

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

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Crime numbers down

Did you know crime in Tullahoma has been decreasing for several years in a row? This past year there was a reduction of 12%. Of course, many factors impact this but the excellent men and women of the Tullahoma Police Department deserve a lot of the credit. Speaking of the police, I was pleased to say a few words at the Police Memorial Day ceremony last Wednesday. Five police officers have been killed while on duty in Tullahoma since 1934 – the most recent in 1970.

Part of my comments, “I did not know any of these men but in many ways I suspect they were just like us – they filled their families’ and friends’ lives with love, laughter and happiness. But in other ways they were not typical citizens at all. When there is danger, citizens instinctively run from the danger. These men and the men and women officers present day run to the danger. We have seen this time and time again – from 9/11 to the terror in Boston. These men and women and the officers here are special – willing to lay down their lives so a stranger may live.”

Thanks officers for the work you do and keep up the good work.

“Water week” celebrated at TUB

Last week was “Water Week” in Tullahoma. The Tullahoma Utilities Board hosted a fun gathering on for the community. The purpose was to call attention to the benefits of quality water. Here are some stats you might not know: TUB serves 9,800 water customers with 270 miles of water mains and eight elevated water tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,000,000 gallons. In Tullahoma we use about 3,000,000 gallons of water a day, or 306 gallons per water customer per day. Now you know!

Tullahoma history

I enjoyed delivering my “20 Decisions, Events and Personalities that have shaped Tullahoma” talk to the Tullahoma Rotary Club last Friday. Several members visited with me afterwards and shared additional tidbits about Tullahoma’s history. If your organization would like to hear the presentation, please let me know.

Thanks, Burson family

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Mark Burson, formerly of Tullahoma, for their very generous donation of nearly four acres of land to the City. The property is located at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and the Sharondale Subdivision entrance.

Seniors recognized at Awards ceremony

It's always a treat to attend the THS Awards Ceremony honoring the graduating seniors. Over 50 organizations and schools presented scholarships and stipends to nearly 100 seniors. Evelyn and I were pleased to present our annual Mayor's Bootstrap Award and small stipend to Alyson Forsyth. This award shows recognition to a special senior who has shown an ability to cope with difficulties or obstacles and still be a successful student and a contributor. Congratulations to Alyson and all the other seniors who were recognized.

Habitat groundbreaking

I attended the groundbreaking for the new Habitat for Humanity house in the 500 block of East Moore Street . A Habitat work crew had just about cleared the beautiful lot. I also had an opportunity to meet the family that will be owning the home. As you know, the family must invest a number of sweat equity hours to buy the house. Thanks to Habitat and congratulations to the well-deserving family that will be calling the new Habitat house their home soon.

Kiwanians host Prayer Breakfast

Thanks to the Tullahoma Kiwanis Club for hosting the 33rd annual Prayer Breakfast Saturday morning at First United Methodist Church. A full house appreciated the musical and comedic talents of John Rickman and Us Two and Him. The crowd also appreciated the down-home comedy of keynote speaker Sylvia Harney. Congratulations to Ed Dorman, who the Kiwanis Club recognized as the Layperson of the Year for his work at First Baptist Church and the Life Care Center. It was a good way to start Saturday morning.

Free concert Saturday

Be sure to attend the free concert Saturday evening at Frazier McEwen Park. It starts at 6 and features Shawn Gerhard in a Garth Brooks tribute. Also appearing is The Rock Creek Bluegrass Band.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY "Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Theodore Roosevelt

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