

# City eBrief



Welcome to the Sevierville City eBrief, your source for current, timely information about your City government, services and community.

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## School Safety Concerns Prompt Increased Police Presence

Since the recent Florida school shooting tragedy, your [Sevierville Police Department](#) has conducted five investigations related to school safety, resulting in one teenager being charged with harassment. In that case, a student created a social media account that alluded in general to school shootings but contained no posts or images.

Detectives also conducted an investigation after a threat was found written on a restaurant bathroom wall Tuesday evening. The written message said there would be a shooting at a Sevierville school on Wednesday. Although there was no evidence found that this was a credible threat, additional safety measures were put into place at City schools. There were no incidents at City schools Wednesday.



The SPD works closely with the Sevier County School System and other law enforcement agencies on a daily basis to address school safety concerns. The SPD asks our community to remain vigilant, report concerns to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and know that we will work together to keep our students and all residents safe. Remember, if you see something, say something.

## TDZ Debt Challenges

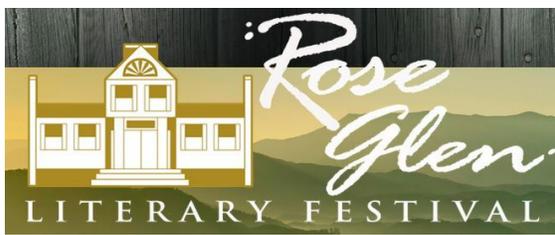


You have likely heard that the City is facing significant budget challenges relating to payment of bonds tied to the Tourist Development Zone. The City has incurred approximately \$146 million in debt for infrastructure development (Convention Center, Golf Club, road and downtown parking improvements) designed to stimulate economic activity. However, the increased sales tax revenue from this investment will soon not be enough to meet the debt payments.

City administration and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have been working to determine what revenue sources could be available concerning payment of the TDZ debt, along with reviewing the City budget with an eye towards reducing expenditures.

In an upcoming eBrief, we will provide more details on the overall debt payment structure and projected revenue shortfalls.

## Annual Rose Glen Literacy Festival at the Convention Center



The annual Rose Glen Literary Festival will be held this Saturday from 9AM-3PM at the Sevierville Convention Center. The event features free lectures and workshops from top southeastern authors, Pulitzer Prize nominees and New York Times bestsellers. Luncheon tickets can be purchased at the event for \$20 and includes lunch, a souvenir pottery piece and a keynote address from author Wiley Cash ("A Land More Kind Than Home"). Click [here](#) for

more event information.

### Heating Fires Cause Many Fatalities in 2017

Although the past week has been quite warm in Sevierville, we will likely see colder temperatures before spring arrives, which means turning the heat back on. Remember to exercise caution when using alternative heating sources.

There were eighty-five fire deaths in Tennessee last year. According to the [Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office](#), alternative heating, such as space heaters and wood stoves were a significant cause of those fires. Click [here](#) for the full 2017 report.



### 250K Tree Day on Saturday, February 24

**Trees for All of Tennessee!**  
**250K Day**  
**KEEP SEVIER BEAUTIFUL**  
 1967-2017

**WHAT:** Come help Keep Sevier Beautiful and volunteer for 250K Tree Day!

**WHEN:** Saturday February 24th 2018  
 9:00am-12:00pm

**WHERE:** Eagle Crest Resort  
 (2841 Eaglecrest Way, Sevierville, TN 37876)

**WHY:** To participate in the largest tree planting event in America and help rehabilitate a local site affected by the wildfires.

Contact [kshanda@keepsevierbeautiful.org](mailto:kshanda@keepsevierbeautiful.org) or message us on Facebook if you can volunteer.

Would you like to participate in the largest tree planting event in America? and also help rehabilitate a local site affected by the 2016 wildfires?

If so, [Keep Sevier Beautiful](#) has organized a day just for you this Saturday, February 24. For more information, please contact [kshanda@keepsevierbeautiful.org](mailto:kshanda@keepsevierbeautiful.org) or leave a Facebook message [here](#).

### Next BMA Meeting and Workshop

The next regular meeting of your Board of Mayor and Aldermen is scheduled for 6PM on Monday, March 5 at the Civic Center. A budget workshop has also been set for Monday, April 2 at the Civic Center. The time of this workshop is TBA.

Click [here](#) for BMA Meeting and Workshop agendas and minutes.

