

THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS

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*"Celebrate endings
- For they precede
new beginnings."*

*Jonathan
Lockwood Huie*



THE BEGINNING | 2023

Another year behind us. If you blink, you might just miss it - or at least that's how it feels when reflecting back on 2022. The beginning of a new year is an encouraging time. In our society, individuals announce their New Year's resolutions, goals, and bucket list items. We go into the month of January determined to establish change, whatever that change may be. Though it seems to initiate the beginning of what most consider a "lifestyle change", the

styles of our lives usually revert to old habits. The good news is, it doesn't have to be that way this time around. This year, let's be intentional. Let's be determined to pursue our personal growth and development, to stay committed to our goals. Time passes either way, the question is: What will you do with yours? We always find ourselves at the end of a year looking back, so let's plan to achieve our goals and have an accomplished feeling to carry with us.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

The Mayor, City Clerk, department heads, and city employees want to wish the City of Muscle Shoals a "Happy New Year". We are eager to see what the year of 2023 brings. With a positive and hopeful mindset, the dedication of our community working together, and respectable appointed leaders, Muscle Shoals can only do one thing: thrive!



Below is a list (L to R) of the employees pictured and what department they are representing. Ryan Kennedy (Public Works), Will Kelley (Fire Department), Scott Clayton (Cypress Lakes Golf & Tennis), Todd Bohannon (Fire Department), David Osborn (Building Department), Scott Arndt (Cypress Lakes Golf & Tennis), Mayor Lockhart, Jazmin Castro (City Clerk's Office), Brittney Walker (City Clerk's Office), Beth Jones (City Clerk), Dawn Woodall (Parks & Recreation).

CENTENNIAL | 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTED BY FAME

The year of 2023 is one that will bring the city of Muscle Shoals a significant day - our Centennial! That's right folks, Muscle Shoals is turning 100, and we are proud of it. Because this is a once in a century occasion, there will be numerous honorary events planned for the almost week long observance. Be aware of the dates and information concerning our Centennial. We promise, you don't want to miss out on all of the fun! April 24th is the big day, but the Centennial cheer will begin on April 21st with a 10th anniversary showing of the *Muscle Shoals Documentary*.

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING THIS
HISTORIC EVENT AND
HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL
BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE
WITH US!**

-MAYOR LOCKHART

Special guests will also visit our city to help us celebrate. Concerts, community events, the Presentation of our Proclamation, a parade, and the Annual Swampers Race are a few things you can start to look forward to. More exciting announcements will be shared with the community closer to April, but be prepared for the events already mentioned here as there will be ample opportunities for the citizens to become involved.

CYPRESS LAKES GOLF & TENNIS

SCOTT CLAYTON *HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL*

We want to recognize Scott Clayton, Head Golf Professional of Cypress Lakes Golf and Tennis, for his recent award. He was named the Alabama/Northwest Florida PGA Section Merchandiser of the Year for Public Golf Courses. He will personally receive this award in February at the annual meeting. We applaud Scott on this outstanding accomplishment and want to express our appreciation of having him as part of our family for 15 months now. Congratulations!



SOME IDEAS FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE

Let's be honest... A newsletter has the tendency to become repetitive and mundane. While our priority is to inform you on what is happening in our area, we also want to keep things interesting. What are some ideas from your side of things that you would be willing to share with us? Forms of perception are adopted by different mindsets and experiences, so it is important to keep a broad perspective and listen to new ideas. In turn, you are more likely to reach a large majority of people. We are trying to take our own advice here! If you have a topic you would like to see included in these monthly newsletters, feel free to reach out to Kate Isbell at City Hall in order to discuss that possibility. To the right are some options we would love to have your feedback on. You can consider this a quick survey to better serve you as a member of our community. And don't forget, if you have an idea that is not listed, please contact us.

- Citizen Interviews
- Hidden Gems in the Shoals
- Random Recipes from Locals
- A Story from History
- Day in the Work Life - City Employee Edition



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