

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

September 17, 2014

Yes to the Dress

One of the most popular programs on cable TV is TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress". (I have never seen an episode but I understand it features a bride and the drama associated with picking out the perfect wedding dress.) Well, Lighttube news anchor Chelsea Adams was recently on an episode. A friend of hers was getting married and applied to be on the show. Chelsea's friend was selected to be on an episode and all of her bridesmaids (including Chelsea) went to the Atlanta dress shop where the show is filmed. The all-day shooting was last November and Chelsea said everyone had a good time. The actual wedding was held recently in Lynchburg and TLC was there also. Although the episode in which Chelsea appeared has already run, look for her in reruns.

Patriots Day

Last Thursday morning, September 11th, the Tullahoma Fire Department held a commemoration to honor those lost on 9-11. Following are part of my comments offered to the police, firefighters, and citizens gathered:

"Thirteen years ago we saw incredible acts of bravery by public, fire, and emergency workers as well as ordinary citizens. It is especially touching to think of the courageous police, fire, and emergency workers who were simply doing their jobs to protect total strangers by charging up burning buildings. They must have realized they were in danger of losing their lives, but they kept charging up the stairs. There are many stories of extraordinary bravery from 9/11. I can still picture the images of people screaming and running from the fire, destruction and horror. However, if you look closely you will also see the courageous police, fire and emergency workers running *to* the fire, destruction and horror. They were doing their jobs and many made the ultimate sacrifice.

I am convinced that given a similar situation the men and women in uniform here today would do the same – run to the danger to be of aid and comfort. For your courage, we lift you up and thank you. America and Tullahoma are blessed to have individuals like each of you. The sacrifices you make and are prepared to make are inspiring."

Thanks, Pride Foundation

One of the hardest working groups of citizens in Tullahoma are the volunteers of Tullahoma's Community Pride Foundation. They recognize businesses around town that have beautified their buildings' appearance, host community events and so much more. Their facebook pages: Tullahoma Pride, Tullahoma Calendar and Tullahoma Help Wanted, are very popular. From January 2014 through

September 11, 2014, the Tullahoma Calendar page had over 19,000 visits and their Help Wanted Page had over 5,000 likes. Thanks for all you do.

Attn: Employers

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is hosting a forum on Workers' Compensation Reforms in the Community Room at the Administrative Plaza in Manchester. The September 30th forum will be presented by Jeff Francis, Assistant Administrator of the Workers' Compensation Division with the State of Tennessee. Complimentary lunch will be provided by Fast Pace Urgent Care. To reserve your seat to this mid-day forum, please call Debbie Mullins at 615-898-8041 or Debbie.Mullins@tn.gov.

Tough act to follow

In honor of National Assisted Living Week, our friends at Morning Pointe Assisted Living took the celebration to a new level. When I arrived last Monday to read a Proclamation recognizing the week, about 15 middle school cheerleaders proceeded to perform five different cheer routines recognizing the residents of Morning Pointe. It was a tough act to follow.

Exciting pool news

I am excited about the renovation and expansion of our Aquatic Center at D.W. Wilson Community Center. The indoor pool will be renovated to better accommodate both leisure and competitive swimmers. The existing outdoor pool will be transformed into a state-of-the-art splash water park. The changes will keep Tullahoma moving forward in two key areas: helping make Tullahoma citizens more fit and making the community more attractive to young families wanting to remain, relocate or return to Tullahoma. Work should start by October 1 and be finished by mid-April.

Go Cats!

All this week there have been a series of events to support The THS Homecoming 2014 football game Friday night. There have been dress-up days, karaoke at lunchtime, pep rallies, powderpuff football and much more. For the first time in years, there will be a dance after the game. Go Cats!

Thought of the Week: Congratulations to daughter, Rosalyn and brand new son-in-law Rusty Grammer as they began their new lives together as of Saturday afternoon.

Have an idea or suggestion? Contact me at mayor@tullahomatn.gov, voice mail 581-0360, PO Box 807, or Facebook.