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City of Athens Holiday Collection Schedule and Facility Closures

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced closures and adjusted garbage collection schedules in observance of Christmas.

Facility Closures:

The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25**. Regular business hours will resume on **Thursday, December 26**.

Residential Garbage Collection:

- **Monday, December 23 & Tuesday, December 24:** Regular schedule
- **Wednesday, December 25:** Pickup will occur on **Thursday, December 26**
- **Thursday, December 26:** Regular schedule
- **Friday, December 27:** Regular schedule

Residents are reminded to place garbage totes at the road the night before pickup. Extra garbage should be placed **curbside, 3 feet away from totes** to ensure trucks can properly grasp and empty the totes. Additional garbage will be collected by separate trucks.

Commercial/Industrial Garbage Collection:

- **Monday, December 23; Thursday, December 26; Friday, December 27:** Regular schedule
- **Tuesday, December 24:** Limited pickup
- **Wednesday, December 25:** Pickup will occur on **Thursday, December 26, and Friday, December 27**

Emergency Services:

Emergency services will continue to operate 24/7. In case of an emergency, contact McMinn E911 Communications. For further details, contact the Public Works Department at **423-744-2745**.



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Obituaries

Barbara Jean Miles Dalziel, 77 of Athens, passed away Sunday, December 15 at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi where she resided for many years and lived in McMinn County for the last 23 years. She was a member of Clearwater Baptist Church where she was active in the Senior Group and Vacation Bible School. A Celebration of Barbara's life will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, December 22 at Clearwater Baptist Church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Barbara Jean Dalziel.

Arlin Ray Slack, 74 of Englewood, passed away on Tuesday, December 17 at his home. He was a member of New Life Church. He served in the Tennessee National Guard for over seven years. A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Friday, December 20 at Wildwood Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Arlin Ray Slack.

Tijuana "Tia" Jean Bradley-Marsh, age 58, a native of Cleveland and longtime resident of Athens, passed away on Monday, December 16. She was employed with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services. She was a member of Genesis Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at Ziegler Funeral Home on Thursday, December 19, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Funeral services will be at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Friends and family will meet for graveside services at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Cleveland at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 20. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Tijuana "Tia" Jean Bradley-Marsh.

Lorella Jane Breeden Jennings, 52 of Grimsley, TN, formerly of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, December 15. Lorella was a 1990 graduate of Meigs County High School and Tennessee Tech with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. She was a lifetime member of the FFA. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 20, in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held in the Decatur Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon- 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Jennings Family. **Continued on Next Page**



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Kimberly Green Godsey, 42 of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, December 15. She loved being outdoors in nature and on the lake. She also loved playing Fortnite and darts with her girls and shopping with her mom. She was of the Christian faith. A funeral service will be held at 7 pm. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Godsey Family.

Linda Lou Weir, 82 of Athens, went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 16. Linda was a member of Piney Grove UMC until the closure of the church. She then became a member of South Liberty Baptist Church. Linda was a tax preparer for 44 years. Linda was a 1960 graduate of McMinn County High School where she graduated as Valedictorian. She then went on to get her bachelor's in accounting from Tennessee Wesleyan College in 1989. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Companion Funeral Home of Athens at 1:00pm. Visitation will be held prior from 11am - 1pm. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

Community News You Can Use

- Due to Christmas, the Good Faith Clinic will be open Thursday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m. for refills and at 4:00 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. **NORMALLY:** The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Tuesday of each month.
- UT Extension's SNAP Employment and Training Program: Skill Up Tennessee is a program that helps SNAP participants gain the skills and training they need to get a job. If you currently receive SNAP benefits and are NOT receiving TANF cash assistance, you may qualify for benefits including Gas cards for Transportation, Uniforms, Equipment, Tools, and Supplies, Testing fees and Textbooks. Visit tiny.utk.edu/SkillUpTn to see if you are eligible and to preregister.

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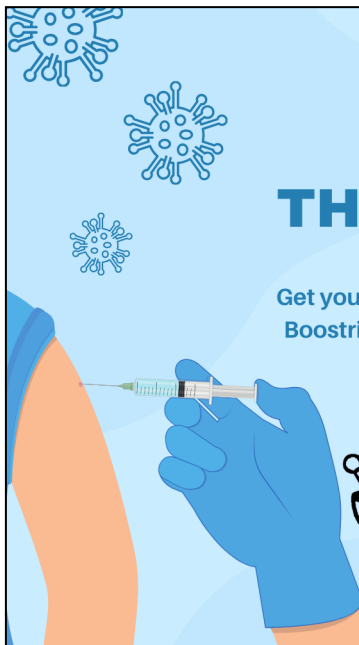
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Year-End ACS Awards 2024-2025



Congratulations to Dr. Kimball!

Dr. Andrew Kimball, Supervisor of Federal Programs, Technology and Safety, for being named:
ACS Supervisor of the Year.

We wish Dr. Kimball continued success as he represents Athens City in

the Southeast CORE Region Supervisor of the Year competition for the State of Tennessee.



Congratulations to Ms. Hardaway!

Ms. Angel Hardaway, Principal at Athens City Intermediate School, for being named:
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Photo Flashback

First Automobile in Athens, TN, 1904.
The owner and driver is C.L. Williams. The passenger is Ms. Frankie Dobson.



Source: [Looking Back at Tennessee, Tennessee State Library and Archives.](#)

Tennessee Football Preps for Playoff Debut Against Ohio State



No. 7 Tennessee football is gearing up for its first College Football Playoff appearance against No. 6 Ohio State on Saturday at 8 p.m. ET, airing on ABC and ESPN. Defensive coordinator Tim Banks emphasized consistency in preparation, while offensive coordinator Joey Halzle focused on maintaining their high-level performance. Players Will Brooks and Bru McCoy echoed the importance of treating the game like any other while recognizing its significance. The Vols, led by their top SEC rushing attack and strong defense, are ready for the challenge in Columbus. Source: UTSports.com



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