



STATE OF THE CITY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Departmental Reports - December 2023

Wonderful New Christmas Tree

The City of Mount Pleasant is so fortunate to have a new 30 foot beautiful Christmas tree! This is all due to the new Main Street Director, Haverly Pennington! Haverly was able to find the tree at a great price and it was funded by Main Street, the City and the Mount Pleasant Power System. A team effort that will



pay off for years. The tree was delivered on November 8th and the process to figure out how to put it together began. Thanks to the awesome city employees the tree was up before Thanksgiving. The main concern was the tree blowing over in the wind. The crew has this tree set where there is no way it will blow over.

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving Haverly organized an awesome Main Street event. The Tree Lighting was very well attended and was a great time. Local churches participated and had hot cocoa and cookies. The stage was set for some great performances by groups from Mount Pleasant Elementary School. Local artist, Jim Brown was the Master of Ceremonies and did a wonderful job. Even better Santa, himself, was here for this event and all the children had the chance to meet him.

City Hall Holiday Schedule

December 22nd - Closed
December 25th - Closed
December 29th - Closing at Noon
January 1st - Closed

This event was the first of many many to come in the years ahead. The city is so fortunate to have a vibrant main street program and a community that works so well together.

Happy Holiday everyone!

Upcoming Events

12/04/23 - 6:00 PM
Christmas Parade

12/05/23 - 6:00 PM
Board of Zoning Appeals

12/11/23 - 5:00 PM
Historical Zoning Commission

12/12/23 - 6 PM
Planning Commission Meeting

12/13/23 - 5:30 PM
Recreation Commission Meeting

12/14/23 - 6 PM
Commission Study Session

12/19/23 - 6 PM
Commission Meeting

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Thanksgiving Lunch for City Employees.



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Bill White
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Jacqueline Grandberry
(931) 334-1691



Commissioner
Willie Alderson
(931) 398-8383



Commissioner
Mike Davis
(931) 698-6581



Commissioner
Pam Johnston
(931) 334-8014

PARKS & RECREATION

ALYSHIA BUSBY

With the days getting shorter and the cold starting to creep in we here at the Community Center decided to have a little fun with some Holiday Crafts, as Christmas is right around the corner. We had a card making station, a foam ornament station, couple of painting stations and a bead station! The kids and parent had a blast. Making memories is what life should be about! Everyone had a great time.



Thanksgiving came and went with our halls busy as bees with rentals and family dinners! We here at the Community Center would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Come on out and join us for one last event for the year 2023 and meet Santa Clause and have a pancake breakfast along with a picture or two with the Jolly Man himself! December 16th, 2023 starting 9am and ending at 11am.

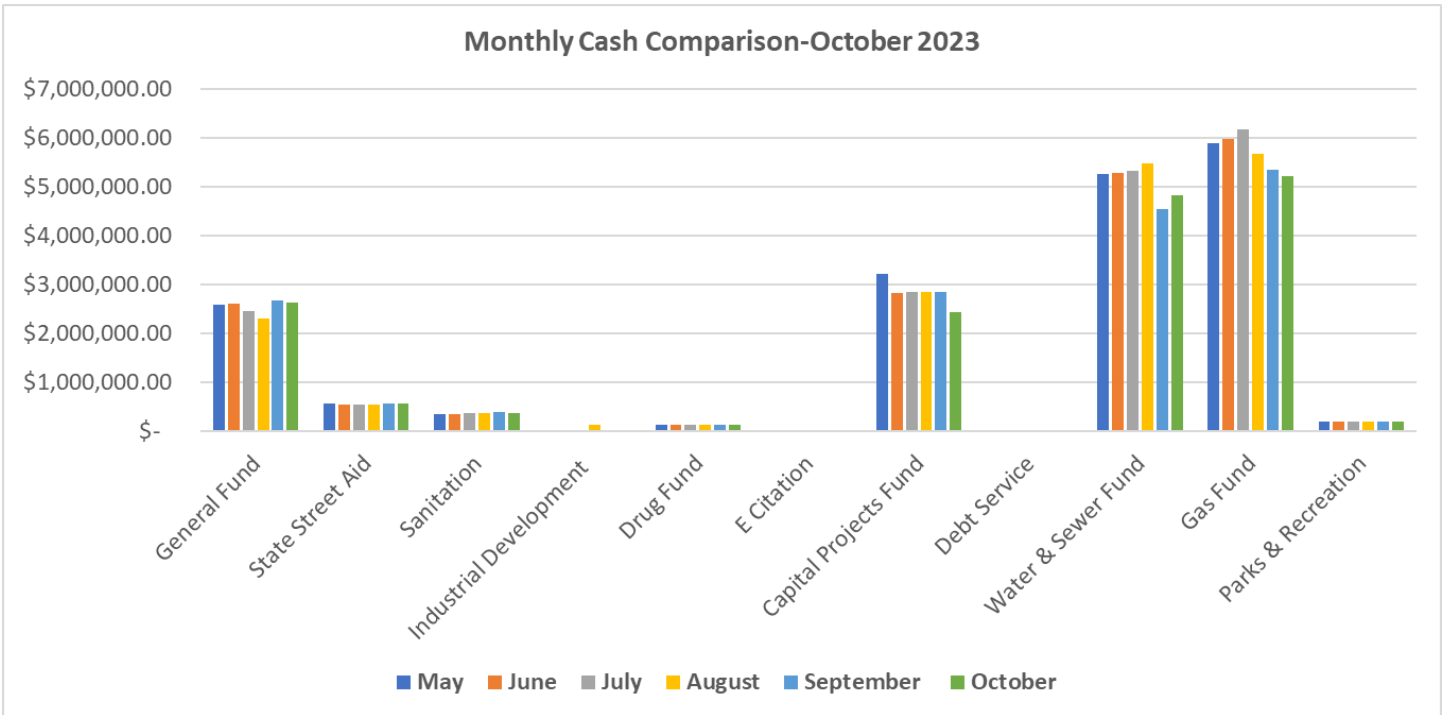
We can't wait to see everyone soon!

FINANCE

SHIPRAH COX

During the month of October, we started collected current property taxes. Audit is still in process for the 2022-2023 financials. The capital projects approved for parks & paving are in the planning phase.

Cash in checking and certificates of deposit in the general fund total \$2,638,923. The Water Fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$1,382,664. The Water/Wastewater construction funds account has a balance of \$2,788,383, customer deposits regular & savings in the amount of \$643,394. The gas fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$4,516,961. The customer deposits in gas total \$707,661.



The City of Mount Pleasant now has an E-Bill Program.

This program will allow our water, wastewater, gas, and sanitation customers to have their monthly bill sent via email, replacing the monthly postcard you receive now.

Visit the city’s website to sign up for this service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL HAY

Our department participated in the City of Mount Pleasant's Haunted Trail at Community Center on Saturday, October 29, 2022. The event drew a large crowd with lots of little trick or treaters. We were excited to be apart of this event and grateful for the invitation.



The Maury County Sheriffs' Department invited the Mount Pleasant Police Department to be a part of their National Night Out at the Mount Pleasant High School. Several representatives from other law enforcement agencies join us. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Unfortunately, the evening turned out to be a rainy night so we did not have a huge turnout. We were glad to see the ones who did venture out into the rain to attend the event.



Officers spotted an individual parked in the rear of a local church that had valid warrants for his arrest. The officers entered the parking lot and the subject began to weave in between the patrol cars, accelerating at a high rate of speed. Other agencies become involved in the pursuit to located the subject but they were unsuccessful. Additional warrants have been taken out for the suspect for evading arrest.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CHRIS BROOKS

It's been a busy month for our department as we have moved into our new codes and admin office on 209 Bond St. We would like to thank all who helped us make the transition. The new Dollar General Market, on South Main Street, is now open for business with another one coming soon to the north part of town. We have several new projects in the pipeline that is exciting as our city starts to grow. Over the last month the department has issued 8 new building permits of various types, with 6 more in progress, as well as 4 new residential construction permits in progress. We have added a furnace checklist to this month's report as the weather is starting to turn cold. We hope everyone has a safe and blessed holiday season.

Furnace Maintenance Checklist

Like all equipment in your home, your furnace benefits from regular maintenance. Doing this on a regular basis helps ensure your home stays comfortable and can save you from unexpected repair bills from major breakdowns. Below is a checklist to help you maintain your furnace.

Clean and Replace Filters and Vents: We recommend starting each heating season with a fresh filter and be sure to replace or clean it every two or three months, depending on the type of filter. Always turn off your furnace before removing filter otherwise, you are pumping unfiltered air into your home. Also be sure to not spill or spread any dust or debris that's accumulated on the old filter.

Inspect the Thermostat

Check and clean the wiring: Start by turning off the power to your furnace. Check all wiring connections to make sure nothing's loose or rusty, and use compressed air to clean out dust, debris, or insects.

Test the thermostat: Check all fan speeds, valves and dampers, and use temperature sensor to confirm your thermostat is reading the correct temperature. Make sure it comes on and off according to its settings.

Check the Ducts

Leaky ducts can make your furnace less efficient and even lead to mold growth if moisture gets in. Inspect your ducts to look for any holes or seams that aren't crimped together properly and repair as necessary.

If you spot mold, you can usually clean it off by scrubbing with some light detergent. Once you have scrubbed off the mold, a fungicide spray can disinfect the area for extra protection against mold regrowth.

Inspect the Blower

The blower (or fan) ensures the heat produced by your furnace makes it to every corner of your home, so you want to make sure it's working properly. Before you do any work on the blower, shut off power to your furnace.

Make sure fan blades aren't dirty or broken and ensure fan wheel spins freely. If not, clear out any dust or debris and use oil to lubricate if necessary. If there are any belts or pulleys, replace or re-tension them as required.

Inspect the Burners

It is important to keep the burners and associated parts clean because build-up of carbon and soot can impede the furnace performance. With the power and gas off, start by vacuuming the area around the burners. Then inspect each individual part.

Burners: Pay particular attention to the front where the flame comes out and around the channels that help spread the flame between burners. Use a wire brass wire brush to remove any build-up.

Burner Manifold: Use a thin wire or paper clip to ensure it is clear so fuel can be delivered to the burners.

Ignitor: The ignitor (identifiable by the two wires connected to it) is very fragile, so avoid touching it as much as possible. If it looks damaged or dirty, it's best to replace it.

Flame Sensor: The flame sensor is part of your furnace's safety mechanism, but if it's dirty, it may not be able to tell that the burners are lit and will mistakenly shut off your furnace. You can use a scouring pad to clean the metal rod, but be careful not to break or scratch the ceramic housing.

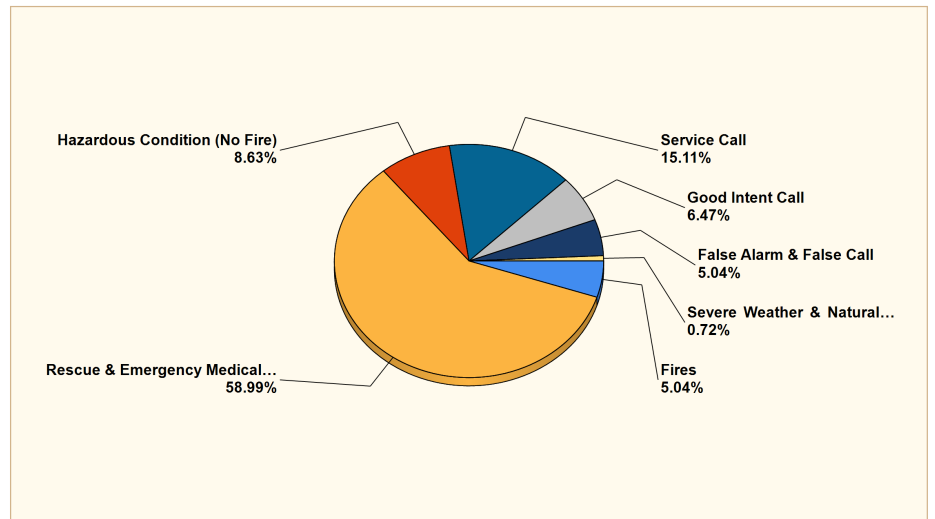
Call a Professional

As always, if you are apprehensive or concerned that you may have underlying problems, please call a professional. While these are some helpful tips, it is always best to consult with professionals before performing any maintenance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHILLIP GROOMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD) responded to a total of (139) calls for service. Calls for service included: seven (7) fires; eighty-two (82) emergency medical responses; forty-two (42) public service and good intent calls; and seven (7) false alarms: No burn permits were issued in the city due to dry conditions. Community risk reduction activities included twenty-eight (28) fire inspections at local business and industry.

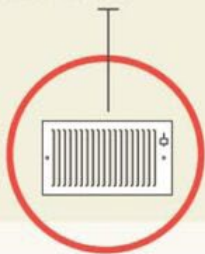


Holiday Tree Safety Tips

Ensure a merry and bright holiday season by safely maintaining your tree with the following tips.

Keep away from heat:

Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like an air duct, fireplace or space heater.



Examine cords:

Examine extension cords and lights for signs of damage. Frayed electric cords should be discarded.



Inspect lights:

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.



Trim the stump:

Trim the tree's stump by at least two inches on freshly cut trees. Allow it to absorb water for 24 hours before bringing it inside.

Keep it watered:

Fill the water reservoir daily and check the condition of the trunk bark and branches for moisture. Shedding or dry needles could mean the tree is drying out, increasing overall fire risks.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
Inspection Type: Fire Inspection				
Sekisui Plastics	10/19/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Sekisui Plastics Plant 2	10/19/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during Fire Inspection.
Brazilian Professional (MHB Holdings)	10/20/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 505.1 Address numbers shall be provided for all new buildings; Address shall be plainly visible and legible from street or road frontage.
Ripcord Industries LLC	10/31/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Tennessee Southern Railroad Patriot Rail	11/08/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Southern Comfort Designs, LLC.	11/09/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Dollar General Market	11/13/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	Occupant Load not to exceed 175 persons. No violations found during fire inspection.
Clean Air Solutions (Rainbow)	11/13/2023	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC - 604.3 Electrical Panels shall have a working space of not less than 30" in width and 36" in depth. 2018 IFC - 906 Fire extinguishers not tagged/serviced annually. Reinspection in 30-days.
SoftSpace	11/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC 1017.2 - Emergency exits must remain clear and travel distance not to exceed 250'. 2018 IFC 604.5 - Extension cords shall not be used for permanent wiring or "piggy backed" into each other. 2018 IFC 906 - Extinguishers shall be tagged/serviced annually. 2018 IFC 907.8 - Monitored fire alarm systems must be serviced annually. (Paperwork shall be readily available.) 2018 IFC 901 - Annual and 5-year Fire sprinkler system inspection paperwork must be readily available. Fire Code Official shall be notified of any changes to the sprinkler system. 2018 IFC 604.6 - Open junction boxes and wire splices shall be prohibited. 2018 IFC 3206.10.1.1 Exit aisles shall not be less than 44". 2018 IFC 703 - Keep ceiling tiles in place and replace damaged tiles. 2018 IFC 304 - Combustible waste material shall not be allowed to accumulate.
Bluegrass Hair Salon and More	11/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Pending	Unable to conduct fire inspection. No one on site; and no contact information available. Inspector contact information left on site.
Central Church of Christ	11/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Pending	Unable to conduct fire inspection. No one on site; and no contact information available. Fire Inspector left contact information on site.
713 Gray Ln Garage	11/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Pending	Unable to complete fire inspection. No one on site and no contact information available. Fire Inspector left contact information on site.
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	11/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
			Total # Inspections for: Fire Inspection: 13	

OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
Inspection Type: Fire Prevention Inspection				
Main Street Church of Christ	10/17/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards found at the time of visit.
Mount Pleasant High School	10/19/2023	Willard, Ben	Pre-Plan Only	Pre Plan information Updated.
Mount Pleasant Early Head Start	10/24/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No hazards or violations were found during the time of the fire prevention inspection and pre plan.
Jones Chapel A M E Church	11/04/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No hazards found at the time of inspection
Mount Pleasant Community Center	11/04/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards found at the time of visit.
Ferche Millworks	11/06/2023	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Fritts Auto Sales	11/06/2023	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Grays Towing	11/06/2023	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Flame Gas	11/06/2023	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Smalticeram	11/07/2023	Chatman, Jimmy	Passed	No recommendations.
Tim's Auto Sales	11/08/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards found at the time of inspection.
B&L Construction	11/08/2023	Kelley, Josh	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-plan.
Walgreens Pharmacy	11/14/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No hazards or violations found during fire prevention inspection and preplan.
Willow Bend Apartments	11/14/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No hazards or violations found during the fire prevention inspection and preplan survey.
Church at The Mount (Acts Family Church)	11/15/2023	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
			Total # Inspections for: Fire Prevention Inspection : 15	
			TOTAL # INSPECTIONS: 28	



STREETS

TED HOWELL

Municipal Solid Waste
192 Tons

Aluminum Recycled
000 Lbs

Bulky Brush Pickup
Call: (931) 325-5701



Potholes Repaired

BlueGrass Avenue
Columbian Avenue
N Locust Street

UTILITIES

TED HOWELL

Wastewater Plant/Lagoons

Plant October 2023 - 10.25 MG Plant October 2022 - 10.40 MG
Rain October 2023 - 0.57 inches Rain October 2022 - 2.03 inches

Lagoons

Upper Lagoon (10%)
Bottom Lagoon (10%)

Water Treated / Water Sold

Water Treated Oct 2023 - 40.94 MG
Water Sold Oct 2023 - 19.88 MG
Water Treated Oct 2022 - 42.49 MG
Water Sold Oct 2022 - 19.73 MG

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48.55%

46.43%

Tennessee One Calls
October 2023 - 95



Utility Distribution System

Water Leaks Repaired (09)
Water Meter Changes (15)
Gas Meter Changes (09)

Spray Field - 00 MG

HUMAN RESOURCES

LAYTOYA ALDERSON

The City of Mount Pleasant employs 75 Full-time and 19 part-time employees. The City had no worker comp claims and one property damage claims for the month of November.

We are happy to present the following employees whose employment anniversaries were in November.

Holy Cole (Customer Service Department) 2 years
Aaron Davaloz (Gas Department) 3 years
Todd Stewart (Fire Department) 21 years
Jack Burgett (Police Department) 16 years
Michael Hay (Police Department) 21 years
Jesse Lovett (Police Department) 4 years
Dominique Green (Police Department) 1 year
Willie Norwood (Police Department) 9 years



December Birthdays

Patti Henson - Martha Springer
Colton Toombs - Eric Kennedy
Brandon Roberts - Ashley Simpson
Victoria Smith - Jack Burgett

Thanks to all of our City employees for making the Mount Pleasant a better place to live, work, and play.