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4th Fireworks? Very Likely!!

◆ Athens Mayor Steven Sherlin has issued a called meeting of the Athens City Council for Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm in the council chambers to discuss and vote on a Fourth of July Fireworks show at the Athens Regional Park. The council will likely vote on the costs of the show; the company that will produce it, i.e. Pyro Shows; liability insurance through Athens Insurance and the Tennessee Municipal League; the capacity limit of the Athens Regional Park, which will be open to the public; safety coverage by the Athens Fire Department and Athens Police Department; all other related logistics related to the fireworks show; and motions and actions regarding all things necessary to having a fireworks show. Social media platforms have had numerous posts recently about a lawsuit filed against the city primarily because of the closure of the park to the general public last year due to "safety concerns." However, it was later determined that certain groups and "VIP's" were allowed to enter the park anyway despite any so-called "safety concerns." The Thursday edition of the Morning Fax will report the results of Wednesday's called meeting which will be live streamed according to Mayor Sherlin. Also, WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 & FM 94.5 will have the results on its local radio newscasts which air every weekday at 7:00am, 8:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm. For a free Morning Fax subscription click or tap: [HERE](#)

Juneteenth Celebration Planned



✓ Mr. Clifton Taulbert will speak on Friday, June 16th at Townsend Auditorium on the campus of Tennessee Wesleyan University at 6:30 pm. Mr. Taulbert's title will be "The Tapestry of an engaged Community , We are the Elders Now." Mr. Taulbert is an author, speaker, and Entrepreneur. Dr. Ty Stone will speak on Saturday, June 17th at Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens at 3:30 pm. Dr. Stone is the President of Cleveland State Community College and is also a Veteran of The United States Air Force.



There will be many activities, including The Kuumba Watoto Dancers and readings of what Juneteenth means. Food and fun for the entire family. The activities begin at 3 pm on Saturday, June 17th until 8 pm. The event is sponsored by The Valor Guild, Women United in Community Service, and the McMinn County Branch of the NAACP. The public is invited. Photos submitted by Harriel and Stanley Blair

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Rev. Benjamin Jackson Representing the Juneteenth Committee. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Aileen Elizabeth Moore**, age 88 of Cleveland passed away Friday, May 19th at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland. She was a native of Monroe County and current resident of Cleveland. She was the office manager for Year Round Central Heating and Air. A funeral service will be at 1 PM Wednesday, May 24th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 11 am – 1 pm Wednesday prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Community News

- ✓ Southern Grace will be singing Tuesday, May 23rd at Bojangles in Athens at 6 pm.
- ✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following holiday closures: The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and the Animal Shelter will re-open Tuesday, May 30, 2023, during regular business hours. Residential garbage routes for Monday, May 29, 2023, will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. All other residential garbage routes will be on regular schedule. Please place garbage totes curbside Monday night to ensure they are out for pickup. Commercial/Industrial garbage routes will be picked up on a limited basis. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. Contact McMinn E-911 communications in the event of an emergency. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. Their website is: www.cityofathensstn.com/publicworks/

Four Vehicle Collision Hwy 30 & CR 609

Friday morning around 10:30 am, four vehicles collided at the intersection of Hwy 30 & Co Rd 609, Athens. The four vehicles were a 2017 Ram 1500 (photo 1) with one patient taken to Starr Regional Athens, a 2022 Ford UV (photo 2) with 5 patients taken to Starr Regional Etowah, a 2019 Ford F-150 (photo 3) w/ no patients and a 2018 Nissan Datsun Frontier (photo 4) also with no patients. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AMR, McMinn County Sheriff's Dept, and THP Officer Gordon Roberts investigating the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



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