

TITLE VI PUBLIC NOTICE - Town
 The Town of Huntingdon does not discriminate based on race, color, or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d). If you need further information, please contact Martha Taylor at City Hall (731-986-2900), 12740 Lexington Street, P. O. Box 668, Huntingdon, TN 38344.



The Fun on the Farm Jamboree – Every Third Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The Fun on the Farm Jamboree is a 2-hour, live-on-the-radio, fun-filled country music extravaganza featuring great entertainers the entire family will enjoy. Come spend an afternoon at the Dixie with a variety of performers sure to delight the young and old alike! The Florida Boys will headline the Jamboree on May 9th, featuring gospel performances. Please note that the Jamboree in May is scheduled for the second Saturday, rather than the third Saturday. Ticket price: \$12/person. For tickets, call The Dixie Box Office at 731-986-2100. For other information related to the Fun on the Farm Jamboree, contact Kelly Green at kellywvhr@yahoo.com.

TITLE VI PUBLIC NOTICE – Carroll County Watershed Authority

The Carroll County Watershed Authority does not discriminate based on race, color, or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d). If you need further information, please contact Jeal Atwood at City Hall (731-986-2900), 12740 Lexington Street, P. O. Box 668, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

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If you know of friends or former residents of Huntingdon who would like to receive our newsletter, please send the name and address to Jeal Atwood by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail. See contact information below.

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Director of Public Works:	Jerry G. Nolen	
Recorder/Director of Finance:	Martha Taylor	
Administrative Assistant:	Jeal Atwood	
Executive Director of The Dixie:	Lori Neal Nolen	

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*If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions related to the Huntingdon Newsletter, please contact Jeal Atwood at P.O. Box 668, Huntingdon, TN 38344 or (731) 986-2900 or huntingdoncityhall@charterinternet.com
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Message from the Mayor . . .

2010 is the year of the United States Census. Every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation conducts a census — an effort to count every person living in the United States. This multibillion-dollar operation requires years of planning and more than a half million temporary workers. The key to this endeavor is having every household fill out and mail back a completed census form. Participation is critical, as the results determine how Congress is apportioned and how federal funds are distributed annually to state, local and tribal areas.

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like: Hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects, emergency services.

Participation isn't just important—it's mandatory.

For more detailed information, visit the 2010 Census website: <http://2010.census.gov>

Former Dilday Funeral Home

With financial assistance from the Wright Charitable Trust, the Town of Huntingdon has purchased the former Dilday Funeral Home on East Main Street. We are applying for an Energy Efficiency grant to assist with replacing/upgrading windows, lighting, and the roof. The renovated facility will house the Huntingdon Historical Museum and the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the Huntingdon Alumni Association. We are excited about the possibilities this very large facility offers.

In July 2009, the brand new Dilday-Carter Funeral Home opened at 650 High Street. To celebrate 100 years of funeral service in Huntingdon, the name was changed to add the Carter name in recognition of Danny Carter as former co-owner, then his son Steve Carter as sole owner and manager of the new facility. When the new Dilday-Carter Funeral Home opened at the High Street address, the beautiful, historic building on East Main Street became available for purchase.

The town council voted on January 12, 2010, to move the Finance and Administration office, currently located at city hall, to the former Dilday Funeral Home. The following reasons for the move were considered prior to the vote: 1) both Finance and Administration and the police department need additional space; 2) relocating F & A to the Dilday site would allow access to the museum, the Sports Hall of Fame, and the Alumni Association during regular office hours without hiring additional personnel; 3) the building is a beautiful and historic part of Huntingdon. Our efforts would keep the building a viable part of our downtown business community.



MUDSLINGERS STUDIO

Mudslingers Studio on the Square in Huntingdon is now open, following an amazing transformation of the former Court Square Service Station. The Espey Family, who owned the building as an operating service station for many years donated the building to the Town specifically for the creation of the pottery studio. Wright Charitable Trust provided financial assistance for the renovation. Under the creative and artistic direction of Lori Neal Nolen, Town employees successfully completed the renovation project in time for Huntingdon's Christmas Open House in November. Laura Kenworthy of Paris, Tennessee and personal friend of Lori Nolen, visited during the Open House event and photographed Mudslingers -- the Place, the Pottery, and the People. For a beautiful slide show of Mudslingers Studio, showcasing the exceptional photography of Laura Kenworthy, visit her website at <http://raelyn.phanfare.com>.

Mission Statement

Mudslingers Studio is designed to provide a distinctive visual art education program that will empower students to embrace a life of excellence and creativity through their artistic abilities and open doors to imagination and self-confidence. Visual art skills are worthwhile, valuable life skills grounded in discipline and a work ethic that is crucial for any craft. The instructor is a trained professional who provides a quality educational and artistic experience for each participant. Experience is gained by weekly classes culminating in an exhibition held in the Mudslingers Studio.

Sponsorship

The Mudslinger Studio is sponsored in part by a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission. When the Tennessee Arts Commission was created in 1967, it was given a special mandate by the General Assembly to stimulate and encourage the presentation of performing, visual and literary arts throughout the state and to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of Tennessee. Through a variety of programs, the Commission has encouraged excellence in artistic expression through the state's artists and arts organizations. That commitment has continued to expand through the years to ensure that the citizens of Tennessee have access to, and the opportunity to participate in the arts.



MUDSLINGERS POTTERY CLASSES

Class Description (Each class limited to 10 students)

Classes will consist of an introduction to basic pottery skills of pinching, coil-building, slab construction, and throwing on the potter's wheel. The student will also be introduced to various glazing and firing processes. At the end of each six-week class, there will be an exhibition to showcase the student's work and be available for pick-up.

Lori Neal Nolen, Instructor

Lori attended Union University where she graduated with a BA in ceramic art. While in undergraduate school she studied in France, England, and Italy. After graduation, she attended Alfred University in NY for one year as an artist in residence. She then went on to receive her Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia. During this time she also served as a teaching assistant in the UGA Studies Abroad Cortona, Italy art program. Before becoming the Executive Director at The Dixie, Lori was an Assistant Professor of Ceramic Art and Art History at Union University. She has been teaching children's pottery classes in West TN for the past 8 years.

Open House at Mudslingers Studio

Please join us for a special tour of Mudslingers Studio at the Grand Opening scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 24th at 2:00 p.m. Meet master ceramicist and instructor, Lori Neal Nolen, and sign up for a pottery class.

Christmas on Broadway

The 2009 edition of Christmas on Broadway at The Dixie was a spectacular event. Extraordinary talent flooded the stage with familiar show tunes and Christmas classics. What an enchanted evening! Mark your calendar for the 2010 Christmas on Broadway scheduled for the Tuesday before Christmas (12/21/10).



Photos by Laura Kenworthy



Huntingdon Property Taxes 2009 and Delinquent 2008

Property tax statements for all 2009 real and personal property taxes due to the Town of Huntingdon were mailed to all property owners the first of October, 2009. The 2009 property taxes were due and payable as of October 1st, 2009 and will become delinquent March 1st, 2010. The last two days of February fall on the weekend, so payments made after 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 26th must be postmarked on Saturday, or you may use the night box at City Hall on Saturday and Sunday. If you own property within the corporate limits of the Town of Huntingdon and have not received a tax notice, please contact City Hall.

The 2008 property taxes became delinquent March 1st, 2009. On or about April 1st, 2010, suits will be filed in the appropriate court of record for enforcement of liens against the land for the 2008 real and personal property taxes, and all such delinquent taxes will be filed with the Clerk & Master, Carroll County, Tennessee, for collection. Until that date – delinquent 2008 taxes plus penalty and interest, may be paid at City Hall. After suits are filed, 2008 delinquent tax payments cannot be paid at City Hall and taxpayers must make tax payments, plus additional penalty, interest and court cost to the Carroll County Clerk & Master's Office in the Courthouse. For further information please call 731-986-2900.

Remebrances

Bobby Brewer - Former Huntingdon Fire Marshal, Bobby Brewer, passed away on Christmas Day, 2009. Bobby joined the Carroll County Fire Department in 1976. In 1987, he joined the Huntingdon Fire Department, where he became Fire Marshal in 1998. He remained in this position until September 2009. The Town of Huntingdon Mayor, Council, and employees extend our deepest sympathy to Bobby's wife, Reba, and family.

Retirement Honors

Roy Gene "Geno" Dill - Geno has been a Town employee in the Public Works Department for 13 years, beginning on 3/26/97 and retiring on 1/7/10. Town employees, along with Mayor Kelley and Town Council members, bid farewell to Geno on Thursday, January 7th, with a lunch at City Hall. We all enjoyed homemade stew, sandwiches, and pies. Geno received an engraved pocket watch to commemorate his years as a Town employee. Best wishes for a great retirement, Geno!

Drinking Water Mentoring Initiative

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Tennessee Office of Environmental Assistance offered ten one-year grants to drinking water systems serving 10,000 persons or less in counties that have an unemployment rate of 10% or greater. These grants provide funding to hire and train the next generation of drinking water experts in Tennessee. Huntingdon qualified for this grant, and on November 2, 2009, Ryan Parish became our new hire under this program. In addition to regular workday activities in the Public Utilities Department, Ryan will attend classes in Murfreesboro throughout the year on water and wastewater treatment and management.

BEST WISHES TO OUR TROOPS

On December 29th, the National Guard unit 1/278 ACR based in Huntingdon left by bus for training at Camp Shelby and then deployment to Iraq. Well wishers gathered on Court Square to show support to the soldiers as the bus proceeded around the Square twice, then on to SR 22 South to I-40. A farewell committee organized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce coordinated the preparation of snack bags, drinks, notes of encouragement, support signs, and Gideon New Testaments for each soldier.

Increase in Water and Sewer Rates

Water and sewer rates for the Huntingdon Water Department will increase by 37% effective on the January 2010 bills. The 37% calculates to an additional \$6.59 on a minimum bill of 2000 gallons consumption for an inside-city customer. Bills are based on consumption; therefore, customers using more than the 2000-gallon minimum may estimate their increase based on prior bills. This is an across-the-board increase affecting both inside and outside rates and all brackets of the graduated rate schedules. 34% of the increase is mandated by state law and earmarked for reserves for depreciation of the assets of the water/sewer system. For further information call 731-986-2900.