

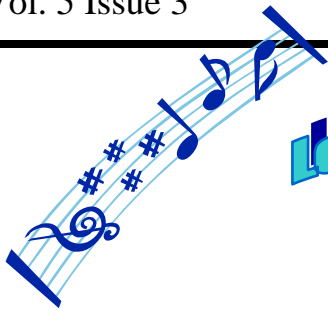
March 2010



Dyersburg City News

"We're here for you"

Vol. 5 Issue 3



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.



From the Street Dept.

SNOW...children squeal with delight as they sled in it, build snow men, throw snowballs, and lay in it to create angels. And while the snow is beautiful to look at as it drapes ever so delicately upon the trees and every object in its path, most adults dread the snow and wintery weather as it brings about a variety of problems for homeowners and city service providers. Higher utility bills, water pipes and water mains burst, cars slip and slide, electrical lines burdened with the lace like precipitation grow weary and break, some crews work long hours into the night and roadways moan and groan as they fracture, gap and spit out asphalt causing potholes.

What causes potholes to occur?

Water seeping into cracks loosens the asphalt allowing movement to occur. During the winter, the water freezes, which causes expansion and allows more movement. The pressure of vehicles driving over the asphalt increases the movement even more. This cycle of movement and pressure eventually leads to the loose asphalt popping out causing a pothole.

Why are there more potholes some years compared to other years?

Some years are more wet and cold than others. The freeze thaw cycle causes most of the potholes. The more it freezes and thaws the more the water can seep into cracks and expand during freezing causing the road to move and actually pop out of its original shape. Just like putting a pop can in the freezer. Also, if heavy equipment is driven over pavement it causes the cracked brittle asphalt to buckle and to pop out.

We rely on our crews driving around and citizen calls to know where the potholes are. You may dial 3-1-1, fill out a request online at www.dyersburgtn.gov or call the Public Works Dept at 288-7630 to report potholes.

The City of Dyersburg is a Certified National
Weather Service Storm Ready Community



MAYOR'S OFFICE

2010 is the year of the United States Census. Every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation conducts a census – an effort to count every person living in the United States. This multi-billion-dollar operation requires years of planning and more than a half-million temporary workers. The key to this endeavor is having every household fill out and mail back a completed census form. Participation is critical, as the results determine how Congress is apportioned and how federal funds are distributed annually to state, local and tribal areas.

That's why it's important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats our state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent disease, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for our community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like: hospitals, jobs, training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, roads, tunnels and other – public works projects, emergency services.

Please assist us in taking ten minutes to participate in the 2010 Census by answering the ten question census form. Together, we can create a better tomorrow for ourselves, our family and our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Holden



Department News.....

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Members

- Keith Burns — Chairperson (Fire Dept.)
- Tiffany Parker — Secretary (Water Plant)
- Sue Teague — (Human Resources)
- Conell King — (Waste Water Plant)
- Kerry Owen — (Street Dept)
- Michael Hunter— (Gas Dept)
- Mike Kesterson — (Water/Sewer)
- Kevin Joslin — (Codes)
- Greg Williams — (City Hall)
- Rickie Tidwell —(Police)
- Lloyd Stewart—(Parks & Rec)
- Brian Lucius—(Solid Waste)
- Debbie Sanders—(EOC)
- Mike Fisher — (City Shop)



If you have a safety concern, questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please speak with your department head or with one of the committee members.

Fare thee well...
John Murray, Engineering



We are sharing in your happiness John Murray, as you begin your venture with the Memphis firm, Fisher and Arnold, Inc.

John has been with the City for nearly 20 years. He will begin his service with Fisher and Arnold, Inc. working on the I-69 corridor project.

Best wishes for fair weather and smooth sailing in the years ahead!

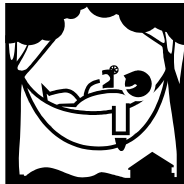
Your Public Works friends!

HAPPY RETIREMENT....We Wish You The Best!



Kenneth Johnson

retired from the City of Dyersburg after 31 years of service. Kenneth held the rank of Operator when retired. Started 08/07/1978 retired 02/10/2010.



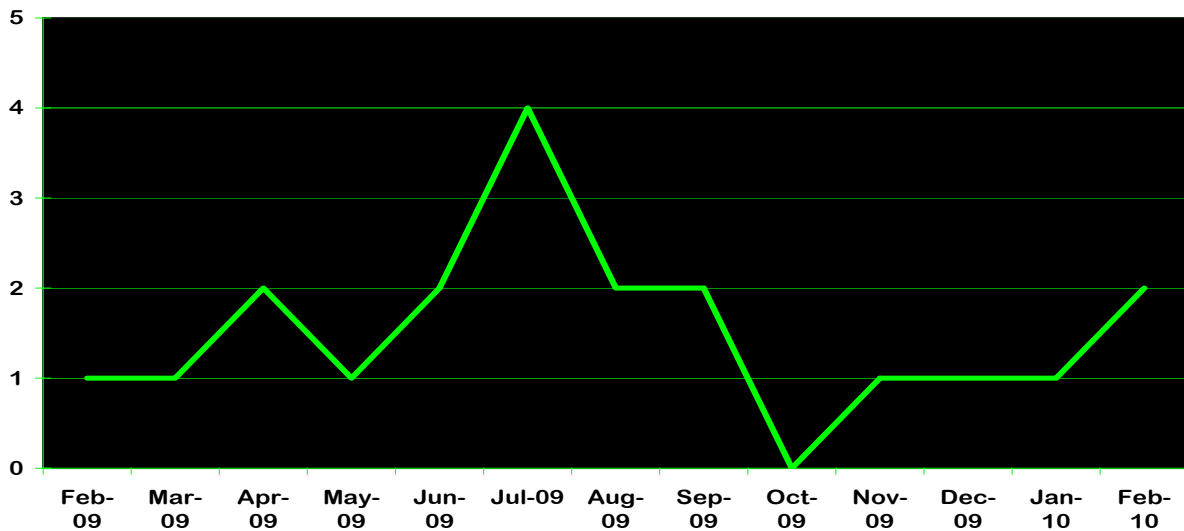
Tracy McIntosh

retired from the City of Dyersburg after 22 years of service. Tracy held the rank of Operator/EMT when retired. Started 01/22/1988 retired 01/28/2010.

We welcome two new Fire Dept. Employees:

Firefighter/EMT Zack Freeman and Firefighter/EMT John Sawyer

OSHA Recordable Accidents measure
the *heartbeat* of our Safety Program!



Dispatcher Lee Ann Hallum takes a course at one of the E-Learning Terminals.

E-learning at the EOC

Dispatchers Implement Cost Saving Measures

The employees at the Dyersburg 911 Center are excited to begin a new form of training that we call E-Learning. Previously, dispatchers had to attend classes when off duty. This always presented problems, as the training would have occurred during a day off, a vacation day, a sick day, or after you had pulled a 12 hour shift. The scheduling issues made attending the training difficult or inconvenient. It also presented overtime expenses.

Using power-point with audio narration, our trainers will be able to develop in-house training programs and test. This type of E-Learning provides training to all of the dispatchers on-line; we still have to participate in open discussion about the course, as each operator is required to submit questions/comments to the other students via a group e-mail.

The benefits of E-Learning will allow the dispatchers to train while on duty instead of coming in on their off time. Other benefits include the dispatchers not having to give up personal time for training.

The 911 Center administration would like to thank Training Officer/Supervisor Gloria Spence for researching and presenting this solution during our quarterly management meeting.

Cathy Cavness

DYERSBURG FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



POISONS: IS YOUR HOME SAFE ENOUGH?

Follow these rules:

- >Remove any household cleaning products & drain cleaners from lower kitchen cabinets or use approved **child resistant locks** on cabinet doors.
- >No medicines on counters or open areas & keep out of a child's reach.
- >No toxic products stored with food or in food containers.
- >Cosmetics or personal hygiene products should be kept out of reach.
- >All plants identified and out of reach.
- >No rodent/insect baits in an area where children play.
- >Alcoholic beverages kept separate from other beverages and out of the reach of children.
- >Insect sprays and lawn care products kept outside the home & locked away.
- >Paints, thinners, gasoline/fuels and car care products kept locked away in outside storage building or basement.



IN CASE OF A POISONING

Have the poison hotline available for use **1-800-222-1222**.

Have any older children in the home familiar with the 911 system.

If an accident does occur, can responsible adults be reached?



The First Road Signs

Road signs have been around about as long as roads have, or ever since rough paths wound through the countryside. The very first road signs were simple piles of stones ('milestones') that would indicate a distance or a direction. The Romans made these a whole lot fancier by building stone columns, showing the distance back to Rome. Road signs that gave directions towards key town became more common in the Middle Ages.

In America Indian trade pioneered the way for civilization. The buffalo trail became the Indian trail, and this became the trader's "trace;" the trails widened into roads, and the roads into turnpikes, and these in turn were transformed into railroads. The trading posts reached by these trails were on the sites of Indian villages which had been placed in positions suggested by nature; and these trading posts, situated so as to command the water systems of the country, have grown into such cities as Albany, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Council Bluffs, and Kansas City. Thus civilization in America has followed the arteries made by geology. The wilderness has been interpenetrated by lines of civilization growing ever more numerous. Roadways, like the railways are like the steady growth of a complex nervous system for the originally simple, inert continent. Understandably, this is why we are today one nation, rather than a collection of isolated states.

The Significance of the Frontier in American History
Frederick Jackson Turner

Imagine however, no road signs. There would be chaos and panic in the streets for drivers and pedestrians alike. Road signs usually become a part of the landscape around you. You see them but barely acknowledge them, and probably couldn't describe them to someone if asked. For something that we see every day and don't think twice about, there's a whole lot of depth to road sign design.

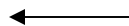
The presence of tourists prompted the development of easily understandable road signs. The first plans to standardize road signs came out of the first International Road Congress, held in Paris in 1908, just a century ago. In the USA, the Bureau of Public Roads also realized they should standardize signs that had been put up in different states by various automobile clubs, and developed signs that could be understood by illiterate drivers. In more recent times, the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals gave the main guidelines for what we see today. Because of these decisions, most of us would recognize a Yield sign (that upside-down red triangle on a yellow or white background) stating "Yield" in the USA or "Give Way" in Europe, 'géill sli' in Ireland or a Chinese symbol in Hong Kong. The magic of modern road signs!

Here we see Mike Henson and Jim Hicks, our Street Dept. Sign Maintenance crew who work magic on city road way signs, from building and installing new signs to repairing and repainting old signs that may have been run over, faded or covered with graffiti. Below you see them with signs that have faded. They are taken down, cleaned, and then painstakingly masked off around each letter and border, inside and out, in order to spray paint them for better visibility. Once dry, the tape is removed revealing improvements. Being able to repair signs rather than purchase news signs every time a sign is damaged saves the city a significant amount of money and certainly fits the trend to recycle, reduce, reuse. The significance of the work these two men do over the entire city is not to be taken lightly, not only do road signs tell give us direction and information, most importantly, they save lives.

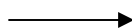
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Mike Henson with faded sign, partially masked.



Jim Hicks spray painting letters 'safety red' for better visibility.



Job Well Done!





Continuing Education

Many of the City's job positions require state certifications and continued education and training to keep up with technological changes.

Mike Fisher, Mechanics Shop, recently received training in Flex Fuel Vehicles, Improving Diagnostic Skills and Repair Capabilities. Additionally, he attended a special presentation on Electrical Systems, Starting and Charging Systems and Automotive Diagnostics covering a variety of topics including: Voltage Drop Testing, Conductance Testing, RVC Regulation, GM AD Alternators, Meters, Changes in Battery Technology, Battery Qualification, Low Undercharge Conditions and Starter Diagnosis.

Gas Department employees participated in Natural Gas Training Seminars that will qualify them for Mechanical Fittings for Polyethylene on Operator Qualifications as required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. Training included champher tools, permasert (stab) couplings, excess flow valves, meter bars, risers, service head adapters, transition fittings, mechanical tees, and large diameter couplings.

Solid Waste employees, Walter Lowery and Anthony Adams will soon attend Landfill Operators Certification Training gaining invaluable information concerning skills and regulations required to operate a landfill.

Dale Snyder and Mike Henson, Street Dept. attended a conference featuring "Chemical Mowing—Reducing Public Property Maintenance Costs" covering topics such as: Improved Appearance of Publicly Maintained Properties, Reducing Erosion Along Drainage Ways and Slopes, Delinquent Properties, and Reducing Maintenance Costs.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant in cooperation with the Tennessee Municipal League is holding a Wastewater / Collection Training Seminar at the Municipal Golf Course on March 9th and 10th covering subject matters including "Protecting Sanitary Sewer System Performance" and "Industrial Pretreatment". This seminar is an approved Continuing Education credit for any Treatment or Collection License by the University of Tennessee and MTAS. Superintendent Mike Goff has had a tremendous response to the promotion of this seminar. In addition to our own wastewater operators, he is expecting approximately 30 attendees from a variety of area wastewater plants in Tennessee including of Collierville, Lexington, Millington, and Covington, TN. Mike thanks Golf Course General Manager Bobby Baker for his assistance in preparing for this seminar.

Many departments are participating in Safety Training online via "E-Training" as well.

Are your employees or departments participating in training or certification relative to their job position? If so, we'd like to know it! Contact Tiffany or Penny.

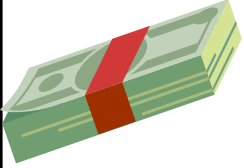
Gas Dept participate in
Natural Gas Training Seminars



SAFETY AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2010

We are happy to announce that we have four (4) winners for the safety incentive award for the month of January. They are:

Alvin Dance – Water/Sewer Dept.
Brenda Joes – Police Records Dept.
Willie Hancox – Cemetery Dept.
Kerry Owen – Street Dept.



For the month of January, we had two (2) recordable accidents, both resulting from falls. This is not a good start for the new year. Let's start thinking SAFETY FIRST!!!!

Just remember -- You could be the one to receive an extra \$50 on your check next month!!!

HEALTH FAIR BEING PLANNED FOR CITY EMPLOYEES!!

We are in the process of planning a health fair for all city employees. More details will follow in the next few weeks! Start thinking HEALTHY!!!!

ACHIEVING A HEALTHY WEIGHT

According to the Mayo Clinic, achieving and maintaining a healthy weight is the key to leading a happier and more productive lifestyle. If you find yourself worn out after exerting a little extra energy to participate in activities you used to enjoy—your weight just may have something to do with it. And yes-- you do need to be concerned! The health implications of carrying excess body fat are well-known. These risks are even greater if you're physically inactive and unfit. Plus, your chances of developing weight-related health problems increase as you get older. Overall, being overweight has many implications for your health and quality of life.

The good news is that weight loss that results from even a small reduction in body fat – about 5 to 10 percent may improve your health and reduce your risk of weight-related diseases. Losing weight can increase your confidence and enable you to be energetic, strong, active, and independent.

These health benefits cannot be achieved by quick fix, “miracle” diets that focus only on losing pounds. Most people who lose weight in this manner gain it back within a year. Lasting success in managing your weight involves a long-term commitment to building healthy habits that last a lifetime. Healthy eating and physical activity – and staying motivated to continue these are the building blocks of a healthy lifestyle. The intersection of all three factors is where you achieve a healthy weight.



DYERSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION

Ricky Roberts

Earth's Easiest Exercise

Walking can add years to your life and life to your years. And it couldn't be easier. You don't need to join a health club, wear special equipment or go into training to reap the rewards:

THE CONDITIONER: Walking conditions your heart and lungs and improves your body's ability to use oxygen more efficiently. **Fact:** In one study, women who walked briskly (3-4 mph) at least three hours a week cut their risk of heart attack and stroke by more than half.

THE PROTECTOR: Walking helps beat other health problems too. It reduces your risk of some forms of cancer and osteoporosis. It fights the battle of the bulge, reducing body fat and building muscle. Walking can even help people with diabetes reduce or eliminate their need for medication.



THE JOINT-SAVER: Walking can burn about as many calories per mile as jogging does. But it delivers less of the jolt, so it's much easier on your joints and muscles.

THE DE-STRESSOR: Walking is easy on your mind too, since it lessens stress and lightens depression. Beginning walkers usually report that they feel and sleep better, and that their mental outlook improves.

THE WINNER: Best of all, walking has the lowest dropout rate of any form of exercise. So you're more likely to stick with it and get all these benefits and more, like better digestion, improved regularity and lower blood pressure.

There's nothing to it: Just put on a sturdy, comfortable pair of shoes and go. **Smart moves:** Walk to the store for the Sunday paper; park a few blocks from

work or get off the bus or train one stop early and walk from there; use the stairs instead of elevators or escalators; on bad weather days walk in a mall or on a gym treadmill.

Parks & Recreation Adult Volleyball League

Starting in March, cost is \$175 per team limited to eight teams sign up quickly.

For More Info Call 288-2564



Check Out the City Event Calendar @ www.dyersburgtn.gov

Help it Grow!

If you have an event that you would like to have included in the City Event Calendar on the City's website (www.dyersburgtn.gov) please send it to the newsletter editors. Events must be received a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the event date. If you have a flyer for the event, please send that too.

Thanks for all you do!

Dyer County Fair Booth Preparations Begin

With the snow and chilling temperatures, you may think it's too early to think about much less begin making plans for the Dyer County Fair booth. However, it takes months of planning and preparation to get everything completed by Sept. We will begin in March with our first planning meeting.

You may be wondering why the city has a booth at the fair. This is a great way to meet our citizens, answer questions, provide information concerning city services and gives each department the opportunity to "wow" the citizens with your department.

A city-wide e-mail will be sent giving you the date, time and location. Let me encourage everyone who would like to help to attend this meeting. Bring your ideas with you and come prepared for a good time; meeting and working with people from other departments within our city.

If you have any questions, please contact me.
Hope to see you in March.

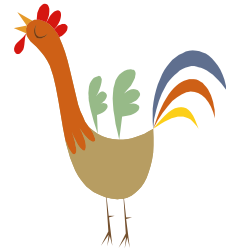
Cathy Cavness

731.288.3596 office

731.445.4274 cell



Something to crow about!



Congratulations Erica!

Erica Morgan Rogers recently participated and won first place in the first annual Patient Counseling Competition at the Union University School of Pharmacy. The competition is sponsored by American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and focuses on a student's ability to effectively counsel a patient on a new medication. Erica will now attend the APhA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. to participate in the National Patient Counseling Competition which includes other local winners from across the country.

Proud parents are Mike (Gas/W/S) and Vicki Morgan (and) Mike and Debra Hoggard.

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Cleaning off the Apron at Station # 1



Pictured : JOHN SAWYER, JOEL BURKHEAD AND JAY CRYER.

Community News.....



1964 1/2 Mustang
260 V8 engine
Automatic Transmission
Color: Turquoise
Black interior
Completely restored
Air Conditioning
If interested, please Mike or Maria Duzan
Home phone: 731-627-9301
Cell phone: 731-589-1829



The Dyersburg Activity Center is now
registering for girl's softball
ages 6-17.
For more information please call
288-7623.

Hoopa Doopa !!!!

OK basketball fans -you asked for it.

The action packed Special Olympics Basketball Tournament is on it's way. This years' event will be held on March 5 from 9 am till noon at the Dyersburg High School Gymnasium.

We are seeking volunteers to help with setting up the registration table, preparing the ribbons for the athletes, scoring the events, announcing the winners and ribbon pinners. If you would like to volunteer please contact Russ Maher at 731-334-1168.

Come on out and join the fun !



Tennessee and Dyer County Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics Tennessee, including Dyer County, is to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the Community.

The Dyersburg Civitan Club is proud to count as one of it's members Mrs. Faye Owen (wife of Kerry Owen, Street Dept.) who is the director for Tennessee Special Olympics Area 20.

Dyersburg Civitan Club

Dyersburg High School

Class of 1970

40th Reunion

June 19, 2010

Professional Development Center (PDC)

(old DHS)

305 College St.

Classmates of the 1970 DHS Class

If you graduated or were a part of the class of '70, please contact any committee member or classmate. You are invited to join us at the meetings at the PDC. Addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses will help a great deal in informing everyone about the upcoming events.

Please call:

Nancy Bond Deere -731-285-0846 or ndeere@k12tn.net

Mickey Tubbs Jones - 731-589-1650

Sherry Bevis Agee or Steve Agee - 731-286-0950

Kathy Moore King - 731-287-1776

Pat Moore Willis - 731-676-3831

Connie Taylor Sentell or Jimmy Sentell - 731-286-1973

or email us at: sentell@cableone.net

Next meeting

March 29, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. - PDC

We look forward to seeing you!



Dyersburg Mall

Sunday, March 7
2 pm
Girl Scout Cookie Crunch
Center Court

Thursday, March 25
5:30 pm
Kids Club



DYERSBURG CIVITANS SELL WORLD FAMOUS JUMBO VIDALIA ONIONS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

The Dyersburg Civitan Club is selling world famous Vidalia Onions to raise money for important local community service projects. The 10lb bags sell for \$10.00 each and can be purchased from any Dyersburg Civitan Club member or you can contact Jeff Jackson, Public Works, Lloyd Collier (285-8780) or Russ Maher (334-1168)to place your order or fill out the order form below and send it in. Local Civitan clubs meet a wide variety of needs in their communities, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

The Dyersburg Civitan Club helps support several local Dyersburg organizations including:

- Tennessee Area 20 Special Olympics
- Matthew 25:40
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Dyersburg State Community College
- DHS National Honor Society
- Dixie Youth Baseball
- Dyersburg Developmental Skills Center
- Tennessee Vocational Rehab Center
- Reelfoot Ministries
- Dream Factory and other deserving organizations.....

The Civitan International Foundation continues this mission with a \$20 million dollar commitment to its flagship project, The Civitan International Research Center at The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Civitan is an international association of local community service clubs. Started in Birmingham, AL in 1917, Civitan has become one of the worlds leading volunteer service organizations, with more than 40,000 men, women and youth in 24 countries.

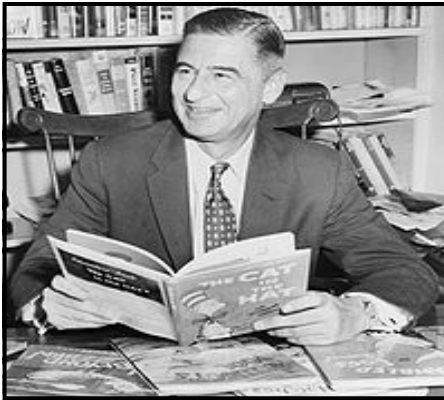
You can visit us on the web at www.civitan.net/dyersburgtn, www.civitan.org or call us at 1-800-CIVITAN(248-4826).

Sunday, March 14
Daylight Saving Time
Change



Or
Dial
285-4019





Theodor Seuss Geisel



McIver Grant Public Library

**McIver Grant Public Library and
Dr Seuss invite you to**

Read Around Town !

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by McIver Grant Public Library, "Read Around Town" will take place on Tuesday evening at 3 different "reading stations". 21 readers will volunteer their time at the Library, 1st South Bank and Security Bank in Historic Downtown Dyersburg. Refreshments will be served at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall along with face painting and possibly other activities. For more information call the Library at 731-285-5032.

Everyone is invited!

The Friends of the Library will have their annual general meeting Saturday, Feb. 27th at 10 a.m. to elect officers and board members. The theater group Voices of the South will perform selections from three Southern Short Stories.



IT'S A FACT:

The City of Dyersburg Census rate of return (return of the questionnaires) for the year 2000 was 62.9%. The national average rate of return was 70%. Please participate and return your 10 question 2010 Census.



Your safety matters! Flooding and Flash Flooding are the #1 weather related killer!

When a **FLOOD WARNING** is issued for your area,
act quickly to save yourself. You may only have seconds.

FLASH FLOODING: Flash floods can occur within a few minutes or up to 6 hours after excessive rainfall, a dam or levee failure, or a sudden release of water held by an ice jam or mud slide. Flash floods can tear out trees and destroy buildings and bridges. Because flash floods happen in a short period of time (less than six hours after the causative event) they are more life threatening than other types of flooding. Areas most susceptible to flash flooding are mountainous streams and rivers, urban areas, low-lying areas, storm drains, and culverts. The mountain regions of middle and east Tennessee potentially have more flash flood problems than west Tennessee but all parts of the state are susceptible.

A Flash Flood Warning is issued when flash flooding has been reported or is imminent. It focuses on specific communities, creeks or streams, or other geographic areas where flooding is imminent or occurring.

RIVER FLOODING: This type of flooding is caused by an increased water level in established watercourses, such as a rivers, creeks, or streams. River flooding is slower to develop than flash flooding (more than 6 hours after the causative event), however, some smaller creeks and streams have a short lag time between the runoff from heavy rain and the onset of flooding. This is the case with some middle and east Tennessee rivers and streams. On the other hand, it may take several days for a flood crest to pass downstream points on major rivers such as the Cumberland, Tennessee, and Mississippi rivers. The National Weather Service issues River Flood Warnings when rivers are expected to rise above flood stage. Persons in the warned area are advised to take necessary precautions immediately. River stages and crest forecasts are given for selected forecast points along with known flood stages for each forecast point. While there is usually more advanced warning time with river floods than with flash floods, persons should be familiar with the flood prone areas they live and work in, and must know what action to take and where to go if a flood occurs. Advance planning and preparation is essential.

FLOOD WATCHES: The National Weather Service issues a Flood Watch when conditions are detected that can result in either flooding or flash flooding within a designated area, but the occurrence is neither certain nor imminent. If the flooding is expected to quickly develop, a Flood Watch for flash flooding is issued. If the flooding is expected to develop slowly or occur on area rivers, a Flood Watch for a county or counties is issued, or for a particular location along a river. Persons in the watch area are advised to check flood action plans, keep in-formed, and be ready to take action if a warning is issued or flooding is observed.

FLOOD ADVISORIES: Flood Advisories are issued when flooding is expected to develop, but not be a significant hazard. This may be when poor draining areas collect water, low lying areas along river banks become inundated, or when caution is needed due to intense rainfall from a passing storm. Even though the flooding expected with a flood advisory may not to be life threatening, persons should still be alert for rapidly changing conditions.

FLOOD SAFETY RULES: Follow these tips to stay safe during flood conditions...

When a warning is issued get out of areas subject to flooding. These may include dips, low spots, stream beds, drainage ditches and culverts. If caught in low areas during flooding, go to high ground immediately.

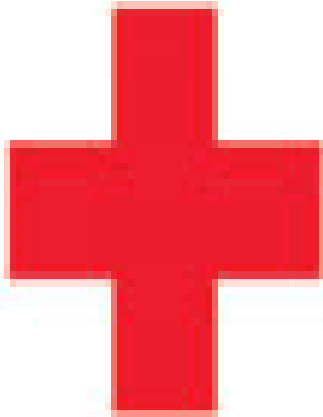
Avoid already flooded and high velocity flow areas. A rapidly flowing stream or ditch can sweep you off your feet or even carry your car or truck downstream. Never drive through a flooded area as the road bed may be washed away. Play it safe! If you encounter a flooded road - **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**

Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood conditions, and never drive around a barricaded road. The State of Tennessee passed a law (TCA 55-10-205) making it illegal for motorists to drive around barricades or visible flood warning signs. Anyone that does and needs to be rescued may be subject to a reckless driving citation, numerous fines, and ordered to repay any costs associated with the rescue.

Most flood deaths occur at night and when people become trapped in automobiles that stall in areas that are flooded. If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. The rising water may engulf the vehicle and the occupants inside. Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams or washes during threatening conditions.

By James LaRosa—Service Hydrologist, WFO Nashville

TURN AROUND—DON'T DROWN!



American Red Cross

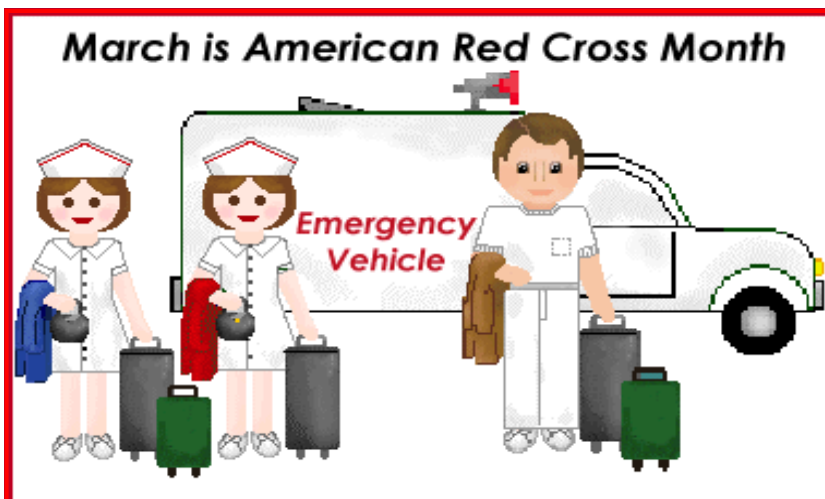
The Dyer County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Lynn Fritchey would like to thank all of you who gave to the Haiti earthquake disaster. Your compassion and generosity have been enormous and though you may never know the impact your gift made, for you, you just know it's the right thing to do.

We are funded and rely solely on the goodness of your heart and donations. We now ask you to help your Dyer County family, friends and neighbors, right here at home. In 2009, \$19,489 was spent to help 74 individuals from 20 families in the Dyer County area; victims of fire and ice disasters. During last year's ice storm we opened a shelter for the safety and welfare of not only Dyer Countians but those from Lake County and Caruthersville, MO who needed us. No, we are not required to help those from surrounding counties, but our mission is to help ALL those with immediate needs after experiencing disasters. We could not and would not turn down anyone needing a warm place to sleep while having no electricity in their homes.

March is **RED CROSS** month and we've planned a few events for fundraising. Please see below.

1. Community Yard Sale for the Dyer County Red Cross—Saturday, March 20, 2010— where? Your house or neighborhood! We're asking the community to have a yard sale and donate their proceeds to the Dyer County Chapter of the American Red Cross. You may register at our office located at 326 S Mill Av, Dyersburg. Each yard sale participant will receive a laminated official "Dyer County Red Cross" sign and name badges to be used for the event. For more information you may call Lynn Fritchey at 731-286-4740.
2. 3rd Annual Hometown Heroes Event—Saturday, March 27th—Sun Products will be preparing barbeque for sale. Event details are not complete, but if you have any questions or would like to participate/volunteer, please call Lynn Fritchey at 731-286-4740.
3. Rock-a-thon—Canterbury Place, Dyersburg Manor, The Highlands of Dyersburg, Maple Ridge, Oakwood and St Joseph Village—March 16th.
4. Dining for the Red Cross—will be held at various restaurants—listen on the radio and watch the newspaper for further information or call Lynn Fritchey at 731-286-4740.

Dyer County Red Cross—Working for you since July 9th, 1917 !



Thank you and God Bless you,
Lynn Fritchey, Chapter Executive

A Short History on the Historical Importance of The American Red Cross

Founded May 21, 1881, The American Red Cross was also known as ARC; American Association of the Red Cross (1881—1892); American National Red Cross (1893—1978). The American Red Cross is the only congressionally mandated organization to provide aid to victims of disaster and is responsible for fulfilling the mandates of the Geneva Convention within the United States.

An Overview of the American Red Cross:

Clara Barton, born in 1821, had been a schoolteacher, a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office, and had earned the nickname "Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War before she founded the American Red Cross in 1881. Barton's experiences of collecting and distributing supplies to soldiers during the Civil War, as well as working as a nurse on battlefields, made her a champion for the rights of wounded soldiers.

After the Civil War, Barton aggressively lobbied for the establishment of an American version of the International Red Cross (which had been founded in Switzerland in 1863) and for the United States to sign the Geneva Convention. She succeeded with both -- the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 and the U.S. ratified the Geneva Convention in 1882. Clara Barton became the first president of the American Red Cross and led the organization for the next 23 years.

Just days after the first local chapter of the American Red Cross was established in Dansville, NY on August 22, 1881, the American Red Cross jumped into its first disaster relief operation when they responded to devastation caused by major forest fires in Michigan. The American Red Cross continued to aid victims of fires, floods, and hurricanes over the next several years; however, their role grew during the 1889 Johnstown flood when the American Red Cross set up large shelters to temporarily house those displaced by the disaster. Sheltering and feeding continue to this day to be the largest responsibilities of the Red Cross immediately following a disaster.

On June 6, 1900, the American Red Cross was given a congressional charter that mandated the organization to fulfill the provisions of the Geneva Convention, by rendering aid to those wounded during war, providing communication between family members and members of the U.S. military, and administering relief to those affected by disasters during peacetime. The charter also protects the Red Cross emblem (a red cross on a white background) for use only by the Red Cross.

On January 5, 1905, the American Red Cross received a slightly revised congressional charter, under which the organization still operates today. Though the American Red Cross has been given this mandate by Congress, it is not a federally funded organization; it is a non-profit, charitable organization that receives its funding from public donations.

Though congressionally chartered, internal struggles threatened to topple the organization in the early 1900s. Clara Barton's sloppy bookkeeping as well as questions regarding Barton's ability to manage a large, national organization led to a congressional investigation. Instead of testifying, Barton resigned from the American Red Cross on May 14, 1904. (Clara Barton passed away April 12, 1912 at the age of 91.)

In the decade following the congressional charter, the American Red Cross responded to disasters such as the [1906 San Francisco earthquake](#) and added classes such as first aid, nursing, and water safety. In 1907, the American Red Cross began working to combat consumption (tuberculosis) by selling Christmas Seals to raise money for the National Tuberculosis Association.

World War I exponentially expanded the American Red Cross by significantly increasing Red Cross chapters, volunteers, and funds. The American Red Cross sent thousands of nurses overseas, helped organize the home front, established veterans hospitals, delivered care packages, organized ambulances, and even trained dogs to search for wounded.

In World War II, the American Red Cross played a similar role but also sent millions of packages of food to POWs, began a blood collection service to aid the wounded, and established clubs such as the famous Rainbow Corner to offer entertainment and food to servicemen. After World War II, the American Red Cross established a civilian blood collection service in 1948, has continued to offer aid to victims of disasters and wars, added classes for CPR, and in 1990 added a Holocaust & War Victims Tracing and Information Center. The American Red Cross has continued to be an important organization, offering aid to millions affected by wars and disasters.

How you can help the Dyer Co Chapter of the American Red Cross:

Donate Now—Volunteer Your Time—Give Blood



HAPPY EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

William Kelly—23 years
 David “Mike” Goff—22 years
 James Ware—16 years
 Mike Fisher—13 years
 Russell Burrow—12 years
 William Elliot—12 years
 Danny Ennis— 12 years
 Scotty Hollis— 11 years
 Penny Rice—10 years
 Jennifer Boyd—7 years
 David Dodds—7 years
 Walter Lowery—7 years
 Chad Webb—7 years
 Maurice Boyd—5 years
 Alvin Dance—4 years
 James Norman Parrish—4 years
 Mary Lee Wardlow—3 years
 Wesley Deere—2 years
 Neal Lewis—2 years
 Zachery Freeman—1 year

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Timothy Bruce
 Farris Cagle
 Jason Cantu
 Robert Davis
 Leaha Garrison
 Donna Hicks
 Donald Holland
 Kevin Joslin
 Mike Leggett
 Neal Lewis
 Walter Lowery
 Khyra Maclin
 Charles McCright
 Willie McErath

Parrish James Norman
 Robert Palmer
 John Sawyer
 Joseph Schultz
 Barry Scobey
 Gregory Taylor
 Sue Teague
 Matilda Tipton
 Gleya Twilla
 LaQuinta Ward
 Mary Lee Wardlow
 Kevin Weaver
 Linda Wilson
 Sterlin Wright

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

- Board Meetings—1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
 To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call 286-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. www.dyersburgtn.gov
- Lifeline Blood Mobile is at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives; **Give the gift of life, give blood.**
- Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course—
 Every Wednesday at 9:00 am. 55 years and up.
 Play from Senior Tees.
- March 2nd—Dr. Seuss' Birthday—Read Around Town
 5:30p.m.—7:30p.m.
- March 5th—Special Olympics 9am—noon
- March 9th & 10th—Wastewater Collection Training Seminar
 Municipal Golf Course.
- March 11—Bruce Community Monthly Fellowship
- March 14th—Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
- March 16th—Rock-a-thon— American Red Cross
- March 17th—St. Patrick's Day
- March 20th—Spring Begins
 American Red Cross Yard Sale-Have one!
- March 27th—Hometown Heroes Event –American Red Cross

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