

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR
January 28, 2015

Martin Luther King Day in Tullahoma

Thanks to the We Care Committee and others for hosting the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration last Monday. Approximately 100 of us met at C.D. Stamps Community Center and walked from there to City Hall and back. A number of young people participated. After the walk there was a breakfast and Remembrance Service. It was a beautiful day for the event.

Early morning talk

On Tuesday morning I spoke to the members of the Sunrise Rotary Club. This is a very active group that has helped many good things happen in the community. Looking around the room I saw many members who quietly perform many acts of service throughout the community. I shared with the 50 or so members my vision of working together to make Tullahoma a "world-class" community. I also shared with the group what they can do individually and as a group to make this an even better community.

Appreciation luncheon

Also on Tuesday I participated in the 26th annual Appreciation Luncheon for members of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The luncheon is held in Nashville and hosted by the Coffee County Industrial Development Board. Approximately 60 people attended, including State Senator Janice Bowling, State Rep. Judd Matheny, Col. Toth of AEDC, Motlow President Mary Lou Apple, Alderman Jackie Duncan and several Chamber officials.

Industrial Board Chair Roland Segroves asked me for a few remarks for the group. I shared that one of my main responsibilities as Mayor is to cast a vision and inspire others to help reach that vision. For Tullahoma to be world-class, everyone, including civic clubs, families, churches, businesses, must be motivated and challenged to reach their potential. And we will never reach our potential until everyone has a challenging and rewarding career. Over the past several years, the Department of Economic and Community Development has helped bring hundreds of jobs to our area. So, on behalf of the 18,655 persons that call Tullahoma home, I thanked the group for helping us strive to reach our potential.

Big night for THS baseball

On Monday night Evelyn and I attended the annual THS Baseball Booster banquet. It's hard to believe but baseball season is right around the corner. Tullahoma has a great baseball tradition, winning several state championships over the years. The guest speaker was Daron Schoenrock, the baseball coach at the University of Memphis. He challenged the players to excel in all they do. I shared with the large group the plan to upgrade Grider Stadium. They were all excited about the prospect of playing in a refurbished stadium.

Safe and sound

I hope you saw the article with a stat that most of us instinctively know: that Tullahoma is a very safe town. According to a California real estate blog, Tullahoma is the 18th safest place to live in Tennessee. Way to go, Tullahoma!

Interested in behind-the-scenes police procedure?

Interested in participating in the second Tullahoma Citizens Police Academy? If so, you have until Friday to complete an application. Applications can be found at tullahomatn.gov or you can pick up a hard copy at the Police Department. The TCPA is being offered in order to maintain a strong partnership between the residents of Tullahoma and the Police Department in order to enhance the quality of life in our community. The TCPA will focus on an interactive curriculum consisting of classroom instruction, discussion periods, mock scenarios, situational activities, and hands-on activities. The TCPA will meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to approximately 8:30 for a ten-week period. The cost is \$30.

I attended the graduation program for last year's participants in the first Police Academy and they all seemed to really benefit from and enjoy the ten-week program.

Thought of the Week: "One of the greatest joys in life is to help others succeed." – Joel Osteen

Have an idea or suggestion? Contact me at mayor@tullahomatn.gov, voice mail 581-0630, PO Box 807, or Facebook.