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Athens, Tennessee

City Council Fire & Police Recap

◆ During Tuesday night's Athens City Council Meeting:

Council Members approved the 2022-2023 budget on first reading.

The VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual Award) was presented to William "Skip" White. Skip is a native of North Dakota farm country and attended North Dakota Wesleyan and Duke Divinity School. He is an ordained minister in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church and is the chaplain at Tennessee Wesleyan University and Senior Pastor at Trinity UMC. He serves as a Habitat for Humanity Board Member; Read, Lead, Succeed volunteer at North City Elementary School; and youth football and basketball coach.

The Fire Department gave their report for April. They made 182 calls which included 15 fires, 125 for rescue & emergency medical service, 3 non-fire hazardous condition calls, 5 service calls, 13 good intent calls, and 21 false alarm and false calls.

The Athens Police Department had 1,579 calls for service in April bringing the Year to Date total to 6,022. Of those: Sex Offense 2; Robbery 2; Assault 21; Burglary 11; Theft 34; Motor Vehicle Theft 3; Moving Violations 73; Citations 47; Warnings 26; Drugs 42; Arrests 152. Vehicle Accidents 60; Private Property Damage 47; Injuries 9.

The Police Department has 34 sworn positions available of which 28 are filled with 6 vacancies.

Wednesday's Market Report

Stocks fell and inflation concerns continue. Equities finished lower. The Dow declined over 1,100 points, as markets more than gave back Tuesday's rally. Investor concerns were heightened by earnings announcements from Target and Walmart as both reported disappointing results. Profit margins are being squeezed by higher labor and input costs. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1,164.52 to 31,490.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 165.17 to 3,923.68, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 566.37 to 11,418.15.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 05/08/22 - 05/14/22

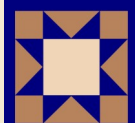
There were 934 cases (per day) and 8 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 2,042,775 Total Cases 26,263 Total Deaths

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	16,717	261
Meigs	3,397	58
Monroe	14,696	245
Polk	4,747	74
Bradley	33,262	416
Rhea	10,000	160

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Johnny Arvin Grubb**, age 81, of Athens, passed away last Thursday, May 12th. He was born in Idlewild, Tennessee He served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at McMinn County High School. He was awarded the A.F. Bridges Sportsman Principal of the Year. He was also awarded the University of Tennessee's William J and Lucille H Field award for excellence in secondary education leadership. After retiring, Johnny was a Silver Medalist in the National Senior Olympic Games. He was a Gold Medalist in the state of Tennessee Senior Olympic games in 2021. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at First Baptist church with funeral services at 2 p.m. Sunday at the church. Interment will follow at Idlewild Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **David Michael Cranfield**, age 57, current resident of Knoxville and a native of McMinn County, passed away Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during Desert Storm. He was a former employee of Mills Products for more than 20 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Grave-side services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Amelia May Clark**, age 78, of Etowah, TN. passed away Saturday. She was a native of London, England and a resident of Etowah for the last 27 years. She was a long time employee of Jackson Furniture in Cleveland, TN. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home. May chose to be cremated with half of her ashes to be scattered in both the United States and England at private family ceremonies.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Leslie Devine has started a Facebook page to help parents find baby formula during the current shortages. Everyone is encouraged to join the group. The Facebook page name is, Formula Funder Athens, TN. The web address is:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/3168618646718312>

This page is exclusively for helping people locate the formula they need. There will be no selling allowed.

✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department will hold the May 2022 dedication of the Veteran's Brick Walk at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, May 22nd at 2 p.m. There will be 37 bricks dedicated. These bricks were purchased between August 2021 and February 2022. The names of each new veteran honored with a brick placed in the walk will be read aloud during the ceremony. Anyone who purchased a miniature replica brick may pick those up during the ceremony or at the recreation office beginning Monday, May 23rd. Bricks can be purchased for \$50 to be placed in the walkway and \$20 for a replica brick. For more information on purchasing a brick call 744-2700 EXT 3 or email:

recreation@athenstn.gov

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in a called meeting, Thursday, May 26th at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint election officials and lock absentee ballot boxes for August 4, 2022 elections and any other election business to come before the board.

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