



THE PIPERTON PULSE

REPORTING ON THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

“Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much” - Helen Keller

Mayor’s Message



Mayor Henry Coats

Hello Everyone!

I am very proud to introduce the first issue of **The Piperton Pulse!** This periodic mailer is a means of establishing a better communications link between you and the City about the events occurring in our city as well as other insightful information. We plan to have short articles or statements from all of our departments. We also plan in the future to feature a business or a citizen.

I would very much appreciate your input and your ideas for future publications. To save tax dollars, please sign up to receive this publication via email and we can take you off the mailing list so you will only receive an electronic copy. I hope you enjoy **The Piperton Pulse!**

Planning Commission News

John Henszey, chairman



Public Works

We are excited! As soon as the weather breaks, construction will begin on Piperton’s new Public Works building. This much-needed facility will be located directly across Hwy. 196 from the fire station. Watch us grow!

Fall 2018 Pavement Repair Project—In November of 2018 the City engaged a local contractor to make pavement repairs in various subdivisions throughout the City, including Twin Lakes, Windbrook, Green Tree, Brier Hills, Lakes of Greenbrier, and Meadowlark. Additional pavement repairs will be conducted in the Spring/early Summer months of 2019. Scheduled repaving should be available in the next newsletter.

You may have noticed construction activity on Piperton’s side of Shelby Drive. This will be the regional headquarters and retail facility of Crown Equipment, a leading manufacturer of forklifts and other material handling equipment.

In February, final approval was given for phase 1 of a two-phase office and distribution center for Power and Telephone (on Keough Dr) This facility will be their worldwide corporate location, directly across from recently completed worldwide center for Pyramex. Design will be similar to Pyramex. These are all owner-occupied facilities.

Piperton Preserve subdivision phase 4 has been approved with 26 lots. Design and review will come at a later date.

The final phase of Twin Lakes subdivision has been approved, containing 38 lots. Final build out will bring this subdivision up to 152 home sites.

Piperton Hills Commercial (Hwy 72 & Piperton Hills Parkway) has been approved and is now awaiting final approval on utilities.

A work session was held reviewing plans for a new subdivision, Old Piper Hollow (Keough Rd). More work needs to be done before any application can be considered.

Our Faith community is growing. Expanded parking and, in some cases, new buildings at Cornerstone Church of God in Christ (South Hwy 196) and Kirk Baptist (Raleigh LaGrange Rd). Bethel Tabernacle was approved for a new facility on Patrick Drive.



Future Newsletters

*****IMPORTANT*****

This newsletter will be mailed to all residents two times (two issues) and then be transitioned to a digital version sent by e-mail. You must sign up on the City website (PipertonTN.com) to receive this service. See instructions on the back page for details.

If you are unable to receive the digital version and would like to continue to receive this letter version, drop the empty envelope it came in at the City Office (behind Cousin's) or in the outside mail slot, or call 901-853-4830, ext. #1, leave your name and say I want a mailed copy of The Piperton Pulse.

Police & City Court

Chief Hendricks

Administration

Maria George



The City has concluded its Special Census. Based on a 94.8% return rate, the City has counted a total of 2,010 residents – a 23% increase from the 2016 Special Census count of 1,632! Thank you for your participation! The additional 378 residents will result in approximately \$48,000.00 in additional state shared revenue to the City's general fund. Agents from the Memphis Area Association of Governments (MAAG) will be visiting the City on April 13th. MAAG agents must field verify 10% of the residents identified in the census results provided by the City. MAAG agents will have proper identification.

The City recently extended its solid waste collection agreement with Waste Connections of Tennessee. As part of the extension agreement, Waste Connections will provide additional curbside rubbish and bulk services at no additional cost. Rubbish generated from regular landscape maintenance must be bagged or containerized and not exceed 35 pounds. Branches and brush trimmings should be bundled and may not exceed five feet in length and width, and weigh more than 35 pounds. Additionally, individual branches may not exceed five inches in diameter. With regard to bulk services, each residence is limited to two cubic yards (about the size of the garbage truck's back hopper) of bulk waste per week. Large household items (e.g. couches, appliances, etc.) can now be scheduled for pick-up through the City for an additional fee. For additional details, please contact Utilities Clerk, Christi Cannon at 901.853.4830 ext. 1

The City's annual audit for Fiscal Year 2018 was submitted to the state in December. Highlights of the audit include no debt and a net increase in the City's governmental funds position by \$448,625.00.

The City is appreciative to all who participated in its recent anti-litter slogan contest. Congratulations to contest winners Kaylee and Ainslee Martinez! Their respective slogans – “Piperton is crying out, so please don't throw your litter out” and “Piperton needs some shimmering, so please stop littering,” will be incorporated in the City's anti-litter campaign to keep its roadways clean!



Upcoming Meetings and Events

All meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged

2nd Tues (monthly), 6pm Planning Commission at City Hall (fire station)

3rd Tues (monthly), 7pm Mayor and Commissioners at City Hall (fire station)

During 2018 the City observed a 35% reduction in incident reports, a 33% reduction in arrests and 51% reduction in motor vehicle crashes as compared to 2017. We appreciate your assistance in helping to lower the number of “crimes of opportunities”. Please continue to close your garage doors, lock your buildings and vehicles, and also try to ensure any valuables remaining in the vehicle are not in plain sight. On January 14th Officer Traugher completed his BS in Criminal Justice Administration. The Police Department is currently accepting applications from certified police officers to fill open full time positions within the Department.

The City's long serving City Court Judge Willaim Craig Hall passed away unexpectedly in December 2018. The Board of Mayor and Commissioners subsequently appointed the City Prosecutor Mark McDaniel to serve as the new City Court Judge, and local attorney Kevin Patterson was appointed to serve as the new City Prosecutor.



Fire and Rescue

Chief Bullock

Due to the excellence exhibited by our full-time Piperton Fire Department, the city has an ISO rating of 3. Be sure to notify your homeowners insurance agent because this can positively impact your rates. And thanks to the dedication of the Piperton Police Department, the city has been selected the safest suburb of Memphis. Last year, Piperton was also selected the number one city in which to retire.

The Piperton Fire Department has various training courses available for the citizens of Piperton, including First Aid, CPR, and bleeding control. We also provide fire safety training, home safety checks, and smoke alarm installations. If you would like more information on any of the services we provide, please contact the Piperton Fire Department at 901-853-2195

CLOSE THE DOOR! In case of a fire in the home, a closed door can limit the spread of fire and smoke. It is important to keep all doors closed while sleeping or when leaving the home unattended.



Building & Codes

Tommie Johnson



The steady growth of the City has shown a need to grow staff to include a full time Building Official (Tommie Johnson), Building Inspector and Code Compliance Officer (Daniel Hyde), and Building Clerk (Elizabeth Reed). The 2018 calendar year saw 77 new single family dwelling permits issued, up from 60 the previous year.

Here are a few suggestions before beginning any work on your house:

- Be aware that any work over \$25k requires a general contractor
- It is ALWAYS BEST to work with a licensed contractor, even for small repairs
- Permits are required for, and licensed contractors MUST be used, for all plumbing and HVAC work

For a complete list of when you may or may not need a permit, please see the Building and Codes section of the City of Piperton website.

[.http://www.pipertontn.com/320/Building-Permits](http://www.pipertontn.com/320/Building-Permits)

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