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Athens City Council Meeting Today

The Athens City Council will meet today, October 15, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Key agenda items include a special presentation by Mayor Sherlin, a proclamation for the 200th anniversary of Masonic Lodge Meridian Sun 50, and approval of speed limit reductions and maintenance bids.

The council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance regulating camping within the city limits and discuss tourism fund allocations for 2025. In relation to the camping regulation ordinance, this effectively would ban homeless encampments within the city limits. This would make Athens only the second city in Tennessee to do so.

This ordinance aims to regulate camping within the city limits of Athens, Tennessee, to protect the safety, health, and welfare of its citizens. It defines "camping" as staying at a campsite, which includes setting up bedding, fires, or temporary shelters. The ordinance prohibits camping or sleeping on public sidewalks, streets, alleys, or public property unless authorized by the city code, the mayor in emergencies, or by council approval for special events with adequate insurance. If a campsite is discovered on public property, the city will post a 24-hour notice before removal. During this time, local agencies assisting the homeless will be informed. After the notice period, city departments, with police supervision, will remove the campsite. Personal property removed will be stored by the city for 30 days, allowing individuals to reclaim it. Penalties for violating this ordinance may be mitigated if individuals promptly remove their belongings and any litter after being informed of the violation. *Story Continued at bottom of next column*—>

Community News You Can Use

- The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting at the library TODAY, October 15 at 5:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public.
- Join the Etowah Carnegie Library's free Toddler Storytime, in partnership with Nurture the Next McMinn, for stories, play, and brain-building fun! Designed for kids 2-4. No registration needed. Program begins at 11 am on Wednesday, 10/16! For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit www.etowahlibrary.com.



The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is accepting applications for a **part-time receptionist**. Interested persons please contact the Museum at 423-745-0329 email media.livingheritagemuseum@gmail.com for application and details.

New business includes reallocation of funds, a land annexation request, changes to public speaking time limits, and adjustments to meeting schedules. Various departmental reports will also be presented before adjournment. Click [HERE](#) to view the entire 47-page packet for tonight's meeting.



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Obituaries

Glenda Pearl Ray Sharp, 81 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, October 12. She was a member and Pastor Emeritus of Truth Tabernacle in Athens, TN. Graveside services will be held at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, October 15 at 2:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glenda Pearl Ray Sharp.

Mildred Lovin, 86 of Tellico Plains, passed away on the morning of Sunday, October 13. She was a member of Millers Chapel Baptist Church. The funeral will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16 at Biereley-Hale Chapel. Family will receive friends from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm prior to the funeral at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Tellico Plains. Interment will be at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 17 at Millers Chapel Cemetery.

John E. Tuell, 81, of Athens, passed away Saturday, October 12 at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Athens. The highlight of his life was a trip to Israel in 1974. A private family graveside service will be conducted at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of John E. Tuell.

Ruby Bryan Richardson, 94 of Etowah, TN, passed away on Sunday, October 13. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17 at First Baptist Church, Etowah, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Family and friends will assemble at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Friday, October 18, for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Deanna Gail Jones passed away peacefully the morning of Saturday, October 12. Deanna went to beauty school and spent over 25 years as a beautician in Dayton, Ohio. She moved to Tennessee and opened a small salon called Total Look. She was a member of Mt. Harmony Baptist Church and was baptized in the Hiwassee River. Deanna spent a great portion of time working with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #90 in Decatur, TN. A celebration of life service will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 26 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 2-3 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

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Good day to all of you Morning Fax Readers!

My name is John Duggan, and I am a candidate for Athens City Council! My wife Brittany and I have been married for 17 years. I am a father to four amazing, adventurous, and fun-filled girls. They keep me both busy and entertained each and every day. I have worked many different sectors in the business world, including small family businesses (Duggan's Cleaners & Blackburn Trumpets), local businesses (Athens Movie Palace & the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA), 20-plus years in the financial banking sector (Citizens National Bank, CapStar Bank, and Old National Bank), and within our local government (McMinn Co. Sheriff's Dept.)

I have been a member of First Baptist Church of Athens for almost 35 years. I have served as a Deacon, Musician, Sunday School Teacher, By-Laws Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, and Choir member. I currently serve on the McMinn County Library Board, Athens City Council Advisory Committee, and am a member of the McMinn County Historical Society and Archives.

I believe my more than three decades of work experience give me understanding of business and its role in our city's growth. I am confident that Athens is beginning to move and grow in a positive direction. As citizens of this great city, we need to continue working together to look beyond this year and into the future. Our local businesses are the key to this growth. Our city once had solid growth in the early to mid-20th century. If we can move forward together, Athens can once again lead the way in incentivizing business growth in our region.

If we are not progressing as a city, we are either standing still or falling behind. We can no longer stand still or fall behind and expect to solve problems within our council and city. Let us continue to elect new leadership to move forward. Together we can work to help grow our businesses to sustain our community for the future.

I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve you!

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Beginning October 15, Tennesseans must obtain a free burn permit from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) before burning leaves, brush, or natural debris, including waste from Hurricane Helene. State Forester Heather Slayton emphasized the importance of fire safety due to the increased risk of wildfires from escaped debris burns.

Burn permits are required by law and are only issued when conditions are safe. They can be obtained online at www.BurnSafeTN.org or via the MyTN mobile app from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Residents without internet access can call 877-350-BURN (2876) for a permit, Monday through Friday. **Burning without a permit is a Class C misdemeanor.**

For safety, notify your local fire department before burning, avoid burning on windy days, and never leave a fire unattended. Visit www.BurnSafeTN.org for more safety tips.

Early Voting Begins Wednesday

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett reminds voters that early voting for the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election starts on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The early voting period will run through October 31st.

Hargett urged all registered voters to take advantage of early voting, emphasizing its convenience. Voters can access polling locations, hours, and sample ballots via the GoVoteTN app or GoVoteTN.gov.

Voters must bring a valid photo ID to the polls, such as a driver's license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, by the Tennessee state government, or by the federal government. All are acceptable even if they are expired. College student IDs are not acceptable.

For more information about early voting and other election information, visit the official Tennessee trusted source for election information GoVoteTN.gov, or contact the Secretary of State's Division of Elections at 1-877-850-4959.

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Pumpkintown: Another Athens Success

Beautiful weather and huge crowds made Pumpkintown 2024 a resounding success. Over 300 vendors were in attendance and brought an amazing experience to all festival attendants. WYXI Radio was present in support of Downtown Beauty Lounge and broadcast radio coverage of the event on FM 94.5 / AM 1390.

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