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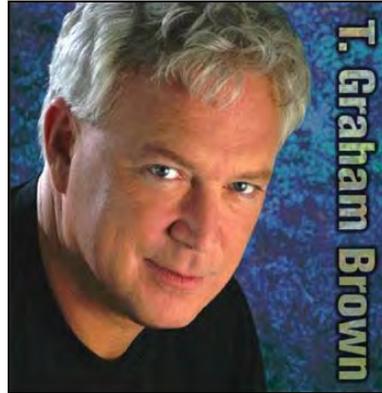


La Vergne Newswire

T. Graham Brown to headline OTD

Country music singer T. Graham Brown will be the headline act for the 2010 Old Tim-

ers' Day, Sept. 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park. Among the songs Brown is known for are "Hell and High Water," "Don't Go to Strangers" and "Darlene". His current CD is "The Present." A greatest hits collection, "Déjà vu All Over Again," was released in 2007.



Other acts on this year's bill will be the Twelve South (11 a.m.), Kristina Craig (11:40 p.m.), Adeline (12:20 p.m.), Brother Boom (1:15 p.m.), Mason Douglas (1:55 p.m.) and Scott Smith (2:35 p.m.).

ers' Day, Sept. 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park.

This year's festival will be the

39th for the city. Chamber of Commerce Representative Carrie Smith will be the grand marshal for this year's parade.

Old Timers' Day 2010 is sponsored by the City of La Vergne, Bridgestone/Firestone, Dr. Arvind Patel DDS, First Tennessee Bank, Ingram Book, Tennessee Tourism, US Tae Kwon Do.



Upcoming Events:

- 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 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 Park, 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.

For information, call Parks and Rec at 793-3224

Emissions testing in April

There will be emissions testing for all city vehicles April 6 and 8 in the back parking lot at the City Hall complex, near the ball fields.

The times are:
April 6, 7—11a.m.
April 8—11 a.m.—5 p.m.

It is mandatory for all city vehicles to be emissions tested, according to Guy Patterson, Public Works Director.

For more information, contact Public Works at 793-9891.



America Girl Tea Party — Young girls enjoy having their photos taken with Rebecca Rubin, this year's featured doll.

Girls often bring their favorite American Girl dolls to the event.

The library hosted two events that day, one at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A similar event is being planned for boys in May.

Annual Easter Egg hunt a success



Just who was Alon Babayon?

Alon Babayon is the name of one of the soldiers — in the Israeli services — who was killed on Feb. 4, 1997 in a helicopter crash. His fellow soldier was Nir Shreibman (hence Nir Shreibman Boulevard), son of local developer Amnon Shreibman. There were 73 people (led to the naming of 73rd Avenue) killed in the crash of two helicopters in a flight to Lebanon. Congratulations to Jim Owens, who received a \$10 Willstan's gift certificate.

*“You must be the change you see in the world.”
—Mahatma Gandhi*

	
A.C. Davis	April 1
Angie Cullen	April 3
Lynn Ruch	April 6
Ronnie Erwin	April 6
Joe Doxtater	April 8
Kevin Stolinsky	April 11
Sherry Green	April 11
Lloyd Adkins	April 17

Mike Lester	April 20
Kenneth Vaughn	April 28
Mike Hofer	April 28

Anniversaries...

Bill Pittman	10 years
Jon Taylor	10 years
Terry Miller	10 years
Chad Williams	7 years
Teresa Wilberscheid	6 years
Carolyn Crocker	6 years

Vicki Magyar	5 years
Amanda Fergus	2 years



OTD T-shirt contest open to kids, adults

The annual Old Timers' Day T-shirt design contest opens to adults and children, beginning April 1.

Artist eligible: Open to all artists, professionals, amateurs, and students.

Entry Fee: no cost to enter.

Award:

1.) **Adults:** \$200.00 plus 2 OLD TIMERS' DAY-shirts, a media photo op and media coverage.

2.) **Kids:** \$50.00 savings bond and automatic entry into the adult competition (all school age children 1st-7th grade may enter the Old Timers Day Kids Art Contest. All rules apply)

Presentation: Designs must be mounted on White board and will not exceed 12" wide by 14" tall. You may use any medium: from pen and ink, paints, block prints, or digital computer generated graphics. The design must be suitable for screen printing on t-shirts. DO NOT include your name on the actual art. If selected, it can be added later. If you prefer to have your name on the art sign your name on the back side of your submission in black ink.

Digital Art Submissions: Supply art on CD and format file as Illustrator or Freehand, Photoshop in EPS, PDF or Tiff. Resolution must be not less than 200 DPI when image is at actual print size. 4ink colors max and lines not to be less than 2 points and all fonts/type to be converted to

Guess Who? answer

The baby featured in the March newsletter was IT employee T.J. Oliver.

Felicia Smith supplied us with the correct answer.

path or outline. Old Timers' Day reserves the right to make minor alterations to the winning entry. Call Mike @ 615-890-7511 for further technical assistance about digital art submissions. If the entry is determined to be too low of resolution to reproduce the entry may be rejected and the 2nd place entry would be selected.

Theme of design: The following information must be included "OLD TIMERS' DAY logo" and the year "2010"
All entries must be original and in good taste- All other work will be disqualified.

Deadlines for Entries: Entries must be received by June 1, 2010 at 4:30pm. Mail or deliver entries to:

Angie Mayes, Old Timers' Day, 5093 Murfreesboro Road, La Vergne, TN 37086 or bring them to La Vergne Parks and Rec building, 294 Sand Hill Road in La Vergne. Entry must include a completed and signed official entry form. Forms are available at www.lavergne.org or from the Parks and Rec office or by fax
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La Vergne Trivia

Do you know when phone service from La Vergne to Smyrna was no longer a long-distance call?

Have the correct answer? Call Angie Mayes at 4312 or e-mail her at amayes@lavergne.org. A winner will be chosen from all correct answers. Deadline for entry will be the 15th of the month of the newsletter.

Summer camp sign-ups set for May 8

Don't forget that summer camp sign-ups will take place May 8 at 9 a.m. at the Parks and Rec Building.

Cost is: \$25 registration fee and \$60 per week. Before care and after care is available for \$10 each session per week.

The camp is a six-week program. Children may attend any or all of the six-weeks.

The first 50 children are guaranteed a spot. A waiting list will be taken.

Summer camp is for those leaving kindergarten to those leaving fifth grade.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 793-3224.

Guess Who?



This month "Guess Who?" features a female employee. Your job is to guess who's in the photo.

Winner will receive an Old Timers' Day hat or City of La Vergne lunch bag. Call Angie at 4312 or e-mail her at amayes@lavergne.org.

The first to respond with the correct answer wins the prize. The answer to this month's quiz will be in the May newsletter.

Want your photo in? E-mail a scanned copy to Angie.

Interesting recycling facts

WATER

*Between 1950 and 2000, the U.S. population nearly doubled. However, in that same period, public demand for water more than tripled! Americans now use an average of 100 gallons of water each day — enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses! ([EPA, 2008](#))

Appliances and Fixtures in General

*If all U.S. households installed water-efficient appliances, the country would save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$18 billion dollars per year! ([EPA, 2008](#))

*If one out of every 100 American homes was retrofitted with water-efficient fixtures, we could save about 100 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year — avoiding 80,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. The greenhouse gas savings would be equivalent to removing nearly 15,000 automobiles from the road for one year! ([EPA, 2008](#))

Bathroom

*About 75 percent of the water we use in our homes is used in the bathroom. ([California Energy Commission, 2006](#))

*The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime can save up to 8 gallons of water per day, which equals 240 gallons a month. ([EPA, 2008](#))

*Letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as letting a 60-watt light bulb run for 14 hours. ([EPA, 2008](#))

*A full bath tub requires about 70 gallons of water, while taking a five-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons. ([EPA, 2008](#))

ENERGY

Electricity

*Electricity production is the leading cause of industrial air pollution in the United States, and is responsible for 40 percent of the nation's carbon emissions that contribute to global climate change. ([Worldwatch Institute, 2007](#))

*At most, 35 percent of coal's energy in a power plant converts to electricity. The remaining two thirds is lost as waste heat, benefiting no one and often harming surrounding ecosystems. ([Worldwatch Institute, 2007](#))

Heating

*Almost half of the average home's energy consumption is used for heating. ([EIA, 2007](#))

*Improperly sealed/caulked windows can account for up to 25% of total heat loss from a house. ([Environment Canada, 2007](#))

Lighting

*Lighting consumes up to 34 percent of electricity in the United States. ([Worldwatch Institute, 2007](#))

Appliances and Electronics

*If you need to warm up or defrost small amounts of food, use a microwave instead of the stove to save energy. Microwave ovens use around 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens do.

PAPER

*Each of us uses approximately one 100-foot-tall Douglas fir tree in paper and wood products per year. ([EPA, 2008](#))

*More than 56 percent of the paper consumed in the U.S. during 2007 was recovered for recycling — an all-time high. This impressive figure equals nearly 360 pounds of paper for each man, woman, and child in America. ([Paper Industry Association Council, 2007](#))

Savings: Energy, Water, etc.

*Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough energy to power the average American home for five months. ([EPA, 2008](#))

*Recycling paper instead of making it from new material generates 74 percent less air pollution and uses 50 percent less water. ([EPA, 2008](#))

Uses of Recycled Paper

*Just over 48% of office paper is recovered for recycling. This becomes raw material for paperboard, tissue, and printing and writing papers. ([Keep America Beautiful, 2006](#))

*Over 73% of all newspapers are recovered for recycling. Almost a third goes back into making more

newsprint. The remainder is used to make paperboard, tissue, and insulation, or exported. ([Keep America Beautiful, 2006](#))

*Approximately 1.5 million tons of construction products are made each year from paper, including insulation, gypsum wallboard, roofing paper, flooring, padding and sound-absorbing materials. ([American Forest and Paper Association, 2002](#))

*Recycled paper can also be made into paper towels, notebook paper, envelopes, copy paper and other paper products, as well as boxes, hydro-mulch, molded packaging, compost, and even kitty litter. ([EPA, 2008](#))

METAL

*Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy needed to produce new aluminum from raw materials. Energy saved from recycling one ton of aluminum is equal to the amount of electricity the average home uses over 10 years. ([Keep America Beautiful, 2006](#))

*Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours. ([EPA, 2008](#))

*Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy used to make the material from scratch. That means you can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one can out of new material. Energy savings in 1993 alone were enough to light a city the size of Pittsburgh for six years.

*Americans throw away enough aluminum every month to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

*Recycling steel and tin cans saves 74% of the energy used to produce them.

* Americans use 100 million tin and steel cans every day.

*Americans throw out enough iron and steel to supply all the nation's automakers on a continuous basis.

*A steel mill using recycled scrap reduces related water pollution, air pollution and mining wastes by about 70%.

* When you toss out one aluminum can you waste as much energy as if you'd filled the same can half-full of gasoline and poured it into the ground.

ALUMINUM CANS

*More than 50% of a new aluminum can is made from recycled aluminum.

*The 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than \$600 million. (Some day we'll be mining our landfills for the resources we've buried.)

GLASS

*Americans throw away enough glass bottles and jars every two weeks to fill the 1,350-foot towers of the former World Trade Center.

*Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.

*Glass never wears out -- it can be recycled forever. We save over a ton of resources for every ton of glass recycled -- 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of feldspar.

*States with bottle deposit laws have 35-40% less litter by volume. Tennessee is considering a bill (2010) that would require a deposit on bottles.

*If all the glass bottles and jars collected through recycling in the U.S. in 94 were laid end to end, they'd reach the moon and half way back to earth.

PLASTIC

*Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.

*Americans go through 25 billion plastic bottles every year.

*26 recycled PET bottles equals a polyester suit. 5 recycled PET bottles make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

*In 1988 we used 2 billion pounds of HDPE just to make bottles for household products. That's about the weight of 90,000 Honda Civics.

*If every American household recycled just one out of every ten HDPE bottles they used, we'd keep 200 million pounds of the plastic out of landfills every year.

JUNK MAIL

*If only 100,000 people stopped their junk, mail, we could save up to 150,000 trees annually. If a million people did this, we could save up to a million and a half trees.

*The junk mail Americans receive in one day could produce enough energy to heat 250,000 homes.

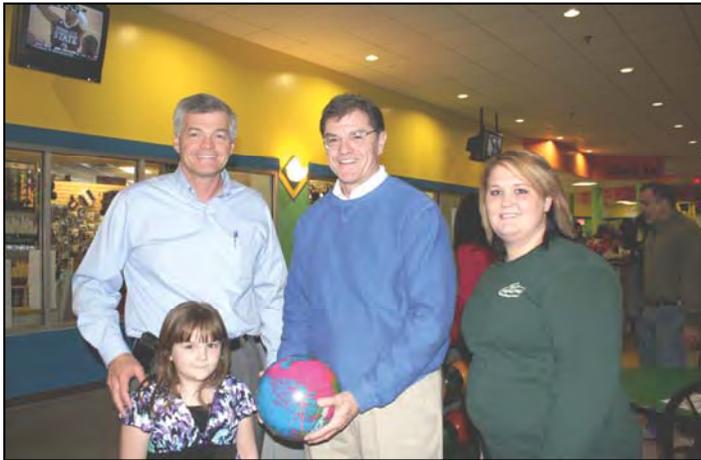
*The average American still spends 8 full months of his/her life opening junk mail. trucks is a garbage truck.

Source: <http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html>

Home down payment help available

Did you know that you might qualify for help with buying a home? A program signed into law in 2008 allows certain people to receive assistance with the down payment for their new home.

For more information, look up <http://americandreamdownpaymentassistance.com>



Sen. Jim Tracy, Rep. Kent Coleman, Elizabeth Butler and Raven Halfacre (front) pose during PAL's Bowling League Legislative Day last month.



In March, every household in La Vergne should have received the Census form, which consists of 10 very simple questions. Basically, the form asks how many people are living in your household.

The U.S. Constitution requires that all US residents be counted. That includes citizens and non-citizens.

Census Day is April 1. The form needs to reflect the number of people living in your household on that day.

Census data helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, job training, child care, senior citizens centers and more.

Federal funds distribution depends on a proper count of residents. It will also determine how the state is represented in the US House of Representatives and the Tennessee General Assembly.

Based on census data, the federal government distributes approximately \$400 billion to states and communities every year. Tennessee uses the census numbers to figure the amount of state-shared revenues that La Vergne will receive.

This year, the state will give La Vergne \$112.46 per person. La Vergne received more than \$2 million during the 2008 census, the last special census conducted by city officials. That equaled out to an additional \$129,000+ for the city, when counting the 1,149 extra people since the 2006 census. Increased population numbers helps city officials to keep taxes the lowest in Rutherford County.

City leaders expect that La Vergne will have more than 30,000 people counted during the 2010 census.

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Reuse your water bottles

Americans buy \$28 billion single-use plastic bottles of water per year.



The oil used to produce these plastic bottles could fuel 100,000 cars for a year.

Bottled water is 10,000 more expensive than tap water.

Twenty-five percent of all bottled water comes directly from the tap.

Tap water is rigorously tested for safety by local, state and federal agencies.

Kick the bottled water habit —

Reuse your water bottles!



Carrie Smith and Wayne Odom dance during the 2009 Senior Prom, held at the Multi-Purpose Building. This year's prom for Senior Citizens will take place May 8 at the Multi-Purpose Building.

OTD T-shirt—

or e-mail. Call 615-287-8690 or email amayes@lavergne.org for a form or for more information.

Winner: OLD TIMERS' DAY uses committee members to choose the final design and all decisions are final. The winner agrees to make a winner photo shoot.

Retention of Designs: The entries become the exclusive property of OLD TIMERS' DAY. We have exclusive rights to the reproduction of winning entries and the submitting artists relinquish all rights to such design. All proceeds from the sale of merchandise will go to OLD TIMERS' DAY. All entries other than the winning entry, unless sold at auction as described above, may be picked up at Old Timers' Day after Monday June 9, 2010. OLD TIMERS' DAY will not be responsible for submitted entries after June 11, 2010.

Publicity and agreement: Entering this contest constitutes an agreement by the winning artist to relinquish all copyrights to the submitted work to the festival and to appear as requested for publicity purposes. Winning designs become the property of OLD TIMERS' DAY, which retains exclusive rights to its reproduction. The proceeds from the sale of T-shirts will go to OLD TIMERS' DAY.

Liability: OLD TIMERS' DAY will take the utmost care and caution to maintain designs in their original condition. However, they will not accept liability or provide insurance coverage in the event of damage or loss of the submitted design.

(Attach this form to back of art)

**2010 OLD TIMERS' DAY ART DESIGN CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

This form must accompany artwork submitted to the OLD TIMERS' DAY Art Design Contest.

Entry Deadline is: June 1, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Adult Entry **Kids Entry (1st-7th grade)**

Artist _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **zip** _____

Phone day _____ **night** _____

Email address _____

I fully understand and agree that by entering the OLD TIMERS' DAY Art Contest the winning design(s) become the property of OLD TIMERS' DAY who will retain reproduction rights and I relinquish all claims to any and all copyrights, royalties and other benefits derived from the sale or reproduction of this work other than the \$200.00 cash prize awarded the winning entry. I also fully understand and have read and comply with the rules and conditions of this contest. By signing below I am stating that all aspects of my design are original and that I have not incorporated any usage of Clip Art, copyrighted or Trademarked Material other than the OLD TIMERS' DAY logo and provided logos into my design submission. If my design is used and is later determined to be found in violation, I agree to accept all liability including but not limited to forfeiture of prize money as well as the cost or reprinting any and all marketing materials and any royalties, remedies and court related costs as result of infringement.

Signature of Artist _____ Date _____

All entries must be signed above
(Artist under 18 years of age must have parent /guardian signature)



Hockey opening day —

The Spring season of the in-line hockey league began March 27. The teams play at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Get Fit La Vergne set for May

Get Fit La Vergne, the annual event that focuses on healthy living and healthy lifestyles, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at Veteran's Memorial Park in La Vergne.



Sponsored by the City of La Vergne, Snap Fitness and the Rutherford County Health Department, there will be various "vendors" showcasing their wares.

There will also be a one-mile fun walk at the park.

Participating in the event will be La Vergne Parks and Recreation, Snap Fitness, the Rutherford County Health Department, TENNdercare, YMCA, Dr. Moses Swancy, Weight Watchers, Dr. Lucy Sloan, Coordinate School Health and more.

There will also be a demonstration by the La Vergne Rescue Squad and the La Vergne Fire Department and Box 100 will be on hand to show off their equipment.

For more information, please contact Kim at La Vergne Parks and Rec...4301 or 793-3224.



Mary Jane Skimmer pours gravy during a Rescue Squad's country ham breakfast. The next one is set for April 10 at their building located at 141 Gambill Lane in La Vergne.

Two days left to help Roy Waldron School

Please help Roy Waldron School receive a \$25,000 grant from Pepsi to build a playground. Go to www.rws.rcs.k12.tn.us. On the right side of the web page, click on **Roy Waldron's Playground**. Follow the directions from there, and vote for their playground.

They are currently #56 and must climb to the top ten to get the grant. There are only two days left to vote. You may vote one time per day on each IP address available to you.

Registration is free. Once you have registered and entered



a password, you do not have to reregister each time you vote. Please help them get to the top ten.

Tell everyone you know to help them out by voting every day.

Thank You! Roy Waldron School.

Census —

A second form will be sent in April to those who don't return the first form. If that form isn't returned, then census workers will knock door to door, gathering the information. That will take place in May through July.

In December, the Bureau will deliver the data to the President for apportionment. Next March (2011), the Census Bureau will deliver the information to the states for the purpose of redistricting.

All census information is kept confidential for 72 years. Census workers will never ask for a social security number or bank information. Census information (specific to your particular household) cannot be shared with any agency other than the Census Bureau.

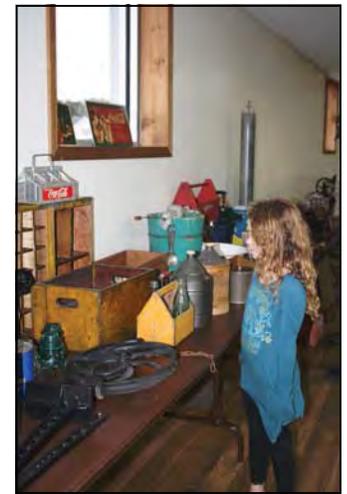


Youth baseball begins this month. Opening day is scheduled for April 10 at Veteran's Memorial Park.

More than 100 people attended the March Celebrate La Vergne event at the Civic Auditorium. Photos from left:

Cecil Paul and J. B. Warpoole look at some of the old-timey items brought by Alderman Dennis Waldron. Waldron and Robert Lee discuss an old skillet. Bailey Pope looks over some of the historical items on display that day.

This was the most well attended event ever.



Sponsorships still being sought for upcoming events

Sponsorships are still being sought for specific events, hosted by the La Vergne Parks and Recreation Department.

Upcoming events include the Howl at the Moon 5K run, (Deadline June 15) Old Timers' Day (Deadline July 1), Trail of Treats (Deadline Oct. 1) and the Just for Kicks Kickball Tournament (Deadline Oct. 22).

We were fortunate enough to have Grace Church and Hot Spot

Tanning — along with the Parks and Rec Department sponsor the Egg Hunt.

Contact Angie Mayes at 4312 or 287-8690 for more information.

Things from press release mentions to full-blown TV and news paper advertising are included in the packages.

Not every package will get every type of advertising. All will get mentions in press releases.

National Night Out looking for sponsors, vendors for 2010

The La Vergne Police Department is looking for sponsors and vendors for the 2010 event, to take place Aug. 3 at Veteran's Memorial Park in La Vergne.

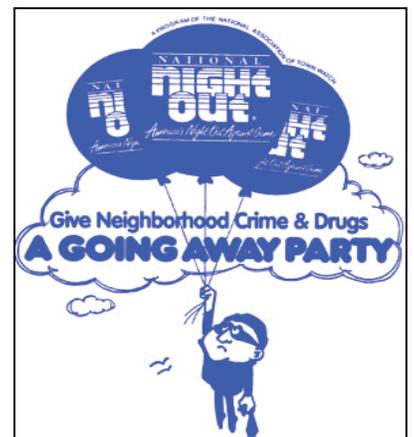
National Night Out is the night for the community to come together to take a stand against crime.

Although most of the fun will be at the park, some of the neighborhoods have decided to hold their own block party, which is also encouraged.

The 2010 event will feature free food, drinks and other items along with other vendors who will be dis-

playing their items.

For more info, contact Tammy Sullivan at 3310 or 287-8610.



La Vergne Parks to recognize Earth Day with Veteran's Park clean-up

The La Vergne Parks and Recreation Department will recognize Earth Day 2010 with a clean-up of Veteran's Memorial Park, Parks and Recreation Director Robin Grubb has announced.

The event will take place beginning at 5—7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. This clean-up is a low key, yet important way to celebrate the earth on Earth Day.

“Civic organizations, clubs, groups and more are encouraged to come out and help clean up the park,” Grubb said, noting that this is the first ever Earth Day event in La Vergne. “We are in the recycling mode at this point and want to continue the thinking that a clean earth will be a better place to live.”

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 793-3224 or 4301.



Tractors were a big draw during Celebrate La Vergne. Their mere presence in the parking lot brought people into the building to learn about La Vergne history.



Volunteer week set for April 18

National Volunteer Week is set for April 18—24.

The theme of this week is “Celebrating People in Action.” We at the city appreciate our volunteers and want to thank them for their efforts in making this a better place to live and work.



This 'n That

Feeling stressed or need someone to talk to? Feel free to contact the **Employee Assistance Program** at 1-800-955-6422 to set up an appointment with a counselor. The EAP provides private, confidential help and best of all, the first six visits per incident are free.

If your **phone number** is unlisted, please let HR know as soon as possible.

Also, just a reminder, all **babies** need to be added to insurance immediately. If you are expecting, please contact HR to fill out appropriate insurance paperwork.

The **chipper service** has begin to run around town again. Remember there are rules for the service, which is free to residents of the city. For more information, contact the Public Works department at 793-9891.

Solicit our sponsors. Throughout the year, we're going to have different groups and companies sponsoring various Parks and Recreation programs. We ask that you solicit them as much as possible. The sponsors for the egg hunt — besides the Parks Department — were Grace Church and Hot Spot Tanning.

Comments?

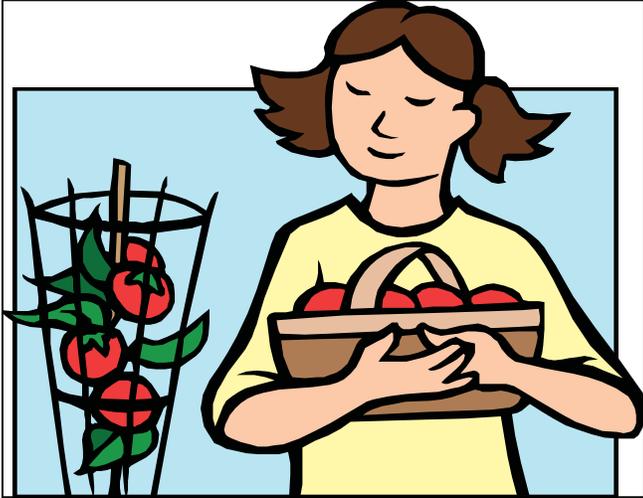
Anyone who has comments or questions about this newsletter is urged to contact Angie Mayes at 4312. We'll gladly take photos and/or story ideas. This is your newsletter. Enjoy it and take part in the activities.



Community garden closer to reality

A community garden is one step closer to reality after a meeting in La Vergne March 23.

The Parks and Recreation Department met with members of the community who support the project and good ideas came out of the meeting.



“We were happy with the community support and the fact that so many of the citizens had great ideas to help get this started,” said Robin Grubb, Parks and Recreation Director. “The number of people who showed up was impressive for the first meeting. We expect the numbers to grow as the plan comes to fruition.”

The garden will be located in one of three spots around town, Grubb said. They city is looking at Lake Forest Park, the Senior Center or City Hall as potential locations for the garden.

Originally scheduled for next year, the citizens were ready to pitch in and start one this year.

For more information, contact Parks at 4301 or 793-3224.

City collects 94% of taxes

La Vergne has collected approximately 94 percent of the property taxes owed to the city as of March 22, Tax Collector Evie Rutledge has said.

Tax bills were sent out in October and the taxes were due by February 28. Efforts will be made to collect the remaining six percent. Right now, a penalty and interest charge of 1.5% is being added to the tax bills on a monthly basis.

For more information, contact Evie at 3231.



News from Codes —

Grass complaints to start soon

With spring in the air, the grass is beginning to grow. Most La Vergne residents will take care of their lawns, carefully manicuring the lawn.

There will be those, however, that do not maintain their lawn for whatever reason. Those are the ones that Codes receives calls about, according to Municipal Codes Inspector Mike Jenkins.

The citizens are given a warning and then, if the grass is not cut within a certain amount of time, they will be cited into city court, Jenkins said.

In 2009, there were 709 complaints about high grass in the city.

Census help available in La Vergne

Help with the 2010 Federal Census form is available at various locations around the city.

Citizens can get assistance with their 2010 US Census questionnaire at the following places through April 19.

La Vergne Public Library Mondays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursdays 3-8 p.m.

La Vergne Senior Center Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9

a.m.- 2.p.m.

La Vergne Civic Auditorium Mondays and Thursdays 12-5 p.m. and Wednesdays 3-8 p.m.

La Vergne Multi-Purpose Bldg Saturdays 10:30-3:30 p.m.

For more information contact the various buildings:

Library — 793-7303

Senior Center — 793-3048

Buildings — 793-3224.