

# NEWS in a NUTSHELL

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF MARYVILLE



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Dear City of Maryville Employees,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday and are ready to welcome in the New Year.

There is no doubt, 2016 was a difficult year. Not only for our neighbors, our nation and our world, but for us, right here in Blount County. There was much loss and tragedy – the kind that knocks the wind out of us and makes it difficult to go on. Despite this, we were there for our friends, families, and our community, and we saw that they were there for us in a very big way.

We were also blessed to have much to celebrate in 2016. We shared in the joy of three births in our own City family, seven marriages, 23 promotions, 11 retirements and we hired 33 new people.

New investors – commercial and industrial – have decided to make Maryville and Blount County home and will give our local economy a great boost. Residential construction is on the rise again and we look forward to prosperous years ahead for our community.

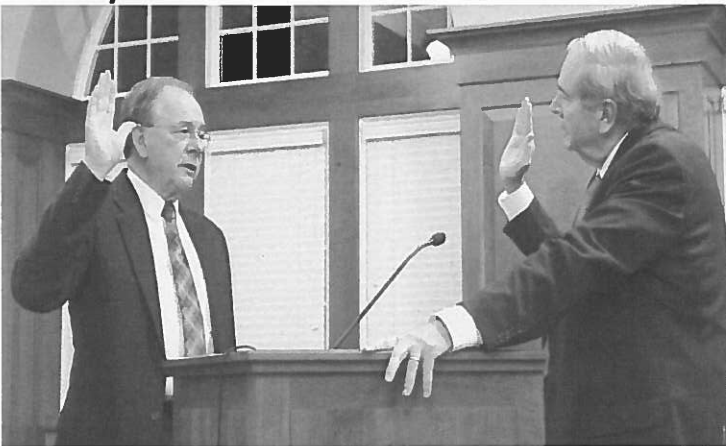
This good news does not come without new demands. We will all be called upon to do more to meet those demands – and I know that you will all rise to the challenge. You have dedicated your careers to serving others; and the quality of the service you deliver is exceptional and is a reflection of your character. I'm proud of you and I'm proud to be part of this great place we call home.

As we say goodbye to a year filled with tears of joy and happiness, sorrow and pain, with the approaching New Year, hope is born again. We celebrate the new opportunities of every day and I encourage you to take time each day to recognize what you have to be grateful for - families, friends and coworkers, and all the blessings each of us have been given. We will continue to be challenged – professionally, emotionally, physically and spiritually – but I believe we have much to be thankful for, and my personal goal is to make each day an opportunity to celebrate something or someone. Will you join me?

I wish you all a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year and ask God's rich blessings for you in 2017.

Yours,  
Greg

## City Council Elections- November 2016



*City Attorney David Black (right) swears in Tom Taylor for his fifth term as Mayor of the City of Maryville at the December 6th Council meeting. Taylor and Joe Swann were elected councilmen in the November election. Councilman Andy White will serve as vice mayor.*



*Leland Blackwood (Human Resources) and Ernie Mertins (Information Technology) chat during the City Manager's Biscuit Breakfast held in mid-December.*

## New



**Chad Grissom**  
Officer  
Police Department



**Mike Priest**  
Officer  
Police Department



**Alex Steele**  
Firefighter Trainee/ EMT  
Fire Department

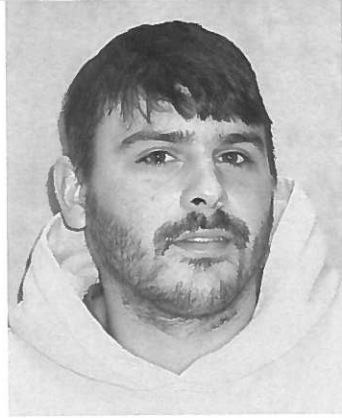


**Mary Bristol**  
Multimedia  
Communications Specialist  
Administration

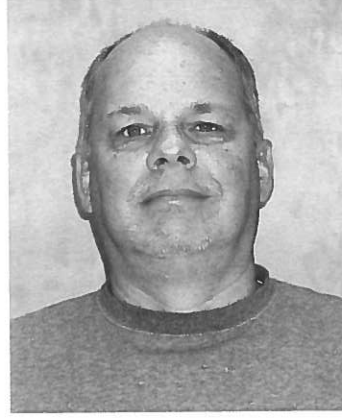
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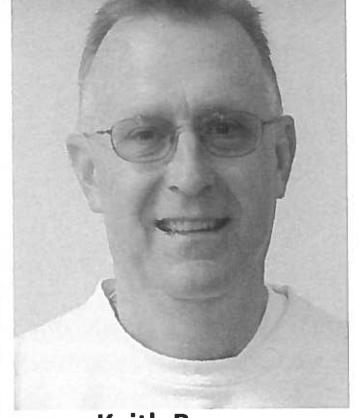
**Ian Callaway**  
Sanitation Collection Worker  
Engineering & Public Works



**Jonathan Wilson**  
Sanitation Collection Worker  
Engineering & Public Works



**Jeff Murr**  
Grounds Maintenance Wkr.  
Engineering & Public Works



**Keith Brewer**  
Construction Inspector  
Engineering & Public Works

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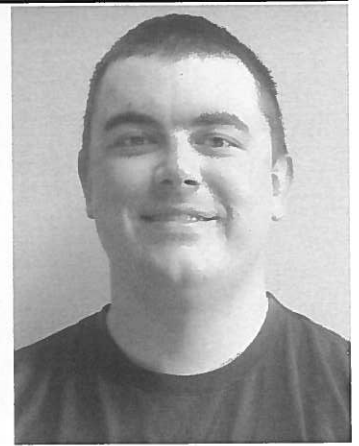
**Charlie Martinez**  
Lieutenant  
Fire Department



**Mike Davis**  
Captain  
Fire Department



**Brandon Riggs**  
Firefighter Engineer/Paramedic  
Fire Department



**Jordan Marshall**  
Sanitation Collection Dvr.  
Engineering & Public Works

## There's Still Time to Reach Your Wellness Goal in 2017

The new year is approaching and the wellness year is more than half over. Now would be a good time to log on to the Interactive Health website to check your points and make plans to work on earning more! What things can you do now?

- Schedule your annual physical, if it's been 12 months since your last one. Completing a preventive exam is worth 50 points.
- Complete an Online Workshop. A variety of topics are available to learn at your own pace on-line. The workshops vary in length from one week to twelve weeks, so be sure to leave enough time to complete one before May 23. One Online Workshop earns you 50 points.
- Check the list of Local Activities and Community Events to be sure you have logged the activities you have completed AND to look for more if you don't yet have 200 points in this category. Remember, if you had a flu shot in September, this is worth 50 points. Working out and logging your workouts for a one-month period is worth 50 points. Volunteering at a charity event is worth 50 points. Watching an Interactive Health webinar is also worth 50 points. And definitely look forward to attending our Employee Health & Wellness Fair on March 29, worth 50 points!
- Plan ahead to be ready to participate in our LAST Team Challenge if you have not yet participated in one. Remember, a Team Challenge is worth 50 points and there will be one more offered before May 23. Details coming soon.
- Be watching for information coming in February about scheduling your Health Evaluation. This is your BIG POINT opportunity! Participating in the 2017 Health Evaluations earns you 300 points. Faxing the results to your doctor is worth 50 more. And completing the online Health Assessment questionnaire is worth 50 more!!
- Lastly, be proactive! Remember, even if you do not meet your Personal Health Goal you can still achieve the required 750 points by participating in all the other opportunities. Speak to your Health Nutz representative or call Human Resources to get the full picture.

## 2016 Annual Service Awards Breakfast



*The Annual Service Awards Breakfast, held in late October, represents 1,165 years of experience. Congratulations to the 57 individuals who celebrated their service anniversaries. Pictured on top are individuals with 15+ service years. Pictured below are those with 5 and 10 years of service.*



## A Gathering of Holiday Cheer

*The first annual "Gathering of Holiday Cheer" was held to recognize the folks who work to enhance the holiday spirit of the city of Maryville. Crews from Engineering and Public Works and the Electric Department were recognized for their efforts – including the City's Christmas tree lighting ceremony, decorations on Broadway, the municipal building and the City tree at the library. Sanitation Santa crew members were also recognized at the event – although they were working hard distributing toys at the Sanitation Santa warehouse. City Manager Greg McClain said, "Christmas is a special time in Maryville and we appreciate the job these guys do to make spirits bright."*

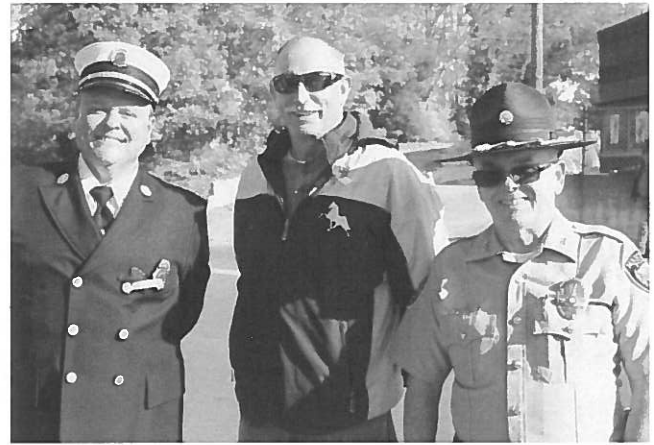


## January Birthdays

Henry Bergen.....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 2
Michael Boring .....	Water & Sewer .....	January 2
Dallas Stephens .....	Fire .....	January 2
Gary Walker.....	Development Services.....	January 9
Patrick McGinley.....	Fire Department.....	January 9
Jason Potter.....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 10
Shane Collins .....	Police.....	January 10
John Bivens.....	Police.....	January 14
Edward Davis .....	Police.....	January 17
Tim Phillips .....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 17
Eddie King.....	Police.....	January 19
Jessie McWhorter.....	Water & Sewer .....	January 19
Robert Large .....	Development Services.....	January 23
Jessica Cooper .....	Water & Sewer .....	January 24
Ryan Rogers .....	Police.....	January 25
Celia Quintana .....	Financial Services .....	January 25
Gary Johnson.....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 26
Eric Middleton .....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 26
Travis Brown .....	Police.....	January 27
Kenneth Crowder .....	Police.....	January 28
Jeremiah Morton.....	Engineering & Public Works .....	January 31

## January Anniversaries

Ricky Jackson .....	Electric.....	38yrs.
Scotty Martin .....	Water & Sewer .....	30 yrs.
David Morton.....	Financial Services .....	29 yrs.
Julie Anderson .....	Electric.....	28 yrs.
Greg Cooke .....	Police.....	27 yrs.
Patrick Effler.....	Electric.....	25 yrs.
Danny Frye.....	Electric.....	25 yrs.
Danny Wilson.....	Water & Sewer .....	25 yrs.
Bill Garner.....	Police.....	24 yrs.
David McCarter .....	Electric.....	23 yrs.
Brent Robbins .....	Water & Sewer .....	23 yrs.
Brad Hurst.....	Engineering & Public Works.....	21 yrs.
Brian Hutsell .....	Water & Sewer .....	21 yrs.
Tim Phillips.....	Engineering & Public Works.....	21 yrs.
Jason Pesterfield .....	Electric .....	20 yrs.
Tammy Hankinson.....	Financial Services .....	19 yrs.
Sherry Phillips .....	Financial Services .....	19 yrs.
Dan Cantwell.....	Engineering & Public Works.....	18 yrs.
Jennifer Cunningham .....	Police.....	18 yrs.
Angie Luckie.....	Administration .....	18 yrs.
Christine Tillman .....	Information Technology.....	15 yrs.
John Bivens .....	Police.....	13 yrs.
Jamie Dyer .....	Water & Sewer .....	12 yrs.
Dale Jayne.....	Engineering & Public Works.....	10 yrs.
Michael Myers .....	Water & Sewer .....	9 yrs.
John Crow .....	Fire .....	5 yrs.
Matt Lafon .....	Engineering & Public Works.....	2 yrs.
David Prichard.....	Development Services .....	2 yrs.
Jason Ayers .....	Police.....	1 yr.
Maria Nelson .....	Development Services .....	1 yr.
Andrew Payne.....	Police.....	1 yr.
Curtis Tate.....	Police.....	1 yr.



*Randy Thompson (Fire), Steve Davis (Fire), and Bill Mills (VIP Police) at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial located in the front of the Blount County Courthouse.*



*Michael Boring, Water & Sewer, celebrated 40 years of service at the City in 2016. He works at the Waste Water Treatment plant as Senior Operator. That's a long time! Congratulations! Not pictured is Ed Lindsey (Electric) with 40 years of service.*

## Births



**Jacob Logan Stoltenberg**  
 Born October 11, 2016  
 Cheryl & Kevin Stoltenberg  
 (Engineering & Public Works)



**Weston Matthew Lindsey**  
 Born December 3, 2016  
 Megan & Logan Lindsey  
 (Engineering & Public Works)