

Message from the Mayor

Let's talk about what the City can and can't do. Every day we get calls at City Hall asking us to do things around town to fix a problem that a citizen is experiencing. Let me first say, when we can, we take great pleasure in helping people out. We love helping people. That is our prime objective and responsibility. Matter of fact, we feel we are doing our best work when we are helping with your problems. But unfortunately, we can not come on private property to fix something that does not belong to us. It is against the law. Do I wish we could? I certainly do. Maybe a tree has fallen in your yard. Maybe a water line in your yard has burst. Maybe the water drainage on your property causes problems. If it is not caused by something that belongs to the City, there is nothing we can do. Now, if you have a problem, call us and we'll see if we can help. If we can't, we'll let you know. Sometimes there are things that are our responsibility that we can't fix and for that I apologize but for the most part we do a great job of keeping things going.

There is a tree in front of City Hall that is going to have to go. It's destroying the sidewalk and I suspect it is dead in the middle. Over the years other trees have been removed from the front yard because of the same reasons and it is just time to do the same with this one. I for one really hate cutting down trees, but sometimes it is necessary.

On January 23rd a delegation of mayors from surrounding cities, along with State Senator Finney, will be going to Nashville to speak with the Chief Engineer of TDOT to ascertain where we are on finishing the Hwy.104 and Hwy. 45W projects. As you all know, these 4 lane routes to the proposed I-69 are essential to the economic future of Gibson County and especially vital to the future of Trenton. The mayors of Kenton, Rutherford, Dyer and Dyersburg will join me in an effort to find out what TDOT's plans are for the completion of these projects.

I want to thank all those who have been separating their paper from their regular trash. Did you realize how much of your trash was paper? Pretty amazing huh? Remember the most important part of this process is to put your paper on the curb on a different day than your regular garbage pick-up. That way the street trucks will get it and not the garbage truck. Let's see just how much we can save the city. If you are really ambitiously "green", you can separate all your trash and put it in recycling bins behind the Agri-Plex on Manufacturers Row. At some point we might and I'm sure will be forced to recycle at the curb. It is a great idea but costly, at this time, to the City.

The Citizen Action Group is meeting on January 15th at 7:00. Bring your community spirit and great ideas and join us in our attempt to make Trenton a better place. Did you come to the first Community Band rehearsal on the 3rd? If not and you are still interested, we will meet on Jan. 17th at 6:30. We can always use more musicians. Join a group in this city that is doing something positive. There are too many to mention here.

I want to commend the Fire Department on their handling of the recent fire on Factory Street. There were two houses very close to the one that burned and other than some heat damage they kept them from catching fire. What a great job from a group of people who are very conscientious when it comes to protecting your property and your life.

We still have problems with dogs but not as many as at one time. If you could do better with your pet, please do. If you are being a responsible pet owner, thank you. Did you buy in Trenton as much as you could during the holidays? Thank you and let's keep it up. Let's even do better. Shop Trenton!!! What did you resolve to do better this year? Hang in there and keep it up. I realize we still have a lot of rundown property in the city. Please remember; it took a long time to get that way and it's going to take a little while to get it corrected. We work on it everyday. Here recently several people have called, written letters, or talked to me personally about some idea that would benefit the City. Thank you for your concern and thoughts. If you have an idea e-mail me at trentonmayor@bellsouth.net and let me know what it is. Until next time God Bless Trenton.