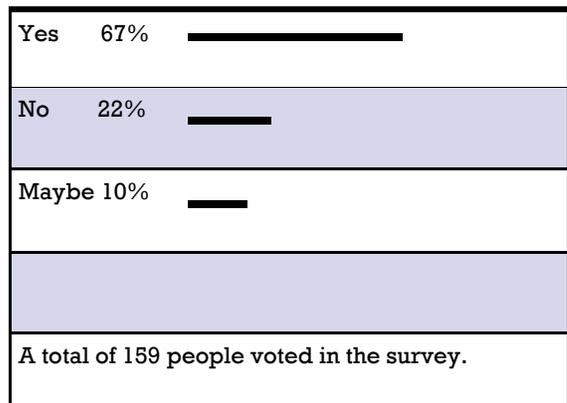
Finally, we encourage you — if you don't wish to recycle at your home — to bring your items in and recycle them at work.

It just takes one of us to make a difference. Think of what good we all can do if we take advantage of this green effort within the city.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Mayes at 4312 (287-8690) or e-mail her at amayes@lavergne.org.

"The Survey Says..."

A recent survey at www.lavergne.org revealed the following answers to the burning question, "Would you be in favor of a paid Curb Side Recycling Program?"



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Shane and Jaycee Cothran, who had a baby boy on Jan. 21. Cothran was hired as a patrol officer in December. Young Kaden weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces.

Our sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Robert Brooks, who lost his grandfather, Willie Dollson, in November.

Also to Katie Kline, who lost her grandmother, Sue Kline, in December.

Phil Accomondo's mother, Marie, died in December.

And Terry Miller's mother-in-law, Glenda White, also died in December.



The Police Athletic League and the Fraternal Order of Police worked together in December to help the needy at Christmas time.

The FOP toys giveaway was manned by police officers and Box 100.

The PAL food giveaway was manned by PAL members and volunteers.

More than 140 children and 65 families received toys or food.

City taxes due Feb. 28

La Vergne City and Rutherford County property taxes are due by February 28, according to La Vergne Tax Collector Evie Rutledge.

So far, the collections have been good, which helps the general fund at this point in the year.

For more information, contact Evie at 3231.

Employees bowling league

La Vergne city employees and their families are enjoying their bowling league at the Smyrna Bowling Center.

They bowl on Friday nights from 8:30—11 p.m. There are eight teams in the league.

For more information, call Robert Brooks at 4505.



Pavilions are for rent

The two pavilions at Veteran's Memorial Park and the one at Bicentennial Park (City Hall) are available to be reserved throughout the year. The pavilions at Mankin Park and Lake Forest Park are first come, first served.

For more information or prices, call 793-3224.

Parks looking for event sponsors

The La Vergne Parks and Recreation Department is offering sponsorship opportunities to help support various programs within the city. These programs are: The Easter Egg Hunt (March 27), National Night Out (Aug. 3), Howl at the Moon 5K run (Aug. 20), Old Timers' Day (Sept. 18), Trail of Treats (Oct. 30) and the Just for Kicks Kickball Tournament (Nov. 14).

Sponsorships start at \$100 for most of these events (\$300 for the Howl at the Moon 5K race and Old Timers' Day) and include a variety of promotion in press releases and in advertising (namely, Old Timers' Day and the Howl at the Moon 5K run).

For a sponsorship booklet, please contact Angie Mayes at 4312 or e-mail her your mailing address at amayes@lavergne.org.

Places to take other recyclable items

As long we're in the recycling mode, we wanted to pass on information about where to take old eyeglasses, certain batteries, ink cartridges, paper bags and computers.

The Senior Center is collecting eyeglasses. They are given a local church for their missions or to the La Vergne Lions Club.

Rechargeable batteries can be taken to Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Staples, Verizon, RadioShack, Target and Wal-Mart, according to the Internet.

Car batteries can be taken to most auto parts stores, such as NAPA, Auto Zone, Advanced or O'Reilly's.

Plastic bags can be taken to most grocery stores.

Used ink cartridges can be given to Gloria January in Public Works, who gives them to Cedar Grove School's technology department.

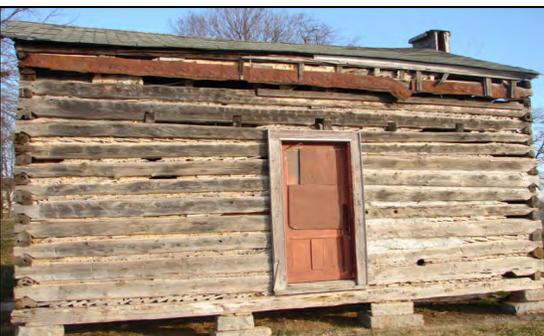
Computer equipment (internal parts, monitors, actual desktop or laptop PCs, etc.) can be taken to Rutherford County's Electronic Waste Collection on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. The location is 1140 Haley Blvd, near where the old animal shelter was.

Cars to get tested for emissions

City vehicles will be emissions tested in early April, according to Ozzy Leezy in Fleet Services at Public Works.

"There will be a morning testing session on a Wednesday and an afternoon session after that," he said. At this time, he does not have precise information. Look in the March newsletter for more exact information.

The testing will take place behind City Hall like it was last time, he said.



Cabin restoration to continue

Restoration on the historic cabin, located at Bicentennial Park near City Hall, will continue this spring, according to Aaron Simmons.

"We'll be working on the structural aspects of the building as well as making it more aesthetically pleasing for the public," he said. At this time, they'll be removing at least one door and window and replacing logs as necessary.

Future plans include replacing the roof.

Water Treatment Plant receives national award

The La Vergne Water Treatment Plant recently received a national award for Water Fluoridation Quality, presented by the Center of Disease Control and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The award is from the 2008 year. The process to get the award approved and presented take a while, said Thomas Champagne, Water Plant Manager.

The award read: *The Centers for Disease Control and Preven-*

tion commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

For more information, contact the WTP at 793-6536.

2010 means election time!

There are three election dates in 2010. They are:

May 4 — County Primary

August 5 — State Primary and County General Election

November 2 — City/State/Federal Election

Within the city, we have three seats — Mayor and two Aldermen — up for election.

Polls for all three election dates open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Be sure to register with the Rutherford County Election Commission early to be able to vote in the May 4 election.

Don't forget with the new year, insurance deductibles are in place. The deductible is \$300 for medical and \$50 for dental. Now is the time to get your physical. Contact your doctor or Life-signs in Brentwood. Their number is 371-3000.

Felicia Smith will be teaching purchasing classes soon.

She plans to go around to each department and give them the rules and regulation about purchasing. This will ensure that everyone is on the same page and is following proper procedures.

She will be meeting with department heads and those within the city who do purchasing for their departments.

Thank her for the classes. If everyone is doing things the same way, it makes her job easier and streamlines the purchasing process.

Congratulation to Michael Tisdell who became engaged to Courtney Collins over the Christmas holiday.

A summer wedding is planned.

Carrie Smith named OTD Grand Marshal

Life-long resident Carrie Smith has been named the Grand Marshal of Old Timers' Day 2010, Marketing and Program Coordinator Angie Mayes has announced.

Mrs. Smith, who currently works at the La Vergne desk of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, has been active in business and volunteer work within La Vergne all of her life.

If you get a chance, stop by and congratulate her. She'd love to hear from you.