

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

June 17, 2015

### Aquatic Center

Last Friday afternoon the lifeguards participated in a training session at the new Aquatic Center Complex at D.W. Wilson. They needed some volunteers to “practice” on, so I drug out my swim trunks and jumped in. The pool complex is amazing and will be a big hit for children and adults alike. The lazy river is powerful and the three slides are a thrill to go down. And there are plenty of splash pools and zero-entry areas for the little ones. The concession stand was also open so the workers could practice taking and filling orders. This is not your grandmother’s concession stand. Not only do they serve hamburgers and hot dogs, but pizza, panini sandwiches and wraps.

Of course, the pool will be a big hit for today’s families, along with the soccer field lights, dog park/pet village and other quality-of-life amenities planned in the future that will attract families to reside in Tullahoma. My major emphasis as mayor has always been to design our community to be attractive for young families to remain, relocate, or return to Tullahoma. These young families bring a vibrancy to our community. That’s one reason why I introduced community initiatives such as Go Green! Tullahoma, Get Fit! Tullahoma, the Tullahoma Arts Council and Clean Up! Tullahoma. Typically young families like green, fit, clean and attractive communities. Of course, older families like these attributes as well. Not only will the Aquatic Center be fun but a great investment as well.

Congrats, grads!

Last Wednesday volunteers with the Coffee County Community Advisory Board (CAB) hosted a graduation party for six Coffee County teens who recently graduated from high school. The special thing about these six teens is that they are all foster teens. There was a very nice luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church with Tammy Mentzer Brown providing a very inspiring talk. Thanks to several donors, the graduates were each presented a laptop computer. They all seemed thrilled and really enjoyed their special day. I’m proud the Community Advisory Board honored these hard-working teens. If you have an interest in volunteering with the CAB, the group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at C.D. Stamps Community Center (no July meeting, next meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>).

“Music on the D.O.C.”

During the month of June, each Wednesday evening at 7, First Christian Church is hosting “Music on the D.O.C.” in the parking lot between their church and annex. The old Post Office loading dock serves as the stage. Evelyn and I, along with about 100 others, enjoyed the music of the Midget Wrestlers last week. Tonight, Tullahoma’s own songwriter/singer extraordinaire, Marion Galbraith, will be performing, accompanied by the talented Anson Hohne. Hope to see you there.

Social Media seminar June 30

The Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting an informative seminar Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Thoma Lecture Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. Entitled “Marketing Your Business through Social Media”, speaker Seth Horn, Digital Media Director for Lakeway Publishing, will cover topics such as Facebook,

Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest, plus answer questions. The event is free for chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Register via email to [ashton@tullahoma.org](mailto:ashton@tullahoma.org) no later than June 24.

#### Lions Club turns 40

It was an honor to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tullahoma Downtown Lions Club Saturday evening. A large crowd of current and former club members, as well as state Lions Club officers were in attendance. This club has had a rich heritage of service to the community since its founding on April 25, 1975. Since that time the Club has produced three District Governors. Also in attendance was Woodbury resident Austin Jennings, who was the International Lions Club President in 1988. Thanks, Downtown Lions Club, for all you have done for Tullahoma the past 40 years! Please keep it up!

#### Historic Preservation Society meets Tuesday

The Tullahoma Historic Preservation Society is meeting this Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and I have been asked to present my 30-minute program entitled "The 20 Decisions, Events and Personalities that have shaped Tullahoma". The public is invited to the meeting, which will be held upstairs at City Hall at 7 p.m.

Thought of the week: Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. ---JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

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