



December 2018



### -Ups for the month

- Bids are on the Street for the Phase III Greenway Project-Bids are scheduled to be opened on January 24th.
- Improvements to Historic McMahan Cemetery on Tedford Hill began on December 11th, this new fence will complement the new Fire Station and give that entire area a fresh look.
- Maintenance and Landscaping made some needed improvements to the exterior and front entrance to City Hall
- Staff went through an exercise to develop a Benefits Continuum which will be our guide in the future as to what percentage of revenues each program or facility should generate.
- Design for the West Prong Greenway Extension Project continues to move forward, the retaining wall that will be built very important to get right before we go to bid.



### Not So Much an Up for the month

- We had some wind damage on the fence along the Sevier Farmers Co-op Property on the West Prong Greenway .This fence is 20+ years old, we will plan for replacement in next years budget.
- Many of our 10+ year LED Bulbs in Winterfest Displays are beginning to show their age. LED Bulbs do not 'burn out', they 'burn down' and when you replace a new bulb beside an older bulb, you can see the difference. We will plan to start replacing those older LED in next years budget.
- Landscaping the new Fire Station was scheduled to begin December 17th....did not happen..
- After announcing some changes to the Dog Park, we had to put those plans "on a holding pattern" until we could figure out the ADA requirements as it related to some needed operational changes. Below is the design of the new signs that will be placed at the Dog Park.
- The West Prong Greenway Extension project continues to be a challenge due to several factors. Our Engineer of Record (RCA) is working hard to resolve these environmental issues.

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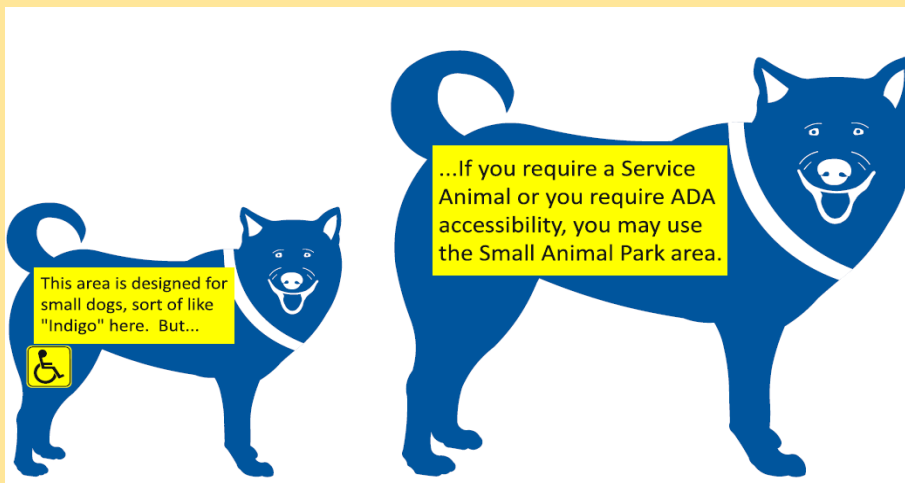
### Major Maintenance

#### Accomplishments:

- Removed some large trees from Dog Park
- Landscaped in front of City Hall
- Nightly maintenance of Winterfest Displays around the City

### Athletic Highlights:

- Co-Ed Volleyball Started
- Registration for Youth Baseball and Softball was opened for the 2019 Season.





## HISTORIC MCMAHAN CEMETERY on TEDFORD HILL



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### *Historic McMahan Cemetery on Tedford Hill*

The name of this Cemetery has been a mystery for many years; in fact, there are at least three names associated with the old burying ground. Sketchy records and the passing of time made it difficult to settle the question. The most frequently used name seems to be McMahan Cemetery. However, others call it Tedford Hill, and a few say it is Riverside Cemetery. In 1984, the Smoky Mountain Historical Society conducted a comprehensive survey of interments in Sevier County cemeteries. The records were published in a book titled "In the Shadow of the Smokies." Volunteers recorded 104 marked graves in this old burying ground.

In 1959 the Late and Former Mayor Jimmy Temple and Lon C. Burchfield met on a Sunday morning to discuss property for a new water plant. When the gentlemen met, Burchfield offered the property for a water plant if the city government would agree to maintain the old graveyard on the section of land he offered. "What graveyard?" replied Temple?

In October 2018, The City of Sevierville Mayor and Board of Alderman approved the purchase of a new fence for the historic cemetery, and the name: Historic McMahan Cemetery at Tedford Hill was adopted as the official name. For more information: There will be a sign placed at the Cemetery with a brochure rack noting the history of this mysterious cemetery property.



PICTURE OF HEAD STONES UNDER  
LARGE TREE. NO RECORDS  
AVAILABLE FOR EXACT LOCATION



PICTURE OF HEADSTONE UNDER  
TREE WHERE THE TREE HAS  
GROWN AROUND THE HEADSTONE  
FOR MANY YEARS.





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**Bowling:** High School TSSAA District / Division Semi-Final Round hosted by the City of Sevierville

- Boys Finals: **Sevier County defeated Gatlinburg Pittman** to advance to the Region Semi-Finals on Jan. 10 where: Sevier County will bowl against Catholic and Bearden will face GP with the winners to bowl in the Finals. That winner then goes to State.
- Girls: Finals: **Sevier County defeated William Blount to advance to the Region Semi-Finals** here on Jan. 10 where: Sevier County will bowl South Doyle and Bearden vs William Blount. The winners will bowl in the Finals. That winner then also will go to State.
- On Dec. 5, 2018 Tim Bevins bowled his **13<sup>th</sup> perfect 300 game** in the Tuesday Night Men's League. **Tim Bevins** will also be inducted into the SMUSBC Hall of Fame on Jan. 26.
- On Dec 12, 2018 **Jeremy Adams bowled a perfect 300 game**. He is from Knoxville and bowls in the Monday Night Challenge League.
- The High School Leadership Group bowled as part as well as toured our facilities.
- Below are pictures from the TSSAA High School Bowling Tournament this month.

### Community Center:

**The Community Center is a 43,000-square foot multi-purpose building that includes: 10-lane bowling center, 6-lane natatorium, children's programs, gym, two racquetball courts, weight, fitness and spinning room, locker rooms and administrative offices .**



**SCHS Boys Bowling  
District 1 Champs**  
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### **Children's Program Highlights:**

**64 Children attended structured programming in December which provided Field Trips, Athletic Events and Seasonal Decorating**





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**Civic Center:** The month of December is our month of Christmas holiday parties, festivals, pageants and shopping events. Below is a more detailed information regarding some of our larger events.

#### Holiday Shopping Events -

December 1 – We had 2 Holiday Shopping Events here at the Civic Center and the SCA had their annual Holiday Market at the Downtown Gazebo.

**Christmas Parties/Pageants**-December 8, 9, 10 – Victory Baptist Church – Performed their annual Christmas Pageant.

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Lighthouse Baptist Church – welcomed people to their Christmas Festival offering crafts and pictures with Santa.

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Helen Ross McNabb hosted their Christmas Festival with crafts and games for children.

#### Christmas Parties –

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Sevier County Co-Op hosted their annual Christmas Party

December 12 – Vickie hosted her annual Christmas Party for the aerobics program

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Private Family Christmas Party

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Victory Baptist Church hosted their annual Christmas Party

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Roxanne DeHart hosted her annual water aerobics Christmas Party

December 21<sup>st</sup>. The City of Sevierville Employees Christmas Breakfast

#### Weddings–

December 29<sup>th</sup> – We ended the month with a large wedding in LeConte.

#### Birthday Parties –

December 1 – Birthday Party

December 2– Birthday Party

December 15– Birthday Party

December 31– Birthday Party

#### Other Events:

December 18– Chamber Coffee Talk

December 19th-

### Civic Center:

The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multipurpose public meeting and rental areas.

The Civic Center offers; Council Hall, Kitchen along with LeConte Auditorium.

This facility houses the Administrative Offices for the Parks and Recreation Depart.

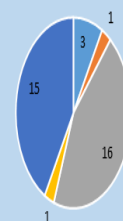


## Light House Baptist Church Christmas Festival



## Victory Baptist Church Christmas Pageant

Civic Center Types of Events for December 2018



• Birthday Party-3 • Business-1 • Church-16 • City Meeting-1 • Other-15