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Christmas Eve Snow Beautiful to Many, Not so Much to a Few

On December 24, just as families gathered for festive holiday dinners all over Maryville, a dreamy white Christmas Eve snow began to fall. Just like in all the best Hallmark movies the entire city was soon wrapped in a magical and enchanting blanket of white powder that would soon turn the area into a living, breathing Christmas card. That is, until City crews cleared it all away. :-)



The new salt bin was a busy place.



Jamie Hipps, Brad Weeks and Jackson Morton, all EPW preparing the snow plow.

Christmas Eve was a holiday for most City staff, but for 15 EPW, employees it turned out to be a holiday worked. As they enjoyed time with family and friends they also kept a close eye on the sky and waited for the call they suspected would come. At 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, several guys on Clay Cope's crew in EPW came in to prepare equipment and load salt into trucks. At 5 p.m. when the snow

finally began falling, they were ready to roll out. By 1:30 a.m. every single street in the city had been cleared and crews returned to the Op Center. At 2 a.m. the men headed home to get a few hours of shut eye or to put together big Barbie Doll houses and bicycles in preparation for Christmas morning.

EPW Christmas Eve '20 snowfall event By The Numbers:

- Snow started falling at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 24, 2020
- Snow ended at 9 p.m. Thursday, December 24, 2020
- Average depth of snow accumulation 2½ inches
- 10 dump trucks and one small truck equipped with snow plows plus one backhoe
- Roads were cleared by 1:30 a.m. Friday, December 25, 2020
- Crews used 85 tons of salt (the City has approx. 1,200 tons of salt stored in the salt storage bin with a maximum capacity of 1,500 tons)
- 126 overtime hours worked by 15 EPW employees
- Labor, material, and equipment total costs were: \$20,491.87

Once again, the guys in EPW provided great public service by working on Christmas Eve so that the busy Christmas Day activities in Maryville could go on as planned.

~ Brian Boone, EPW Director

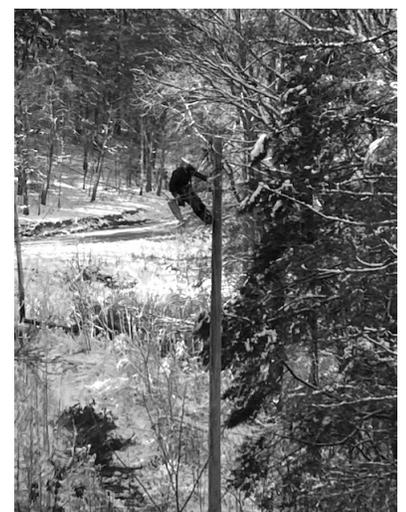
Snow Causes Outages for the Electric Department Too

Over the Christmas holiday, 12 Electric Department employees responded to ten separate outages which affected a total of 313 customers. The total number of hours for customer outage was 600, meaning the affected customers were without power for an average of approximately two hours.

Christmas Eve's work required ten employees to work 95 hours of overtime. A small outage was reported just before 5 p.m., but the real issues began around 6 p.m. Most customers were back on within two to two and a half hours, with the last customer's power restored after five hours.

On Christmas Day, six employees worked 21-1/2 hours of overtime. The first outage of the day began at 10:40 a.m. and the second was reported at 7:53 p.m.

Newport Utilities faced more extensive damages from the holiday snow and a request for help from other distributors in the area was required. In the spirit of Christmas, Maryville sent a crew of four, each of whom had already worked the Christmas Eve/Day outages, to Newport's service area on December 26 and 27. The crew logged a total of 70 hours on Saturday and 80 hours on Sunday. Newport Utilities employees were impressed by our crew's abilities and professionalism and extremely grateful for their assistance.



Casey Ridings, Electric, high atop an electric pole over the holidays.

Applause Please



New Employee
Tony Dunn
MPD
Police Officer



New Employee
Chad Loveday
IT
Systems Technician



New Employee
Autumn O'Briant
MFD
Firefighter/EMT



New Employee
Justin Parks
MPD
Police Officer



New Employee
Brandon Parish
W&S
Water Plant Technician



New Employee
Laura Seery
Finance
Accountant



Transfer
Wendy Phillips
Finance
Accounting Technician



Promotion
Jason Potter
W&S
Utility Construction
Worker II



Promotion
Travis Brown
MPD
Police Sergeant

TWRA Winter Trout Restocking Program in Maryville

The second of three restocking events this winter

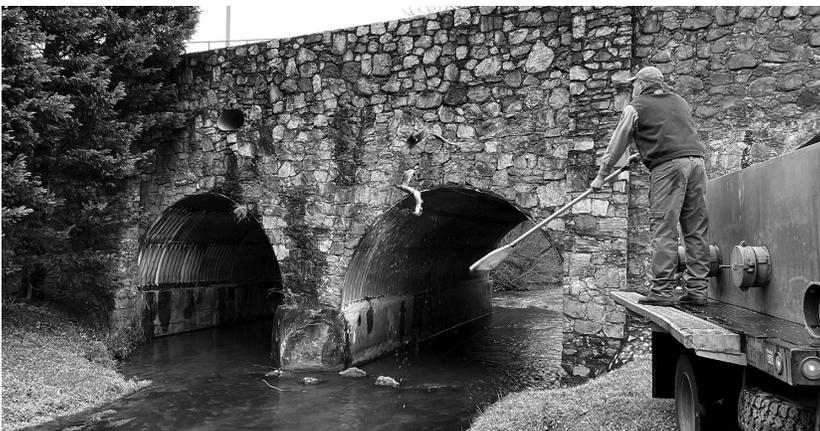
On January 21 the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency rolled into town with around 900 Rainbow Trout in their tank truck with the intention of re-homing them in Pistol Creek. The truck slowly progressed along the trail while TWRA agents released their colorful stockpile starting at the Bicentennial Greenbelt Park Lake and ending the day in Jack Green Park.

Rainbow trout are a cold water loving fish and the winter weather allows for them to be stocked into waters they can't normally live. It give anglers a chance to fish for a species they might not get an opportunity to catch otherwise. The TWRA encourages anglers to take the fish they catch home for the table. The limit is seven fish per angler per day. A supplemental trout license (type 022) is required for ages 16-64 to fish for trout in addition to Type 001 or 020 license.

The third and last stocking in Pistol Creek for this winter is scheduled for February 11.



Levi, son of Caleb Compton, EPW, was one of several anglers hoping to hook some dinner for his family on Pistol Creek on January 21, 2021. Levi doesn't eat fish, but he sure loves catching them! 🤪



People are the Key

MPD Brings Home the Hardware

Congratulations to the entire department



Lt. Michael Braden, Cpl. Ben Belitz and Chief Tony Crisp take a moment to show off the rewards for MPD’s hard work.

The Tennessee Highway Safety Office named MPD Cpl. Ben Belitz the East Tennessee “Traffic Safety Officer of the Year.” According to Lt. Michael Braden, Ben worked hard to help design and implement the traffic safety program.

Officer Travis Hill received an Impaired Driving Enforcement honor, and Officer Matthew Tipton’s work in speed enforcement was recognized as well.

Each year the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Administration, recognizes law enforcement organizations in East Tennessee for achievements in traffic safety.

“Our department participates in the challenge each year in order to measure our success against other agencies in the state. The goal remains to keep our roads safer throughout the year,” Braden added.

MPD placed second overall for its department-size group (46-75 sworn officers) in the safety office’s Law Enforcement Challenge competition.

“These awards are a reflection of the hard work of our entire department,” Chief Crisp said. “It is a rewarding experience for our staff to be recognized for the work they do every day and we appreciate the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for their support,” said Chief Crisp.

Microsoft Office 365 Training Survey



The City will be offering training to staff who need to advance their software skills in Microsoft Word and Excel. Virtual training is available to

City of Maryville employees through New Horizons.

Please visit the Employee page on the website to submit your training needs to the IT Department. <https://www.maryvillegov.com/employees.html>

Voicemail Kudos

Citizen Mike Owens, who lives in Wimbledon subdivision, left a message on Angie Luckie’s phone expressing his thanks and appreciation for the City of Maryville EPW employees who were picking up his leaves in November. “These 3 guys out here in my yard with a leaf vacuum truck are bustin’ their tails and working HARD!” he said. “I’m so thankful for all of the city services!”



Tim and Wendy Phillips’ grandson, three year old, George Phillips presents his best and first snowman ever!

Tax Time Information from Finance

Tax season is here...how fun is that?

2020 W-2s are now available on the Employee Portal. In order to view and/or print, follow the instructions below:

- Once logged into the portal, choose Year-End Forms
- Choose the Tax Year in the box on the top right side of the screen.
- To view on the screen, scroll down until you see the form.
- Printing: There is not a Print Icon on this screen, so right click and choose Print.

On July 8, 2020, the IRS released Notice 2020-54 (the “Notice”), which mandates 2020 W-2 reporting of qualified sick and family leave wages paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the Act). For informational purposes only, included in Box 14 on your W-2, if applicable, are amounts paid to you as qualified sick leave wages (FFCR-Families First Coronavirus Response) or qualified family leave wages (EFML-Emergency Family Medical Leave) under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. If your W-2 reflects information in Box 14, you will also have an additional page with a description of these Wages only.

February 21 - 27 is Engineers Week

Engineers are changing the world all the time. They dream up creative, practical solutions and work with teams to invent, design and create things that matter. As we face the future, engineers will be at the heart of the solutions to combat climate change, secure cyberspace, develop vaccines, and make the world a better place for all of us. Happy Engineers Week to all of our City of Maryville Engineers and our Engineer Interns too!



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February Birthdays

- 3 Trevor Brown, MFD
- 5 Sid Davis, Electric
Ryan Spencer, MFD
Sam Roberts, Electric
- 6 Kelly Hembree, EPW
- 7 Shawn Garnett, Finance
Hank Woods, Electric
John Spence, EPW
- 8 Mary Bristol, Admin
- 10 Cindy Karnoupakis, Finance
- 11 Michael Bell, W&S
- 12 Alyssa Estabrook, MPD
- 13 Thomas Crow, MFD
- 14 Glenda Brinley, Finance
Mike Swift, Finance
- 15 Roger Campbell, Admin
Randell Moore, MFD
Taylor Harrison, W&S
- 18 Jimmy Yearout, Electric
- 20 Jamie Dyer, W&S
Nicholas Galloway, W&S
- 21 Jerry Diffie, MPD
- 22 Alex Steele, MFD
- 23 Chad Grissom, MPD
- 24 Casey Ryding, Electric
- 28 Robert Anderson, Electric
- 29 Angie Luckie, Public Services



February Anniversaries

- Teresa Martin, Finance 40 years
- Steve Davis, Electric 39 years
- Charlie Clearman, W&S 35 years
- Donnie Williams, Electric 35 years
- Mike Caylor, MFD 32 years
- Brian Watson, MFD 28 years
- Don Myers, Electric 25 years
- Kevin Roulette, Electric 25 years
- Stacy Frye, W&S 22 years
- Daniel Atkins, W&S 21 years
- Tommy Cooper, Electric 20 years
- Patrick McGinley, MFD 15 years
- DJ Porter, MPD 15 years
- Shawn Riddick, W&S 13 years
- Kevin Bailey, IT 9 years
- Jennifer Riffle, MPD 7 years

Facebook Files

We see you MPD!



Laura Finch ► Maryville Matters

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I just saw a Maryville police officer kneeling on the side of the road with a little dog don't know if it was hit or he was just restraining it but either way Maryville matters ❤️

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4 Comments

Glory Days

Heirloom photos of City Employees from back in the day.



Darryl Adams, Electric flashing his dimples back in 2009.

If you have a throwback photo you'd like to see in the Nutshell please email it to mdbristol@maryville-tn.gov or call for pickup at 273-3407.

Citizen Sends Thanks Via the Website

Thank you very much for clearing the downed redbud out of the ditch line along Wilkinson Pike so quickly. Traffic is moving better now. I've lived here for over 30 years and have always found the City government provides excellent services for our citizens. Thank you again for one more instance in which this is true.



Paul Threadgill
Wilkinson Pike