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Athens, Tennessee

### City Council Meeting Update

New Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner attended his first City Council meeting since beginning work in Athens two weeks ago. Sumner tells **The Morning Fax** that city council meetings are, to paraphrase Forrest Gump, "a lot like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." Sumner says he went into Tuesday night's meeting a little nervous, not sure how things would unfold. But, he says he left "absolutely excited" for the City of Athens.

In Council business, a resolution calling for a six-month moratorium on the two-hour parking limit in Downtown Athens failed for a lack of a second. However, Councilman John Coker offered a resolution to give Sumner six months to study parking issues and come back with possible solutions. That resolution passed.

The Council also passed on a 5-0 vote the first reading of an ordinance to modify the current regulations on panhandling. The changes would regulate panhandling on public streets, rights of way, and medians to prevent panhandlers from sitting in places where vehicles are traveling at a high rate of speed.

Sumner says many citizens came up to the podium to speak on various issues, and he says the citizen involvement "energized him." He also says several police officers were recognized for digging into their own pockets to buy an iPad for a 9-year-old child after they learned that an iPad that was confiscated in December was supposed to be a Christmas gift for the child.

### National - World News

- ◆ Police investigating the slayings of two teenage girls in Indiana released a video clip Wednesday in hopes it will lead to the capture of their killer.
- ◆ Five years ago this month, Trayvon Martin, an unarmed African-American 17-year-old, was shot and killed by neighborhood watchman, George Zimmerman. Since his death, Trayvon's parents, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, have been at the front of the charge to stem the wave of gun violence in the United States. Zimmerman was eventually found not guilty of all charges, which marked the beginning of their new life as activists.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ An Athens Community Litter Pick-Up will be held this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Anyone willing to volunteer should meet in front of the Athens Municipal Building. The event is sponsored by Keep McMinn Beautiful.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will be conducting its Strategic Vision Summit this Friday beginning at 6 p.m. and Saturday starting at 9 a.m. in the Red Brick House in the Athens Regional Park.
- ✓ **CORRECTION:** We reported in Wednesday's edition that the Heritage School this coming Saturday would be an Adventure through Lego Land. Lisa Dotson has advised us that event has been cancelled.

#### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - Areas of dense morning fog. Clouds and sunshine later. High 72.

**Thursday Night** - Clear skies. Low 52.

**Friday** - Partly cloudy. High 75.

More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## WYXI Bounces Back From Tornado

In the early morning hours of November 30th, a tornado sliced a path of destruction for approximately 11 miles in the Athens area. WYXI Radio off Slack Road was among the businesses, churches, and homes that received heavy damage. WYXI's main AM transmitter and two backup transmitters were destroyed by the heavy rains when the roof of the transmitter building was blown off. A 10-foot satellite dish was blown about 100 yards away and destroyed. The roof of the studio building was badly damaged, allowing water to flood the carpets and to damage the ceilings and several pieces of equipment. One of those was the device that relays the emergency weather warnings from the National Weather Service. The last message broadcast over the air was a tornado warning for Athens. Moments after that, the tornado struck, knocking out electricity, and phone and cable service. WYXI was able to resume broadcasting on its FM transmitter two days later, but the AM signal was off the air for several weeks. Now, repairs have been made, a new transmitter has been installed, and the station is broadcasting 24 hours a day on AM-1390 and FM 94.5. WYXI AM is required to reduce its power at sunset, but WYXI FM power remains the same around the clock. The station features national and local news, popular talk shows, the best in Christian teaching, and music "too good to forget."

## Obituaries

- ♦ **Mary Elizabeth Moses**, age 82, of McMinn County, died Monday at Brookewood Nursing Home in Decatur. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 4 p.m. at Clearwater Baptist Church Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge.
- ♦ **MSSGT Mancil Floyd Fairman**, U.S. Army retired, age 86, of Hinesville, Georgia, and formerly of Athens, died Feb. 15th at his home. He served two tours of duty in the Korean Conflict and two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. He was a recipient of three Purple Hearts and four Bronze Stars. He was an employee of the McMinn County Highway Department for 10 years, and a former employee of Floco Oil Company in Corpus Christi, Texas. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens with full Military Honors by the U.S. Army with visitation from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

### MULLINS NAMED UNITED WAY PRESIDENT

Randy Mullins of Athens is the President of United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties for 2017. This photo was taken at the annual United Way meeting last week.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY—FEBRUARY 23rd

- 1685** - German composer Georg Friedrich Handel was born. He's best known for the "Messiah," and, particularly, the rousing and inspiring "Hallelujah Chorus."
- 1836** - The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1848** - John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, died at age 80 in Washington, D.C., two days after suffering a stroke on the floor of the House of Representatives.
- 1942** - A Japanese submarine surfaced off the coast of California and fired 25 shells at an oil refinery near Santa Barbara.
- 1945** - Six members of the Marines 5th Division planted an American flag atop Mount Suribachi on the Pacific Island of Iwo Jima. The island had been held by the Japanese.
- 1999** - A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted white supremacist John William King of murder in the dragging death of an African-American man, James Byrd Jr.