

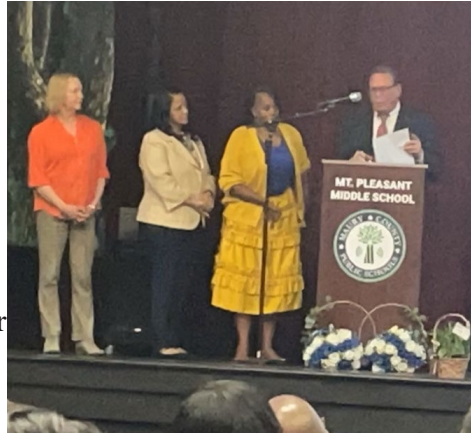


# STATE OF THE CITY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Departmental Reports - April 2024

On March 16th five women were honored for their service as leaders and teachers in the community as part of Women's History Month. The honorees were Ella Chavers, Irish Jean Mayes, Ruth Harwell, Marcia Armstrong and Curtis Karen Lockridge. The event was at Mount Pleasant Middle School and Mayor White, Vice Mayor Grandberry, Commissioner Willie Alderson, Commissioner Pam Johnston and Laytoya Alderson were all in attendance and assisting with the program.



## Upcoming Events

4/09/24 - 6 PM  
*Planning Commission Meeting*

4/10/24 - 5:30 PM  
*Recreation Commission Meeting*

4/11/24 - 6 PM  
*Commission Study Session*

4/16/24 - 6 PM  
*Commission Meeting*



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Left: The City Commission honored Coach Dewitt Whitaker (left picture) for all of his outstanding accomplishments as a coach and a teacher.

Below: The March 16th “Cruzin in the Square”, sponsored by Kittrells Kars and Mt. Pleasant Main Street was a great success with 132 cars on display. Lots of activities, food and fun!



Mayor  
Bill White  
(931) 379-3762



Vice Mayor  
Jacqueline Grandberry  
(931) 334-1691



Commissioner  
Willie Alderson  
(931) 398-8383



Commissioner  
Mike Davis  
(931) 698-6581



Commissioner  
Pam Johnston  
(931) 334-8014

# PARKS & RECREATION

ALYSHIA BUSBY

Spring has Sprung here in our little town and everything is starting to come alive! With Spring in the air that means Baseball season is in full swing. Our Tiger Youth Baseball (Former Mt. Pleasant Dixie Youth) has started and had a great turn out for opening ceremonies. Logan Blade sang the National Anthem and Coach Eddie Bassham threw out the opening pitch! There were games and face painting, lots of laughter and fun.



A huge Thank you needs to go out to Coach Bassham for the work he has put into the fields over the last couple of months. Redoing the mounds and getting the fields in shape for the season. There has been a lot of updates to the field thanks to Tara, Cedric, Bill, Lauren, and all the other board members who have taken time to put in the work on the field, painting, cleaning, replacing doors are just a few of things those folks have done for the field.

We hope those guys have a great season!

# FINANCE

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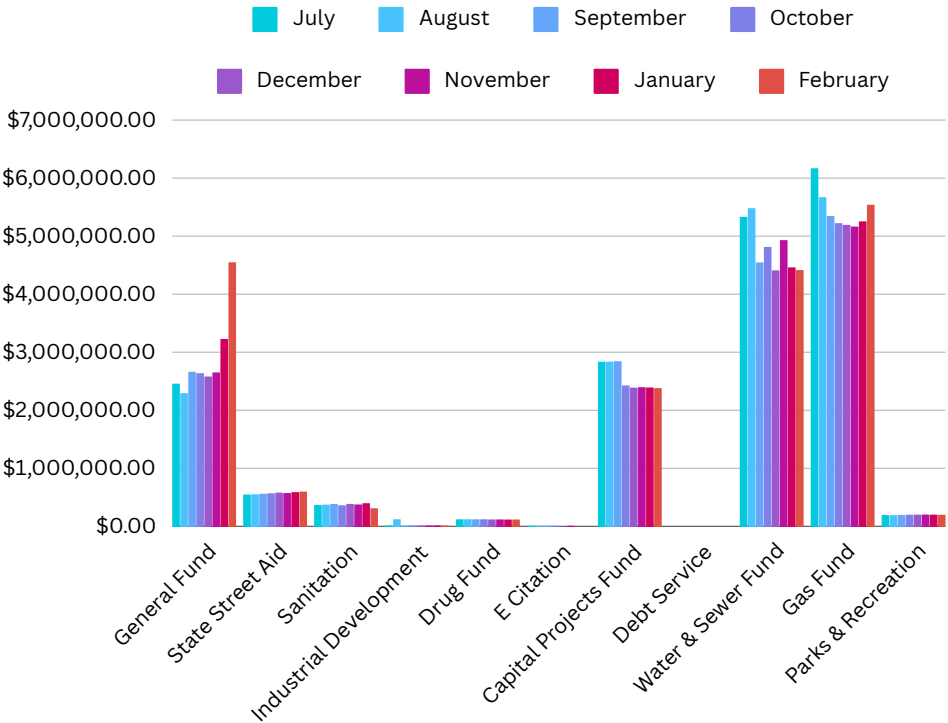
## SHIPRAH COX

Property taxes were due in February so it was another busy month. The city collected \$1,303,347.69 in current property taxes & \$22,818.53 in delinquent taxes in the month of February.

Cash in checking and certificates of deposit in the general fund total \$4,550,485.31. The Water/Sewer Fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$1,309,635.44. The Water/Wastewater construction funds account has a balance of \$2,450,336.67 customer deposits regular & savings in the amount of \$656,248.24. The gas fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$4,824,373.37. The customer deposits in gas total \$716,754.11.

**City of Mount Pleasant**

**Monthly Cash Comparison-February 2024**



**Property Taxes 2023**

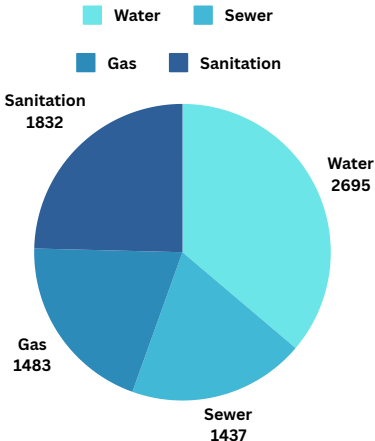
**Total Parcels for 2023: 2567**

**Ad Valorem Tax \$53,190.00**

**Pickup Tax \$14,248.00**

**Tax Roll \$2,947,054.00**

**Utility Customers-February 2024**



**Collected Property Tax February 2024- \$2,772,459.07**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL HAY

The Knights of Columbus annual law enforcement appreciation dinner was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the Saint Catherine Social Hall in Columbia. Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsors an appreciation dinner for all local law enforcement agencies. Each agency selects an "Officer of the Year." The officer is recognized at the dinner and is awarded a plaque. The Mount Pleasant Police Officer of the Year went to Sergeant Willie Norwood. He has over 31 years of experience in law enforcement and serves as the police department's general departmental instructor. Sergeant Norwood holds an associates degree in criminal justice and is continuing his education to obtain his bachelor's degree. A police officer must possess several different skills and qualities to be considered a good officer. A few of these qualities are integrity, honesty, and must exhibit a strong sense of ethics. A good officer must demonstrate critical thinking and precise decision-making skills on duty. And, at times, must have a sense of humor. With all of these qualities being said, the most important requirement, I think, a good officer must have passion. A passion for the job and the people you serve. Sergeant Norwood exhibits these virtues daily during his tour of duty. We hope you all will join us in congratulating Sergeant Norwood on being named the Mount Pleasant Police Department 2024 Officer of the Year.



The children from Hearts for Homeschooling paid a visit to the police department this month to bring gifts for the officers and to tour the police department. Officer Payton Holland gave the children the tour and discussed police work. He always does a good job working with the children and we all enjoy their visit.

Officer Beach made an arrest of a male juvenile and discovered the suspect had methamphetamine and other narcotics on his person. Along with the drugs, Officer Beach seized the large sum of cash and two (2) cell phones the suspect had in his possession. Officer Beach did a great job in this case!

We also want to commend Sergeant Koger, Officer Dickey, and Officer England for their investigative work in a theft case at a local business. The officers quickly identified the suspect in the case and an arrest was made.

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CHRIS BROOKS

The Building and Planning Department issued 10 various types of permits in March. The Dollar General on the north side of town is coming along quickly. Also, the Sugar Creek development is ramping up permits as home sales have been good in March.



With Spring upon us, here are a few lawn care tips we hope you find helpful:

1. Clear debris from sticks that have fallen over the Winter. Raking up leaves and buildup of thatch will allow your grass to breathe.

If your lawn has a serious thatch problem, it may be a good time for heavier dethatching. To be effective, and not damaging, do this in the early spring, before the lawn starts to green.

2. Prune shrubs and clean landscape beds. If you didn't get your perennials trimmed back in the Fall, remove old growth now. Early spring is also a good time to trim shrubs before the active growing season.

Be careful when choosing which bushes and shrubs to trim. Some plants and shrubs, like azaleas and rhododendron, have their buds set for early flowering. Trimming these now will greatly reduce their blooms.

3. Apply fertilizer and pre-emergent herbicide. Spring is the time to fertilize your lawn and many shrubs. Fertilizers with pre-emergent will help prevent weeds from sprouting

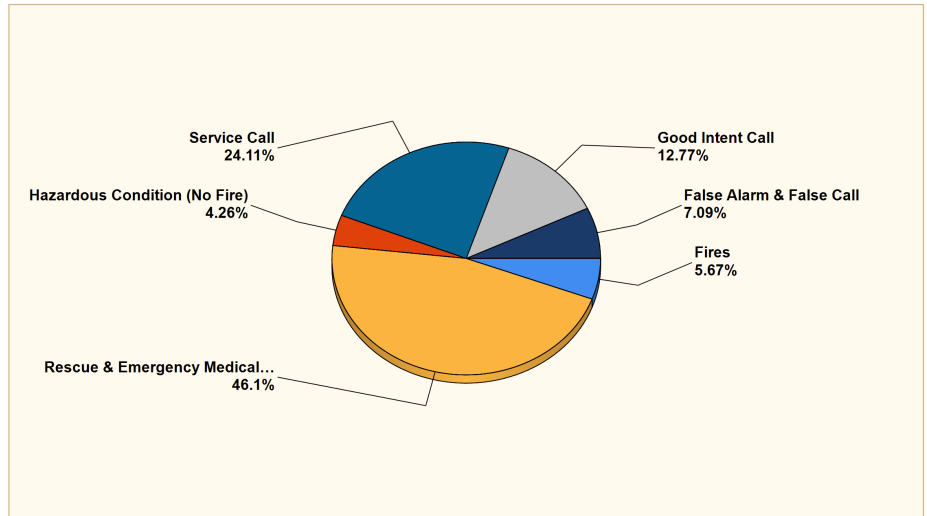
4. Don't seed just yet. If you are applying weed pre-emergent you cannot put down grass seed in the same area. The pre-emergent will also prevent the grass seed from growing. If you have areas where you'd like to reseed, it's best to wait until a little later in the season.

5. Wait to aerate. Although aerating can be done anytime, we do not recommend doing it in the Spring. It opens up the soil for weed seedlings that are prevalent this time of year. **A better choice is in the Summer or Fall.**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

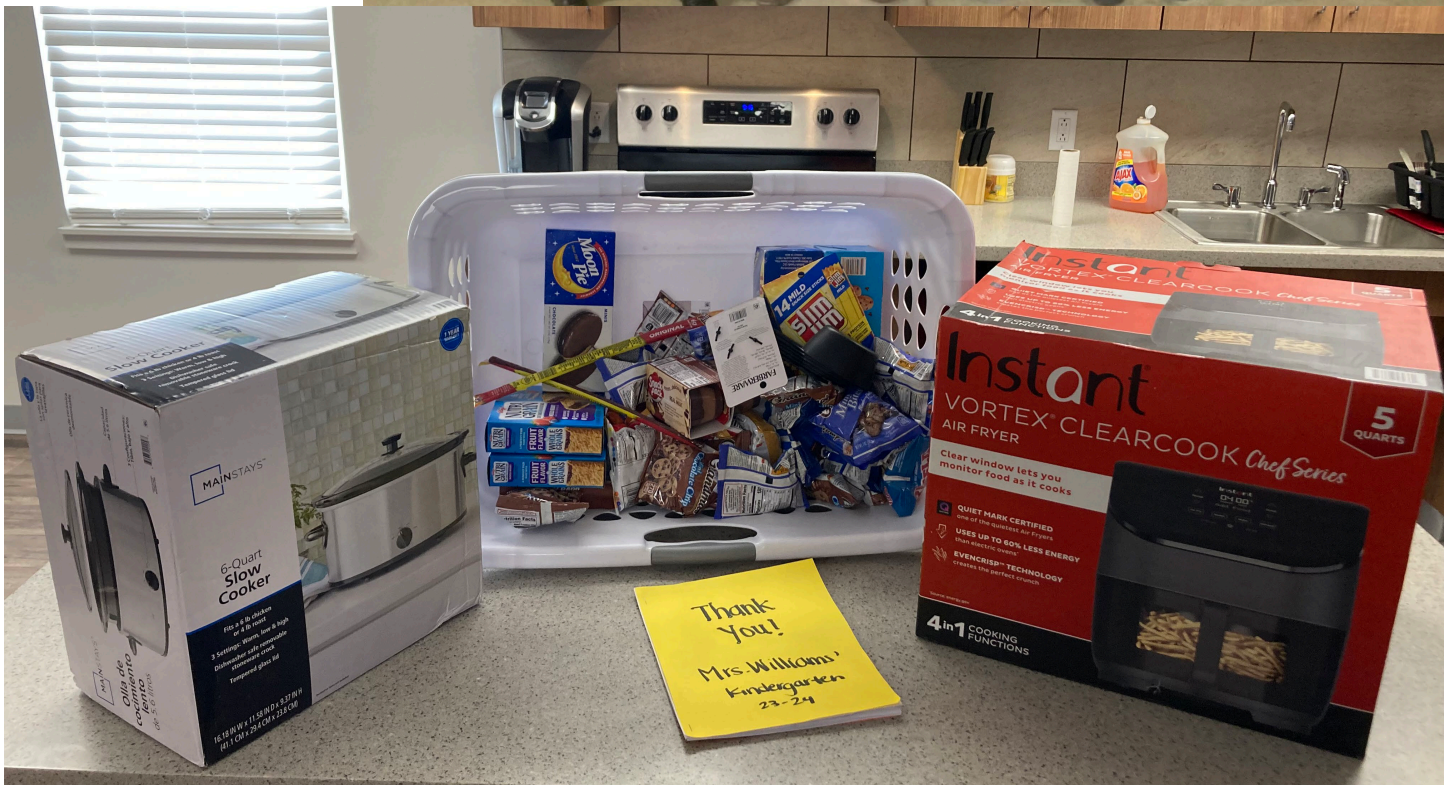
PHILLIP GROOMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD) responded to a total of (141) calls for service. Calls for service included: eight (8) fires; sixty-five (65) emergency medical responses; six (6) hazardous conditions, no fire; fifty-two (52) public service and good intent calls; and ten (10) false alarms: eleven (11) burn permits were issued in the city. Community risk reduction activities included twenty-one (21) fire inspections at local business and industry. Lastly, the department issued installed six (6) smoke alarms in residential homes.



All shift personnel completed four hours of the Tennessee Firefighting Commission approved in-service Emergency Vehicle Driving Compliance (EVOC). The course explained the legal climate which exists and its impact upon emergency vehicle drivers and their organizations. This course exceeded the annual requirements for emergency vehicle operators as set forth by the Vanessa K. Free Emergency Services Training Act of 2005.

Congratulations!  
Firefighter Brian Finn for completing sixty hours of driver/pump training at Tennessee Fire Codes & Enforcement Academy (TFACA). Additionally, recruit Firefighter Logan Davis completed more than five-hundred hours of training and is eligible to start the certification process. Special thanks to our Maury County Fire for allowing Logan to participate.



Lastly, thank you, to the students at Mount Pleasant Elementary School for the amazing housewarming gifts for our new Fire Station #1. We are so appreciative of the very thoughtful gifts!

## **DID YOU KNOW MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE OFFERS FREE SMOKE ALARMS?**

Yes it's true! In cooperation with the State of Tennessee Fire Marshal's office, we are able to offer free smoke alarms AND installation to Mount Pleasant City Residents. If any resident would like their smoke alarms checked or replaced, contact the Mount Pleasant Fire Department: (931) 379-3939



OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
<b>Inspection Type: Fire Inspection</b>				
Fast Pace	02/21/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
First Farmers and Merchants Bank	02/21/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 604.3 Working space of not less than 30' in width and 36" in depth shall be provided in front of electrical services.
The Well Outreach	02/23/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 604.6 - Covers should be on outlets and electrical boxes - Building Official will verify prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.
By Pass Market	02/28/2024	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC 607 Hoods, Grease removal devices, fans, and other appurtenances shall be cleaned and inspected at intervals necessary to prevent the accumulations of grease. IFC 1008 - Exit signs not properly working. IFC 906 - Fire extinguishers should be readily available and visible for small fires located at exits and gas pumps. IFC 505.1 - Addressing numbers shall be provided and plainly visible from the street minimum 4" tall. IFC 604.3 - Electrical panels must have 36" clearance in depth. IFC 604.5 - Extension cords are for temporary use only and not to be used in lieu of permanent wiring and can not be plugged into each other. IFC 604.6 - Open junction boxes and wire splices shall be prohibited. IFC 315.3.1 - Combustibles too close to ceiling minimum distance is 24".
Dari Gem	02/28/2024	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC 604.5 - Extension cords shall not be used a permanent wiring and no used longer than 90-days. IFC 604.3 - Electrical panel must have minimum clearance of 36" in depth. IFC 604.6 Open junction boxes and wire splices are prohibited. IFC 315.3.1 - Combustibles too close to the ceiling; minimum distance of 24" between ceiling and storage of combustibles. IFC 305.1 - Combustibles too close to heat producing devices; must maintain 18" of separation. IFC 607 - Cooking hood and duct must be cleaned in intervals necessary to prevent accumulation of grease. *Reminder that fire extinguishers and suppression system to be serviced by 3/2024.*
Mount Pleasant Grille	03/04/2024	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC 607 - Hood, Grease removal devices, fans, ducts, and other appurtenances shall be cleaned at intervals to prevent the accumulation of grease. 2018 IFC 1031.10 - Emergency lighting not activating in back room and basement. Emergency lights shall activate when test button pushed. Reinspection in 30-days (Thursday 4/4/2024 at 9am.) *Per manager Hood and Duct cleaning scheduled for Wed. 3/6/2024 and replacement bulbs for emergency lighting have been ordered.*
Lighting Barber	03/06/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Faith Works	03/06/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Backroads Coffee	03/06/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Discipleship House	03/11/2024	Willard, Ben	Correction Notice Issued	2018 IFC 901 and NFPA 25 Inspection of Fire Sprinkler System is required annually and FSS Gauges are required to be inspected every 5 years. A maintenance tag is required to be placed on the sprinkler system and records shall be maintained for the life of the system. 2018 IFC 901.4.6.2 - Access doors to automatic sprinkler system and risers rooms shall be labeled with an approved sign. 2018 IFC 1031.2 Required exits shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions. 2018 IFC 604.6 Open Junction boxes/outlets shall be prohibited. Must be covered by an approved cover. 2018 IFC 604.3 A working space not less than 30" in width, 36" in depth, and 78" in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. 2018 IFC 5003.4 Safety Data Sheets (SDS or MSDS) shall be readily available for hazardous materials on site. Re-Inspection in 30-days (Thursday 4/11/2024 at 11:00am)
Haylong Hall LLC	03/14/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	Recommend removal of extension cord in basement and replacement of fire extinguisher in sanctuary.
Connection Church	03/14/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 604.3 - Blank covers should be placed over any openings in the electrical panel. 2018 IFC 904 - Fire extinguisher in the basement needs to be serviced and tagged.
			<b>Total # Inspections for: Fire Inspection: 12</b>	

OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
Inspection Type: Fire Prevention Inspection				
Other Bar	02/20/2024	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	Small Hood has been installed. No other obvious hazards at the time of inspection
Chavers Funeral Home	02/27/2024	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No violations or hazards found during fire prevention inspection and preplan.
By Pass Market	02/27/2024	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	Possible violations found, referred to codes enforcement.
Dari Gem	02/28/2024	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	Possible violations found, Referred to Code Enforcement.
Mount Pleasant Grille	02/28/2024	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	The basement emergency lights are not working. The cooking hood & duct system shall be cleaned; the grease trap on the hood system is clogged and grease is running down the wall. The electric box in the basement has water leaking out of it. Referring to codes.
Elmwood Apartments	03/12/2024	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	There were no fire extinguishers in the hallways of any of the buildings several apartments were being renovated. 8/13/2024 10:20am - Confirmed with property manager that all extinguishers will be put back into place once renovations are completed. - BW
			Total # Inspections for: Fire Prevention Inspection : 6	
Inspection Type: Hood and Duct Inspection				
Zingarells	03/13/2024	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during Hood and Duct Inspection.
			Total # Inspections for: Hood and Duct Inspection: 1	
Inspection Type: Reinspection				
Gray's Auto Unlimited, LLC. #2 / JCA Body Shop	02/20/2024	Willard, Ben	Third Correction Notice	Final Correction Notice Issued; Business owner did not show for re-inspection. Attempted to call both contacts, did not receive an answer and was unable to leave voicemail. Re- inspection in 7-days Monday 2/26/2024 at 8:30am.
Gray's Auto Unlimited, LLC. #2 / JCA Body Shop	02/27/2024	Willard, Ben	Citation Issued	Compliance of stop work order not met; Municipal Court Summons Issued.
			Total # Inspections for: Reinspection: 2	
			TOTAL # INSPECTIONS: 21	



# Spring Cleaning for Fire Safety



## Inside The Home

Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.

Check for water around electrical appliances.

Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

## Outside The Home

Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.

Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.

Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building.

# STREETS & SANITATION

TED HOWELL

Municipal Solid Waste  
204.40 Tons

Aluminum Recycled  
000 Lbs

Bulky Brush Pickup  
Call: (931) 325-5701



Potholes Repaired

Main Street  
Rainey Street Zion Road  
S.Crossbridges Road  
Bond Street Circle Drive

## ADDITIONAL TRASH SERVICE

Residential and Commercial service locations may obtain, from the city, up to five (5) additional ninety six (96) gallon refuse containers. A ten-dollar (\$10.00) service fee per month will be added for each additional city refuse container.

Signup Online:

<https://www.mtpleasant-tn.gov/trash-bins>



# HUMAN RESOURCES

LAYTOYA ALDERSON

The City of Mount Pleasant employs 73 Full-time and 19 part-time employees. The City had no worker comp claims and no property damage claims for the month of March.

We are happy to present the following employees whose employment anniversaries were in March.

Sean Bowen (Public Works Department) 11 years  
Shiphrah Cox (Finance Director) 1 year  
Ben Willard (Codes Department) 9 years



### April Birthdays

Aaron Davaloz  
Christopher Brooks  
Sonya Pinkard  
Phillip Counts  
Cory England  
William Holland  
Michael Haywood

Thanks to all of our City employees for making Mount Pleasant a better place to live, work, and play.

# UTILITIES

TED HOWELL

## Wastewater Plant/Lagoons

Plant Feb 2024 - 19.17 MG    Plant Feb 2023 - 15.75 MG  
Rain Feb 2024 - 4.35 inches    Rain Feb 2023 - 5.54 inches

## Lagoons

Upper Lagoon (20%)  
Lower Lagoon (30%)

## Water Treated / Water Sold

Water Treated Feb 2024 - 32.00 MG  
Water Sold Feb 2024 - 22.78 MG  
Water Treated Feb 2023 - 38.14 MG  
Water Sold Feb 2023 - 20.19 MG

T vs S

71.18%

52.93%

Tennessee One Calls  
Feb 2024 - 100



## Utility Distribution System

Water Leaks Repaired (06)  
Water Meter Changes (05)  
Gas Meter Changes (01)

Spray Field - 00 MG

# Toilets Are Not Trash Cans

## FLUSH RESPONSIBLY



Think before you flush.

Keeping Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) out of sewers is important.  
Here are more actions you can take to protect our environment AND your plumbing!

**NEVER** flush rags, baby/personal hygiene wipes, paper towels, feminine products, dental floss, disposable dusters, mop heads, Swiffer heads, or disposable toilet wand heads. These can clog pipes or jam pumps, leading to sewer overflows, backups into buildings, and costly repairs.

**NEVER** flush prescription or over-the-counter drugs to help keep them out of waterways. Take these to proper drug collection centers.



### Do Not's

- DO NOT pour oil or grease down the drain.
- DO NOT scrape food scraps down the drain.
- DO NOT pour liquid foods like syrup, batter, gravy, etc. down the drain.
- DO NOT use chemicals to remove grease clogs; they can damage the piping system.

### Do's

- Place cooled oil and grease into trash bins or covered collection containers.
- Be aware of the "hidden oils" such as salad dressing, cheese, cookies, pastries, sauces, and gravy.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes into the trash bin.
- Manually wipe off all visible fats, oils, grease, and food residue from dishes and cookware into trash bin.
- Clean up grease spills with absorbent material and place into trash bin.

FOR MORE INFO:  
CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT  
UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
100 PUBLIC SQUARE  
MT. PLEASANT, TN 38474  
931-379-7717



The City of Mount Pleasant Public Works Department had an excellent time participating in the Mount Pleasant Power System and TVA sponsored Job Quest in March. While on site, we had the opportunity to discuss the wonderful world of Utilities with many Mount Pleasant High School students. The students were able to touch water meters, view our utility map, and discuss roles and responsibilities where our utility workers are assigned. This was a great opportunity and we can't wait to participate more in the future!