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Work on New City Park Playground Continues

The City of Sevierville Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with PROJECT SEVIER, is rebuilding the Mt. Ton of Fun Playground at City Park. The City Public Works Department has removed the original playground and plans are being made to improve drainage before construction begins. PROJECT SEVIER is finalizing plans for a fundraising campaign that will begin this spring. Local contractor Charles Blalock and Sons, along with Vulcan Materials Company have offered assistance with site preparation for the new playground equipment. PROJECT SEVIER and the City will announce the anticipated opening date of the new all-inclusive playground in the near future.



Conceptual rendering of new inclusive playground at City Park.

Is More Winter Weather on the Way?

As we all start looking forward to spring, let's not forget that some of our largest snowfalls have occurred in the month of February.

But don't worry-the Sevierville Public Works Department is ready to tackle snow removal from City of Sevierville streets! (Sorry, we can't remove snow or treat roads outside the City limits.) More information about the City's snow fighting plan is [available here](#).



New Dolly Parton Parkway Fire Station Construction Update

Site preparation, including demolition of the old water treatment plant, is underway for the new main fire station to be located on Dolly Parton Parkway.

The construction bidding process is expected to take place in early spring. The anticipated opening date is spring 2018.



Site preparation for new main fire station.

From the Police Chief...

Aftermarket Vehicle Lighting

A very popular trend for vehicle owners is the installation of aftermarket lighting. Certainly, the advent of low voltage and LED lighting that comes in many colors has provided tons of options to make our vehicles stand out. While these very bright products light up the roadway and make it easier to see, they can blind or confuse other drivers.

Lighting component technology has progressed by leaps and bounds in just the last decade.



[Read more.](#)

Beware of Scams During Rebuilding Process

As many Sevier County residents work to rebuild following the recent wildfire, we should be cautious of phony building contractors and other scam artists that may attempt to take advantage of people following a disaster. Before making plans or selecting a contractor, we recommend that you seek advice from one of the local city or county building departments:

Sevier County - Chris Jenkins, (865) 774-7120
City of Gatlinburg - James Horner, (865) 436-7792
City of Pigeon Forge - Joe Dunn, (865) 429-7312
City of Sevierville - Butch Stott, (865) 453-5504.



It's likely that any work on your property will require some type of a permit, so starting with your building department makes sense. To read more about how to protect yourself, click [here.](#)

Fire Safety Information

The Sevierville Fire Department compiles monthly fire safety information which is available [here](#).

February theme:

Burn Awareness & Prevention

Topics include:

Preventing Scalds & Burns

Fire Safety for Children

Candle with Care

Kitchen Grease Fire Safety



**National Burn
Awareness Week**
February 5-11, 2017



Fire Department Offers CPR/AED Class for Residents

The Sevierville Fire Department (SFD) has scheduled a CPR/AED certification class for residents on Saturday, February 11 from 8:30AM-12:30PM at Fire Station 1 (main downtown station), 122 Prince Street.

The class fee is \$20.00/person, which includes all class materials and a certificate.

To register or learn more, click [here](#).



Rape Aggression Defense Class For Women

The Sevierville Police Department has scheduled a 12-hour Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class for women on March 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 6:00PM-9:00PM, at the Sevierville Civic Center in the City of Sevierville Municipal Complex. (NOTE: participants must attend each class date; no make-up classes will be available.) The class is free of charge and is open to all interested women (limited to 20 participants). The purpose of the class is to develop and enhance self-defense options, so they may become viable considerations to a woman if she is attacked.

**RAD: Rape Aggression
DEFENSE**

Can you defend yourself?

Click [here](#) to register and learn more.

Sevierville Convention Center Hosts Rose Glen Literary Festival

Sevierville's eighth annual Rose Glen Literary Festival will offer a venue for some of East Tennessee's best local writers to sell and sign books while also featuring new and innovative programming from prize-winning regional authors. The festival will take place Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9AM-3PM at the Sevierville Convention Center.



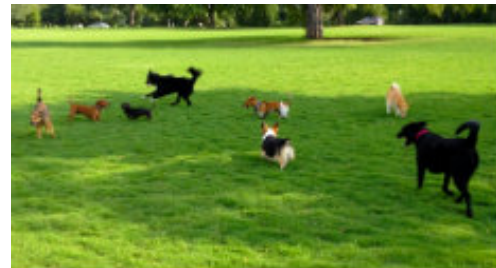
A large audience enjoys a speaker and lunch at the 2016 Rose Glen Literary Festival.

The luncheon keynote speaker will be Pulitzer Prize finalist Ben Montgomery, a staff writer at the Tampa Bay Times and co-founder of the Auburn Chautauqua, a Southern writers' collective. The festival includes several other notable speakers, a panel discussion, a special Children's Corner and other activities.

Authors will be available to meet the public and sign copies of their works throughout the event. All activities are free to the public except for the luncheon, which is \$20 per person. For luncheon reservations contact the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce at 865-453-6411 or email at cmcmahan@scoc.org. Visit the festival website [here](#) for additional information.

Weather Slows But Doesn't Stop New Dog Park Construction

Despite wet and cold weather conditions over the past several weeks, work continues on *Sevierville's Unleashed PetSafe Dog Park*.



Fencing on the new dog park started coming out of the ground the week of January 23. TEAM DOG PARK, tasked with assisting the City in all phases of planning and development, met on January 30 with officials from PetSafe to discuss opening date plans. An opening date will be announced in the near future. Officials remain optimistic that the park will be completed this spring.

President's Day Facility and Service Schedules

Facility and service schedule changes for the City of Sevierville in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20, 2017 are as follows:

- The Community Center will be open normal operating hours.
- The Sevierville Golf Club will be open normal operating hours.
- Commercial dumpster collection scheduled for Monday, February 20 will be picked-up on Tuesday, February 21. All other schedules remain unchanged.



City Hall will be closed.

The Civic Center will be closed.

The Police Department records division will be closed.

Public Works Department offices will be closed.

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen scheduled for Monday, February 20 has been cancelled.

Water and Sewer Department offices will be closed. For emergency assistance please call 865-453-5522.

Sevierville Convention Center offices will be closed.

Job Openings

City job openings are posted on [our website](#). As of the publication of this eNewsletter, the following positions were available:

Sales Coordinator, full-time, Convention Center
Maintenance Worker IPS, part-time, Public Works
Reserve Firefighter, part-time, Fire Department.

Upcoming Scheduled Board of Mayor & Aldermen Meeting Dates

All regular meetings of the Sevierville BMA take place at 6PM at the Sevierville Civic Center in the Municipal Complex.

March 6

(Note: the regularly scheduled BMA meeting on February 20 has been cancelled due to the President's Day holiday.)



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