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WINTERFEST MUSIC, LIGHTS & MAGIC

The Winterfest Music, Lights and Magic special event is scheduled for Monday, November 10 from 3:00-7:30PM. This year's 25th Annual Winterfest season kick-off event takes place at the Sevierville Municipal Complex and features free food and beverages, entertainment and fun. The festivities include an appearance by Santa, featured performances from area dance troupes, choirs and bands as well as business booths and children's activities. The King Family Library will be hosting an outdoor movie this year so be sure to bring a blanket or chair to enjoy a viewing of *The Polar Express*. The evening concludes with a fireworks display, marking the turning-on of Winterfest light displays throughout the City.

Let's join together to keep Sevier County warm this winter season. Guests donating a warm winter coat will receive a commemorative 25th Annual Winterfest Christmas ornament (while supplies last). Operation Warm Wings is accepting brand new small coats in children's sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7. Any other used or new coats will be donated to the Sevier County Food Ministries.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Phase Three/Highway 66

The anticipated completion date for Phase Three of the TDOT Improving 66 project is Fall 2015. Although the original estimated completion date was October 31, 2014, significant unanticipated issues have developed. Unexpected subsurface conditions in the French Broad River required modifications to the proposed bridge pier foundations on both the northbound and southbound bridges. Additionally, it has been determined that replacement of a large diameter drainage pipe is necessary along the southbound lanes from about the Dollar General store to the French Broad River. Both of the above issues were unanticipated and have impacted greatly on the project.



I-40 Exit 407 Bridge and Interchange

The anticipated completion date for the Diverging Diamond Intersection and other Interstate 40 Exit 407 interchange improvements is July 14, 2015. This TDOT project will improve traffic flow on the overpass and make significant improvements to the safety and efficiency of the interchange ramps.

SEVIERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SFD Home Fire Safety Brochure

The SFD has created a handy brochure titled "Fire Safety Begins At Home." The brochure provides basic home fire safety information and recommendations covering items such as smoke alarm installation and replacement; fire escape plans; fire extinguishers; and cooking. The brochure is available for download at www.seviervilletn.org.

CPR Classes

The SFD offers CPR classes for citizens throughout the year. Participants who successfully complete the two-hour course receive a two-year certification. Scheduled classes are posted on the SFD Facebook page. For additional information, contact SFD Training Officer Mike Williams 865-868-1713, mike.williams@seviervilletn.org.

SFD Confined Space Rescue Training

SFD Firefighters recently completed a Confined Space Rescue Training course. The forty-hour class took place at various sites, including a chemical plant. Firefighters often face situations requiring very demanding and unique technical rescue capabilities.



PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

Sandbaggers Snacks Café Opens

Sandbaggers' Snacks is a new café located in the Bowling Center at the Community Center. The café replaces *Spare and Strikes Café*, which was removed as part of a renovation of the eating area in the Bowling Center. *Sandbaggers' Snacks* offers a variety of fast food and drink choices, such as hot dogs, bratwurst and pizza. The café is currently open, and will operate during normal Bowling Center hours.



Green Corner Established at Community Center

The Green Corner is a new environmental awareness inside the Community Center. The area, which replaces an underutilized vending machine space, includes information on environmental successes from Keep Sevier beautiful, Sevier Solid Waste and the City of Sevierville.



New Spin Bikes Purchased for Classes

The Community Center recently purchased new spin bicycles for the ever-popular spinning classes. The bikes are very user friendly and include multiple adjustments to fit every body size and fitness level. Numerous classes are offered weekly. Visit <http://www.seviervilleparksandrec.com/FitnessCenter.html> for a complete listing of available spin and other fitness classes.



SEVIERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Prescription Drug Take-Back Event A Success

In September, the SPD partnered with CVS Pharmacy on Highway 66 to conduct a DEA Drug Take-Back event. Over 41 pounds of expired and unwanted prescription drugs were collected. The SPD has a permanent prescription drug receptacle in the department lobby on Gary Wade Blvd., where citizens can bring unwanted or expired prescription drugs 24/7.



Kid's Police Camp

SPD held their annual Kid's Police Camp this summer. The purpose of Police Camp is to provide the opportunity for young men and women, 12 -14 years of age, to learn basic police skills in a SAFE, organized and structured environment. The camp director and staff are comprised of professional police officers that are trained and experienced law enforcement instructors. All Police Camp activities are supervised by the camp staff.

Activities included self-defense, safety with firearms, police radio procedures, fingerprinting and many other duties performed by police officers. Campers also participated in practical exercises simulating situations such as searching buildings and stopping vehicles.



Enrollment is available each year in the spring; the camp takes place during the summer. For additional information on the academy, call 865-453-5506.

Citizens Police Academy Ongoing

The SPD's annual Citizens Police Academy is currently in session. The purpose of the academy is to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn basic police skills and experience police work in a safe, organized and structured environment. Classes are scheduled every Thursday evening through November 21, 2014. Enrollment is available each year in the summer, with classes beginning in September.

Curriculum for the program consists of thirty-three hours of classroom, practical and field training, including Patrol Methods, Investigations, Vehicle Stops, Defense Techniques, D.U.I. Interdiction, Taser, Community Policing Programs, and Introduction to Police Firearms.

For additional information on the academy, please contact the SPD at 865-453-5506.

"The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity for citizens to interact with police officers, learn what is involved in police work and experience what it is like to be an officer,"

- Chief Don Myers

LEAF COLLECTION SEASON

Leaf collection began on Monday, October 20, 2014 and is scheduled to conclude January 30, 2015. This date may be adjusted if warranted by weather conditions. Residents may choose either of the following leaf collection alternatives. Please read each alternative carefully and direct any questions you may have to the Public Works Department at 429-4567.

Bagged Leaf Collection

The Public Works Department will collect bagged leaves, along with other bagged yard waste, during bulk rubbish/junk collection on a bi-weekly basis. Residents may call 429-4567 and request a work order be completed or simply place bags at curbside. **NO SPECIAL PICKUPS WILL BE MADE.**

Vacuum Leaf Collection

The Public Works Department will make every effort to be in your neighborhood every two weeks to vacuum loose leaves. **During peak periods or equipment breakdown pickup may take longer.** The City has been divided into three sections. Once crews make a complete sweep of the City they will start over and make another complete sweep. This method of collection will be used throughout the leaf collection season. **NO SPECIAL PICKUPS WILL BE MADE.**

Tips for Vacuum Leaf Collection:

- ⇒ Rake leaves in rows no more than 3 feet wide. Do not park vehicles in front of leaf piles; leaf piles that are blocked will not be collected until the service truck returns to the area as scheduled and the leaf piles are no longer blocked.
- ⇒ Remove limbs, rocks, and other debris; leaf piles mixed with other materials will not be collected until the service truck returns to the area as scheduled and the leaf piles are separated.
- ⇒ Do not place leaves in street.

If you have any questions regarding leaf collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 429-4567.

SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

The City currently offers eight Facebook pages and one Twitter page with a combined total of over 18,000 followers. Check out one or more of the following pages to find your particular niche and keep up to date on what's happening.

- ⇒ The Sevierville Golf Club
- ⇒ Sevierville Convention Center
- ⇒ Sevierville Police Department (FB and Twitter)
- ⇒ Sevierville Fire Department
- ⇒ Sevierville Community Center
- ⇒ Sevierville Community Center Aerobics and Fitness
- ⇒ Sevierville Civic Center
- ⇒ City of Sevierville

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The following schedules will be in effect for City of Sevierville facilities and services on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014:

Commercial garbage service scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 will take place on Monday, November 10.

Residential garbage collection scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 through Thursday, November 13 will be collected one day late. Customers must have their cans at curbside by 6:00AM on the day of collection.

Sevierville City Hall will be closed.

Sevierville Water Systems offices will be closed. For emergency service, please call 453-5522.

The Sevierville Golf Club will be open normal operating hours.

The Sevierville Convention Center will be closed.

The Sevierville Community Center will be open normal operating hours.

The Sevierville Civic Center will be closed.

The Sevierville Police Department records office will be closed.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The following schedules will be in effect for City of Sevierville facilities and services during the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays:

Commercial Garbage Collection scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, will take place on Wednesday, November 26.

Residential Garbage Collection scheduled for Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 will take place on Monday, December 1. Customers must have their containers at curbside by 6:00AM on Monday.

Sevierville City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

Sevierville Water Systems offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. For emergency service, please call 453-5522.

The Sevierville Golf Club will be open normal operating hours.

The Sevierville Convention Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

The Sevierville Community Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

The Sevierville Civic Center will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

The Sevierville Police Department records office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.