

NEWS in a NUTSHELL

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MFD Answers Mutual Aid Request in Gatlinburg



The scene as MFD arrived in Gatlinburg

In the early evening of Monday, November 28th, 2016, when Maryville Firefighter/Engineer John Crow got a page asking him to report, he didn't know he was about to be in the "hot seat" literally. Arriving at the station at 6:00 p.m. he was told that Chief Crisp had been notified that firefighters were desperately needed via a state-wide mutual aid request. At that time there were at least thirty houses on fire in Gatlinburg, and Crow was to drive the City Engine and help fight the fires that would later roar through Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge that night.

Two City of Maryville firefighters, John Crow and Ben Tatham, joined two-man

crews from Alcoa that night and headed into Gatlinburg while everyone else was running in the other direction. In the distance they could all see the eerie

orange glow that would foretell what was waiting for them when they reached their destination. The Spur had temporarily been converted into a four lane road with three lanes of traffic headed south and one lane, mostly on the shoulder, headed right into the hot spot. Crow weaved in and out of the oncoming traffic, gunning the engine when he could to clear the flames. About a quarter of the way up the spur the blended crew encountered a car fully engulfed in flames. When a Knoxville engine in front of Crow stopped to douse the flames the MFD engine was finally clear of the traffic. As they drove through downed trees, power lines, embers and heavy smoke, the dangerous situation added an exclamation point when flames actually blew through the open cab of the truck with a strong gust of wind. The men each kept an eye on the creek where they would be forced to take refuge if the fire overtook the Engine while they pushed deeper into danger.

As the group finally made it into Gatlinburg, crossing the bridge, they

could all see the entire mountain behind the Aquarium was engulfed in flames. According to Crow, it took only 45 minutes for the fire to travel across the mountainside behind Ripley's, destroying everything in its path along the way. The sound of exploding propane tanks in back yards and the strange whistle of small tanks attached to barbecue grills propelling through the air filled the

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Annual Health Evaluations Coming in March

The 2017 Health Evaluation (Biometric Screening) portion of our wellness program will be held the first two weeks of March. If you have not yet made time to schedule your appointment for this important annual evaluation, now is the time.

There are several ways to schedule an appointment. The easiest way for those who don't get on

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Maryville Fire Dept. in Gatlinburg

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People are the Key

February Birthdays

- 2 Allison Derthick, Police
- 3 Pete Kizer, Fire
- 5 Sid Davis, Electric
Harold Dailey, Electric
Kent Roberts, Electric
- 6 Kelly Hembree, Engineering & Public Works
- 7 James Woods, Electric
John Spence, Engineering & Public Works
- 8 Mary Bristol, Administrative Services
- 10 Cindy Karnoupakis, Financial Services
- 11 Michael Bell, Water & Sewer
- 13 John Crow, Fire
- 14 Glenda Brinley, Financial Services
Brad McGill, Engineering & Public Works
- 15 Roger Campbell, Administrative Services
Randell Moore, Fire
- 18 James Yearout, Electric
- 19 Ann Hannah, Financial Services
Debbie Caughron, Financial Services
- 20 Jamie Dyer, Water & Sewer
Mark West, Engineering & Public Works
- 21 Debbie Yarnell, Development Services
- 22 Alex Steele, Fire
- 23 Chad Grissom, Police
- 24 Casey Ryding, Water & Sewer
- 28 Robert Anderson, Water & Sewer
- 29 Angie Luckie, Administrative Services

Snowfall by the Numbers:

The weekend snow storm on Jan. 6 and 7 translated into some pretty big numbers for the Engineering and Public Works Department.

- Total snow accumulation 4" over ten hours duration
- 309 overtime hours by 22 EPW personnel
- 10 trucks equipped with plows
- 250 tons of salt used (we have 800 tons storage capacity)
- 800 gallons of liquid calcium
- No incidents or property damage reported
- Labor, Material, Equipment Total Cost \$44,261.27

“Our guys take a lot of pride in clearing the snow and ice from City streets, with an emphasis on both personal and public safety”. ~Brian Boone, Director of EPW.

Medic Blood Drive

Feb. 6, 2017 Maryville Municipal Building
Gary Hensley Room 7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Anniversaries

- Teresa Martin, Financial Services 36 yrs
- Steve Davis, Electric 35 yrs
- Danny Baldwin, Engineering & Public Works 33 yrs
- Donnie Williams, Electric 31 yrs
- Charlie Clearman, Water & Sewer 31 yrs
- Eric Russell, Fire 28 yrs
- Mike Caylor, Fire 28 yrs
- Gary Johnson, Engineering & Public Works 26 yrs
- Brian Watson, Fire 24 yrs
- Kevin Roulette, Electric 21 yrs
- Don Myers, Electric 21 yrs
- Stacy Frye, Water & Sewer 18 yr
- Wayne Lewis, Engineering & Public Works 18 yrs
- Daniel Atkins, Water & Sewer 17 yrs
- Tommy Cooper, Electric 16 yrs
- Patrick McGinley, Fire 11 yrs
- DJ Porter, Police 11 yrs
- Shawn Riddick, Water & Sewer 9 yrs
- Kevin Bailey, Information Technology 5 yrs
- Elizabeth Riffle, Police 3 yrs

Accolades and Applause



Jonathon Riggsbee
GIS Analyst
(Administration)
New employee



Clay Cope
Street Construction
Crew Leader (EPW)
Promoted



Casey Ryding
(Water & Sewer)
Married Nicole
Dec. 30, 2016



Welcome
Lanie Marie Finger
was born to Alisha
and Dustin Finger
(Electric) on
Dec. 20, 2016



Welcome
Carly Rose Pereda
was born to Chelsea
and Chris Pereda
(Fire) on
Jan. 19, 2017



UTK Grad
Katie Brown
Daughter of Teresa
Brown (Finance)
Degree: B.S. in
Business Marketing
Plans: Job hunting and
her Sept. wedding

Kind Words

Electric Department

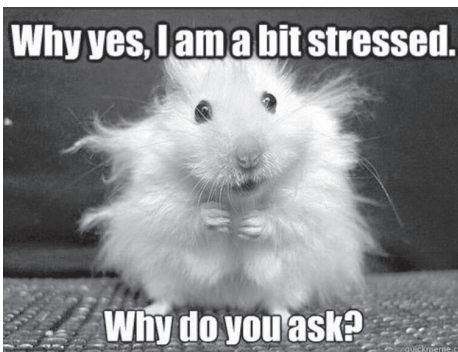
I'm very pleased to inform you that I reported two pole mounted dusk to dawn street lights not working in the Park Drive area yesterday. Last night they were both working. My sincere thanks go out to all involved and please convey my appreciation to them especially since the one on the turn on Eagleton Road was, in my opinion, a traffic safety issue.

Thanks again, *Steve Wenzel*

Engineering & Public Works

I'm very impressed with the skill of the young man who collected the brush from my house at 1312 Woodlawn. With almost surgical skill he picked up our stuff with no damage to our lawn. Please thank him for me.

Chuck Gildrie



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orange tinted night sky. At the staging area they were given the assignment of using the Master Stream, aka "water cannon" to soak the rooftops of the businesses on the parkway in an attempt to keep them from igniting. At 2 a.m. on this winter night in November, the air temperature was 98° F due to the intense heat. The fires destroyed almost 2,500 homes and commercial structures, and caused more than \$500 million in damage. Tragically, 14 lives were lost in the fires according to knoxnews.com.

Learn to Speak a Second Language by Valentine's Day



In Dr. Gary Chapman's book *The Five Love Languages* he writes about specific patterns in the way partners communicate and express love.

Dr. Chapman's book was published in 1995, but his findings are still applicable over 20 years later. Do you recognize your love language or your partner's in the list below?

Words of Affirmation - Hearing "I love you" and other compliments are important to those who speak this language. Words are what they value most, therefore negative or insulting comments won't be easily forgotten or forgiven.

Quality Time - Your undivided attention and time is what this group craves. They relish being your main focus and feel the most satisfied in the relationship if you are a good listener and are engaged.

Receiving Gifts - Bringing home an unexpected gift scores extremely high on the list of ways to express appreciation for some. A meaningful or thoughtful present speaks volumes in this language even if the gift is inexpensive or small, it's more about the time and thought you have invested.

Acts of Service - Pitching in to help around the house or cooking a favorite meal may be the best way to express love for these "actions speak louder than words" people. They perceive your willingness to help as an expression of how much you value and love them.

Physical Touch - If a hug goes a long way with your partner, you can be sure they speak this language. Holding hands in public or even a quick peck on the cheek when you get home is greatly appreciated and makes them feel safe and loved.

Since Valentine's Day is coming up, it might be a good time to learn your partner's love language and test the theories in Dr. Gary Chapman's New York Times Best Selling book, *The Five Love Languages*, for yourself.

Chief Crisp, along with the Alcoa Fire Department, sent a crew of eight men to the area every day, twice a day, for three days. At 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 30th the last man was cleared and headed home. An MFD Engine was left on the scene at all times and the crews were shuttled back and forth with a utility van. Maryville and Alcoa firefighters were fighting side by side with crews from all over Tennessee, including some from West Tennessee. A mutual aid request

is not often needed, but when it is, as employees of the City of Maryville, we all could potentially be asked to pitch in and help our neighbors in need. "We are intensely proud of Firefighter/Engineer Craw, and Firefighter Tatham, as well as the other eleven men from the MFD for their efforts during this catastrophe," added Chief Crisp, "and we continue to send our thoughts and prayers to those affected by the fires."

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a computer regularly is to call 1-800-840-6100 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. However, each department has also identified work stations that can be used by employees who don't have their own, and help is available from the Administrative Assistants or Health Nutz. It only takes a minute or two to schedule your appointment.

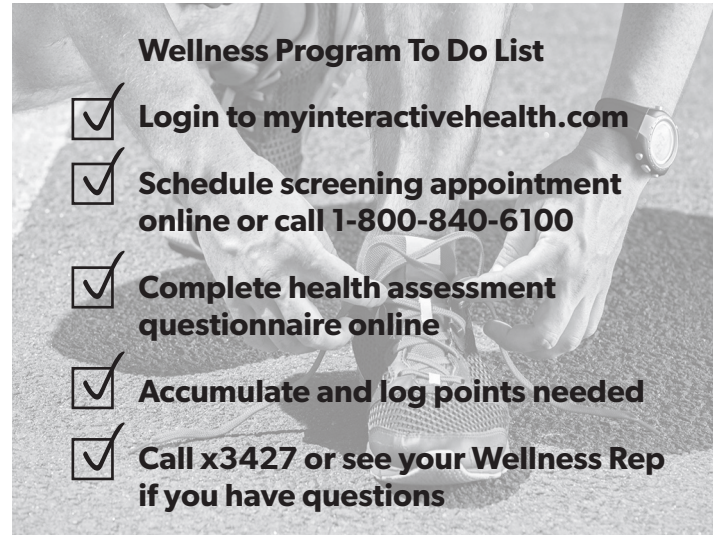
As a reminder, the majority of your wellness points are earned during this time. 300 points are earned for participating in the process and 50 additional points are earned if you request that your results be faxed to your doctor. This will also be your opportunity to respond to the on-line Health Assessment questionnaire, which is an additional 50 points.

For newer city employees who have not yet been eligible for the health insurance discount, the first step to earning the discount starting in July 2017 is to schedule your 2017 Health Evaluation. This simple, 10-minute appointment (held during work hours at the Op Center and Municipal Center) will be your opportunity . If you need help, please feel free to call Human Resources at x3427 or ask your Health Nutz representative.

Participation in the City of Maryville wellness program is optional. However, by not participating you are agreeing to pay an additional \$600 a year for your health insurance. Perhaps more important than that, however, is the possibility that you will be living with an undiagnosed condition that could be life-threatening or life-shortening and diminish your quality of life in the years to come. If you aren't currently participating but would like to begin, it's not too late but you need to start right away working to earn points.

Screening Schedule

Date	Location	Time
Wed., March 1	Operations Center	6 - 11 a.m.
Thurs., March 2	Municipal Center	7 - 12 noon
Fri., March 3	Operations Center	6 - 11 a.m.
Tues., March 7	Operations Center	6 - 11 a.m.
Wed., March 8	Municipal Center	7 - 12 noon
Thurs., March 9	Municipal Center	7 - 12 noon



Wellness Program To Do List

- Login to myinteractivehealth.com**
- Schedule screening appointment online or call 1-800-840-6100**
- Complete health assessment questionnaire online**
- Accumulate and log points needed**
- Call x3427 or see your Wellness Rep if you have questions**

Wellness Committee Representatives

- Administration – Jane Groff
- Development Services – Rusty Thompson
- Electric – Amy Woody and Bill Walt
- Engineering & Public Works – Clay Cope
- Finance – Teresa Brown
- Fire – Sharie Gaby
- HR – Amy Large
- IT – Keith Church
- Police – David Graves
- Water & Sewer – David Boring and Jamie Dyer



Your News... *If you have news about your department, coworkers, or a personal life event that you would like to share in the the Nutshell, please email Mary Bristol at mdbristol@maryville-tn.gov.*

Maryville; A Safe Place to Live

A recent study by ValuePenguin found the City of Maryville to be among the safest places in Tennessee to live. The study analyzed 90 communities, a mixture of affluent suburbs and middle-class towns throughout the state, and was based on data collected from 2014 FBI crime statistics records. Maryville was ranked the 9th safest place to live on the list of cities with a population greater than 25K, and 24th in overall safety.

You can find the full report on the ValuePenguin website at <https://www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-tennessee>.