

## Council Notes-April 28, 2010

For questions or additional information, contact the Town Hall at 886-2177 or council members at [signalmountaintn.gov](http://signalmountaintn.gov).

- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Governor Phil Bredesen and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matt Kisber announced that the Mountain Arts Community Center has been chosen to receive an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grant in the amount of \$100,000 will be used to retrofit the water heating and HVAC systems at the MACC. The Council thanks Honna Rogers and Barb Storm for their hard work in completing the successful grant application.
- The town's contract with the Humane Educational Society is now ended. For assistance with animal problems, please call Dispatch at 886-2123. The town has contracts with Cleveland and Athens to house strays.
- The Town Council will be presented with the 2010-11 budget at its agenda meeting at 9am on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. At 11am, the WWTA will introduce Customer Advocate Michelle Loftin and provide the council with an update on its Private Sewer Lateral Program pilot study in the town. The WWTA has completed Phase I (4) of the study and has decided to expand the pilot area to include all the WWTA's remaining Signal Mountain customers.
- The Tree Board has completed a draft of a Municipal Landscape Ordinance that will provide guidelines for the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs on town property. The draft has been approved by Bruce Webster of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council, Brian Rucker, Assistant Forester for the State of Tennessee, and Tom Simpson, East Tennessee Regional Forester. The council and the town attorney will review it next. The ordinance is a requirement for "Tree City USA," a designation the Tree Board is hoping to achieve for the town this year.

