

Message from the Mayor

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There are some real exciting things going on in Trenton over the next few weeks. Some of them are new and some are throwbacks to an era gone by. But no matter, they are good for the city and people should enjoy taking part in these events.

On Saturday, August 23rd from 6pm to 8 pm, we will be hosting the first “Saturday Night on the Square” in Trenton at the Courthouse. Music will be provided by Kyle and Justin Petty, who I understand do this sort of thing all over this region. The Gibson County Visual Arts Association will have a booth set up and if you want to try your hand at painting, this will be your chance. If you just want to kick back, relax and enjoy a nice summer evening, this will be your opportunity to do so. There will be refreshments or bring your own picnic. I can’t think of a better way to spend a Saturday night.

We are bringing Trenton Trade Days back at the end of August. This “1st Monday” type event will be held at Shady Acres Park in the area out by the tennis courts. Bubba and Nancy Darnell will be in charge of event and from what I understand; several people are excited about getting it started back again. August 30-31 and September 1 will be the first attempt and Trade Days are scheduled to take place on the first weekend of every month, including the winter months. Booths are \$10.00 apiece and there will be no reserving tables ahead of time. Call City Hall at 855-2013 if you have questions.

Congratulations to our North Gibson County YMCA Swimming Team on their success at the swim meet in Tunica a couple of weekends ago. They represented Trenton in grand style and came away with the Coach Dan Annual Sportsmanship trophy. This is another example of Gibson County people doing what we are famous for; being good and decent people. Thanks to all those young people who did us proud.

Speaking of young people doing wonderful things, please make time to go to Milan to see Music Man Jr. at the Middle School Auditorium. This Nite Lite Theater production features young people from all over the county and under the direction of Becky Reeves, will be a treat not to be missed. This is another example of how the arts benefit all of us and how important the arts are to our community. Play times are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 15th, 16th and 17th. You won’t be sorry you attended.

Look for me at the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse Telethon on Sunday August 17th between 6 and 7 pm. I’ll be presenting a check on your behalf that evening. You know, even though we are going to give them a little money, it probably wouldn’t hurt if each of us gave just a little more to prevent one of the most heinous crimes a human being can commit.

Here's a helpful hint: when you put your trash in your trash can, it needs to be in a bag. There should be no loose trash in your can and your can should have a lid on it so it can't fill up with water or be dumped out. We have a policy that prohibits our workers from picking up cans that are full of water. It can cause a serious injury. If everyone would bag their trash, we would not have paper blowing all over place. Having a lid on your trash can is not an option, it is the law. By the way, why are you still putting paper in your trash? How old school can you get. All the cool people are recycling their paper in Trenton now-a-days. The bins are at City Hall and Trenton Light and Water.

I hope you are catching Sherry Vaughn and me on the radio on Wednesdays at noon. It is on 1500 AM and we are talking about city news. I'm still a little stiff in my delivery but I hope to get better. If you have a topic you would like us to address send me an email at trentonmayor@bellsouth.net and we will attempt to discuss it. We are planning in the future to include some "guests". If you have anyone in mind you would like to hear from, let us know.

I am finally going to make the newspaper people happy and shorten my column a bit. I have been very unfair to them and I send them too much article. I can run on from time to time. They are very gracious to allow me to share my thoughts with you and I owe them.

I see great things in the future for this city. I see people getting excited about different projects and events and that kind of enthusiasm is contagious. What are you doing to promote Trenton? It can be as simple as saying positive things about the city or picking up the trash out of the ditch in front of your house. How about supporting our schools and sports teams? How about sinking money in a business or an opportunity to provide jobs for Trentonians? Trenton will be a better place because there are people who want it to be. Remember, Trenton isn't perfect but we are working on it. Till next time, God Bless Trenton.