

January 2012

January Council Meetings:

- * January 9th - Regular Meeting
- * January 23rd - Canceled



Mount Holly Monitor

City of Mount Holly Monthly Newsletter

"The Little City with the Big Heart"

A Message From Our City Manager, *Danny Jackson*

Mount Holly City Council
Bryan Hough—Mayor
David Moore—Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Bishop—Councilman
Jason Gowen—Councilman
Jim Hope—Councilman
Carolyn Breyare—Councilman
Perry Toomey—Councilman

Hello good citizens,

Once again we have ended one year while beginning another. Historically speaking, between the two there is a time for reflection and anticipation. With that being said, I would like to take this opportunity to do the same.

I would like to thank all you wonderful citizens for another opportunity to serve you as the City Manager of Mount Holly. It has been a joy to communicate with you via the city's monthly newsletter. It has been and will always be my goal to inform you all about the operations of the city. My staff and I, under

the direction of our City Council, have worked hard to provide the services that you as citizens deserve. My staff has really worked as a team and have made customer service a priority, for that I am thankful to them.

This year we will strive to work harder and become more efficient as a company, primarily on behalf of our citizens. We asked that you as citizens continue to be patient and understanding of our efforts to improve in our jobs. You will see certain changes in the coming year, which obviously will bring about adjustments to the fact. We sincerely hope that any and all changes are necessary and good for us all.

This past year alone there were quite a few projects in our city that were either completed or began its implementation. Those projects included but were not limited to, the Linear Park Project being under construction, CaroMont Health signing a long term lease with the City of Mount Holly, to occupy vacant space at the city's Municipal Complex, implementation of the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project in the River Street Park Area, The Mount Holly Historical Society making substantial progress to occupy the former City Hall in our downtown and to provide materials for public access, the city's newly established Tourism Development Authority (TDA), establishing office space in the former City Hall, the establishment of a new wayfinding signage, logo and tag line program and the establishment of a business incentive grant program for qualifying businesses in Mount Holly.

Although we have a lot to happen for the city in the past year, we also have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. We are hopeful that the city will finally see plans for a new Emergency Medical Facility, establish a new marketing plan to promote our city for the long term economical benefit, continued effort to work with civic organizations to promote downtown revitalization and the implementation of Phase one of the city's Greenway Plan. The city's Chamber of Commerce has made substantial progress in implementing various business programs. We are hopeful that the city will continue to partner with the Mount Holly Community Development Foundation to promote and implement projects for the positive benefit of its citizens.

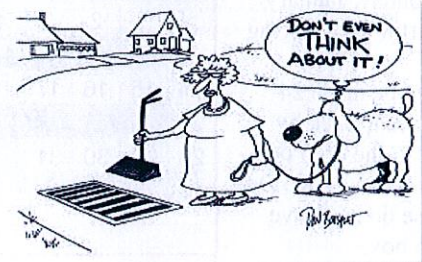
As you can see, Mount Holly has accomplished a lot and has a lot to look forward to. You will hear about other things going on in our city as they progress. You all as citizens can certainly be proud of where you live and the part that you have played in your city's progress. On behalf of our City Council, city employees and other organizations that serve you, please accept a heartfelt thank you for making Mount Holly a great place to be.

May all of you have a prosperous New Year and as always, thank you for allowing me the chance to inform and educate you about the city's operations.

Upcoming Event

The **Front Line Band**, formerly Danny Woods and the Board of Directors will be performing Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 6:00pm. The event will take place at the Mount Holly Municipal Complex, in the Grand Hall. The band also features **James "Tootie" Hogan**, a jazz musician born and raised in Mount Holly. "Tootie" has been performing all over the country, which includes playing for other well known music artists, for thirty (30) years or more. "Tootie" Hogan has performed at various events sponsored by the City of Mount Holly, for the past few years. He sees it as a way to give back to the community from which he came.

The musical event that will take place on January 7, 2012 is being sponsored by the City of Mount Holly Black History Forum. The event is being held on behalf of the Mount Holly **Community Relief Organization (CRO)**. The event is also free to the public but those that attend are asked to bring canned and dry goods to donate to the **CRO** for those in need. Please help spread the word about the musical event and its cause. Thank you all and hope to see you there.



Scoop the Poop

Picking up after your pooch is more than just a courtesy to your neighbors – it's also being a good neighbor to area lakes and streams. That's because pet waste can contain harmful bacteria as well as phosphorus that causes excess algae and weed growth in lakes and rivers. So every time you reach for the leash, remember to grab a small plastic bag for the road. It's one more simple thing you can do to help keep the water clean.



2012 Recycle Weeks

Parks and Recreation

The Sole Patrol, a senior citizen activity group, is looking for new members. The Patrol meets Monday-Friday from 830-11am at the Tuckaseege Community Center.

The Mount Holly Fitness Center is looking for new members to work on their New Year's resolutions. The Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday 8:30am-8:30pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. The fee for a Mount Holly adult resident is \$40 for 4 months.

Registration for Spring Soccer (ages 9-10 & 11-13), and Girls Volleyball (ages 9-11 and 12-15) will go from Tuesday January 17-Friday March 2.

Registration for Tee-ball (ages 5-6) and Machine Pitch baseball (ages 7-8) will go from Tuesday January 17- Monday March 19

For more information on these programs please call 704-951-3006, 704-951-3005 or check the website www.mtholly.us.

City Hall Closings

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 2nd for New Year's Holiday and Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Payments can be made 24 hours a day 7 days a week by leaving a check in the drop box located in front of the Police Department. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.

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January Recycle Pickup Weeks—Household recycling will be picked up the weeks of **January 2nd, January 16th** and **January 30th** on the same day as your regular household garbage pickup.

Upcoming Council Topics

January 9th Council Meeting— The City Council will hear comments from the public regarding design regulation for commercial buildings. Council will also discuss funding options for the Sandy Ford Road sewer line project.

January 23rd Work Session Meeting—The City Council is scheduled to discuss paving projects for 2012.

A copy of the agenda will be made available on line at www.mtholly.us. For questions contact the City Clerk.