

NEWS in a NUTSHELL

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF MARYVILLE



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It has been a Busy Summer!



Jack Greene Park got a facelift. The restrooms, amphitheater, and the pavilion all had work done, but the cupola on the pavilion takes the prize for the most beautiful improvement!



Brandon Riggs, MFD, rolls up the fire hose after a completed training session in the late summer heat.



Ron Nugent stripes the employee parking lot at the Municipal Building.



On July 12 and 13, first responders from all over Blount, Knox, and Sevier Counties worked together in a simulated terrorist attack. The Blount County group met in the MPD training room.



Citizens are loving the redesigned recycling center on Best Street that was completed this summer.



Danny Frye and Baron Swafford, Electric, celebrate Danny's 31 years of service.



K9 Eunice tangled with a pack of coyotes on August 21 and consequently got separated from his handler. He was found safe several hours later. He had some injuries that had to be treated, but for the most part he was no worse for the wear!



Jennifer Riffle, MPD, and Travis Hill, MPD waiting patiently for their ice cream order at the Ice Cream Social.

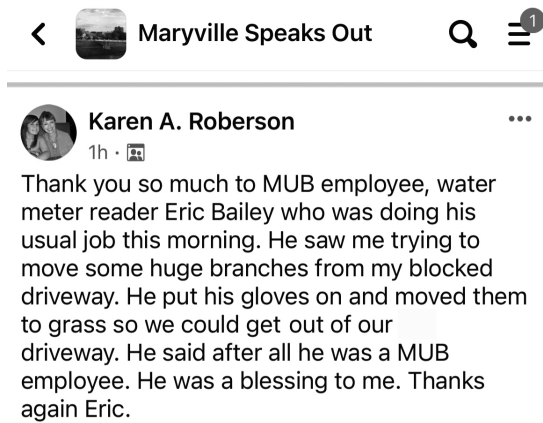


Kim Walker, Finance, Jonathan Riggsbee, Admin., and Derik Hilbert, EPW enjoying the Ice Cream Social at the Municipal Building.



The Air National Guard Band held a free concert in the park on July 3. Officers Steven Dotson and William Ferguson helped with security for the evening.

The Facebook Files



Appreciation for the Streets Gang

I am just thrilled that the City fixed our road! Please let the team know that our little Cate Street/Gamble Avenue block are just thrilled and we appreciate it so much.
Robin Millsaps

Phone Calls, RE: Matt Lafon

Messages left on Brad Hurst's phone:
 "This is Carolyn Crisp. I live on Linda Lane and I want to give a compliment to the driver who picked up the junk on the street today. He had the awfulest pile of stuff to pick up right across from my driveway. He did an excellent job! I just wanted to let it be known, he sure did do a good job and I appreciate all the work the city does for me, and thank you again!"
 "This is Brandon Hitchcock in Oxford Hills. I want to tell you about the great experience I had with Matt Lafon. He came by to get the junk pile today. It was a large pile but Matt made quick work of it and then he cleaned up the debris left behind with a broom! We appreciate him taking the extra time and his commitment to excellence!"



Promotion
Jeff Bitner
EPW
Sanitation Collection Driver



Promotion
Tyler Breazeale
EPW
Heavy Equipment Operator



Promotion
Hunter Bridges
EPW
Street Construction Worker



Promotion
Ian Calloway
Electric
Journey Line Technician



Promotion
Luke Ebersole
EPW
Sanitation Collection Driver



Promotion
Landon Edwards
EPW
Street Construction Worker



Promotion
Holden Fuller
EPW
Street Construction Worker



Promotion
Stephen Jordan
EPW
Sanitation Collection Driver



Promotion
Isaiah Morton
MPD
Police Officer



Promotion
Seth Murphy
EPW
Sanitation Collection Driver

And Congrats to These Folks Too



Promotion
Jason Russell
 W&S
 Lead Wastewater
 Plant Operator



Promotion
Steven Talbott
 MFD
 Fire Captain



Promotion
Gary Walker
 Dev. Services
 Deputy Development
 Services Director



New Employee
Hunter Bridges
 EPW
 Grounds Maintenance
 Worker



New Employee
Mitchell Crompton
 EPW
 Grounds Maintenance
 Worker



New Employee
Cory Dodson
 Electric
 GIS Technician



New Employee
Daniel England
 W&S
 Utility Plant Mechanic I



New Employee
Riley Ewing
 MFD
 Firefighter Trainee/EMT



New Employee
Shawn Marshall
 Dev. Services
 Building Inspector



New Employee
Alan Mittelsteadt
 W&S
 WWTP Technician



New Employee
Ryan P. Rogers
 MPD
 Police Officer



New Employee
Grant Shockley
 EPW
 Grounds Maintenance
 Worker



New Employee
Nicholas Spicer
 MFD
 Firefighter Trainee/EMT



New Employee
Scott Thomas
 Electric
 Right of Way Manager
 Assistant/Tree Trimmer



New Employee
Vasilii Vasilevskiy
 W&S
 WWTP Technician



Newborn 7/13/2023
**Matthew Clayton
 Ferguson**
 Son of William, (MPD) and
 Tandy Ferguson
 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 in. long



Newborn 6/27/2023
Camilla Renee Weeks
 Daughter of Brad Weeks,
 (EPW) and Sasha Sprague
 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 19.5 in. long



Retiring 9/15
Ronnie Irwin
 EPW
 20 Years of Service



Retiring 9/20
David Morton
 Finance
 36 Years of Service

But Wait, There's More

September Birthdays

- 3 Tommy Cooper, W&S
- 4 John Hudgens, Electric
Jillian Love, Dev. Services
Landon Edwards, EPW
- 8 Shaun O'Neal, MPD
Austin Green, MPD
Jennifer Cunningham, MPD
Jamie Long, MPD
- 9 Reid Walker, MPD
- 12 Tyler Breazeale, EPW
- 14 Shane Myers, W&S
Kyler Love, W&S
- 15 Jordan Isbell, MPD
- 17 David McCarter, Electric
Johnny Garner, EPW
- 18 Kyle Newman, EPW
- 19 Brad Weeks, EPW
Rachael Allmon, Public Services
- 20 Todd Burchett, W&S
Jordin Hall, W&S
- 21 Wyatt Snow, Electric
Justin Brown, MPD
- 23 Steven Talbott, MFD
William Ferguson, MPD
- 24 Sam Newport, Electric
Clay Cope, EPW
- 25 Jason Pesterfield, MPD
- 26 Adam Parton, W&S
Cory Tipton, W&S
- 27 Kevin Roulette, Electric
Amy Woody, Electric
- 28 Carlos Hess, MPD
Brent Loveday, MPD
Hunter Bridges, EPW
Chad Loveday, IT
- 29 Clayton Hall, MPD
Mark Huffstetler, Finance
- 30 Sherri Phillips, Finance



September Anniversaries

- Hank Woods, Electric 37 years
- Missi Fields, Finance 35 years
- Rachael Allmon, Public Services 27 years
- Rob Woods, MFD 27 years
- Tim Green, EPW 22 years
- Tim Lane, EPW 22 years
- David England, W&S 21 years
- Cristy West, Finance 21 years
- Tony Crisp, MPD 21 years
- Ronnie Irwin, EPW 20 years
- Scott Spicer, MPD 20 years
- Todd Hall, W&S 17 years
- Charles Mims, Finance 16 years
- John Hudgens, Electric 15 years
- John Roberson, EPW 9 years
- Jana Brown, EPW 7 years
- Josh Richards, MFD 5 years
- Brad Weeks, EPW 5 years
- Stephen Jordan, EPW 4 years
- Eric Maynard, MPD 3 years
- Sandra Ullman, Finance 2 years
- Chandra Pickering, Finance 2 years
- Brandon Cooper, Electric 2 years
- Heather Giger, EPW 1 year

United Way Campaign Underway

The United Way committee kicked off the 2023 fundraising campaign on August 25. This year the committee is hosting fundraising events that the whole family can participate in.

Watch for posters in your break rooms for details about Gas Day, A Car/Truck Show, Christmas Mini Photo Shoot Sessions, Cucumber Gap Loop Hike, and Jeans Week.

Committee members are: Brad Hurst, EPW, Baron Swafford, Public Utilities, Eric Bailey, Electric, Kevin Bailey, IT, Michael Braden, MPD, Steve Talbott, MFD, Jared Webb, EPW, Cristy West, Finance, Mary Bristol, Admin., Patty Cox, HR, and Gwyneth Carrell, Public Services.



Save the Date!

The Employee Appreciation Picnic will once again be held at the Op Center on October 19, 2023. Oh yeah!