



STATE OF THE CITY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Departmental Reports - February 2018



ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY!

The City of Mount Pleasant is extremely happy to announce another new industry! Doug Jeffords Co., Merchants of Fine Seasonings and Spices, has purchased the Numatics Building in Cherry Glen Industrial Park.

Below is a brief history of this 50 plus year old business from their website:

“As a young man, Doug Jeffords began establishing a reputation throughout Middle Tennessee for his delicious sausage seasonings. Farmers traveled great distances because they knew they could count on the quality of his blends. As word spread and demand increased, it was only natural that Mr. Jeffords would establish The Doug Jeffords Company (DJC}. Since 1961, DJC has provided Nashville and the southeastern United States with seasonings, spices, and custom blends of unparalleled quality.

My father, John Mack Thomason, was originally a salesman with the company. He purchased half interest from Mr. Jeffords in the early 1980s and later bought the remaining portion.

In 1989, my father moved the company to a spacious new 12,000 square foot facility in Cool Springs, near historic downtown Franklin. DJC continues to grow, supplying meal packers and restaurants in a rapidly expanding region.

My father passed away in 2005 but we have continued to follow his vision for the company. DJC remains family owned and operated, supporting Tennessee jobs and the local community. We still process by hand and recently completed an upgrade of our production facility's quality control systems.

To further our growth, we now process hundreds of different spices and continue to mix a wide variety of the finest custom blends in the region. We purchase domestically grown products as well as spices and herbs from around the world.

In addition to our house blends, we can also mix your commercial recipe according to your specifications.

Having recently celebrated our 50th anniversary, we offer sincere appreciation to our loyal customers and extend an invitation to you to join our list of satisfied clients. You will enjoy doing business with us. You have my word on it."

Upcoming Events

02/13/18 - 6 PM
Planning Commission

2/10/18 - 5PM
Daddy Daughter Dance

02/15/18 - 6 PM
Commission Study Session

02/20/18 - 6 PM
Commission Meeting

Renew Your Maury County Car Tags at Mount Pleasant City Hall!



Bring the form from the County Clerk's office and in about one minute, your decal is provided



CITY MANAGER

KATE COLLIER

Community Town Hall Meeting was Held!

On January 25th a Town Hall Meeting was held at the Community Center. First, there was discussion on the Bulky/Brush pickup program provided by the City. Staff handed out information about the City of Columbia program which Mount Pleasant is leaning towards. Too many times people put large amounts of brush and bulky items that the City has to clean up and pay the dump fees. The goal is to have specific dates for collections and size restrictions to make our City cleaner on all of our streets.



Next, there was a presentation on the grant the City is applying for which, if awarded, would help to get a Splash Pad developed in our City.

The Public meetings are part of the requirements for the grant. This project is extremely unique in that it is a partnership with the schools and High School students are designing the Splash Pad.

Students Megan Wainright and Arianna Chandler made a wonderful presentation to all

of those in attendance explaining the grant process and what we hope to achieve. The next Public Hearing on the Splash Pad will be March 20th at 5:30 in the Tom Hardin Room at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and ask questions.

Working on Grants and Loans for Sewer System

The City is waiting patiently to hear from USDA, Rural Development, on what types of grants we can expect and the interest rate for a long term long to make necessary changes to the sewer system. We hope to hear some good news by the end of February!

Also, the City is submitting two applications to the State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in an effort to receive \$1,050,000 in grants to contribute to the effort to make the mandated changes to the sewer system. These grants have to be submitted in February and we will not hear of awards until October 2018. These funds can go along way to assist the City with sewer issues, debt and high rates.



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Jim Bailey
(931) 698-6040



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Bill White
(931) 379-3762



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Jacqueline Grandberry
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Commissioner
Delores Blankenship
(931) 379-3003



Commissioner
Mike Davis
(931) 388-7821



POLICE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL HAY

The Police Department apprehended a suspect who had several outstanding warrants from Lawrence County. Our officers discovered the suspect was in possession of large amounts of stolen property.

Officer/K9 Freddy Hart has done a good job in working the K9, Gunner. Officer Hart and Gunner have been successful detecting drugs on several traffic stops, which has allowed us to get some of the narcotics and paraphernalia off the streets. We are pleased with our K9 team and their excellent performance.



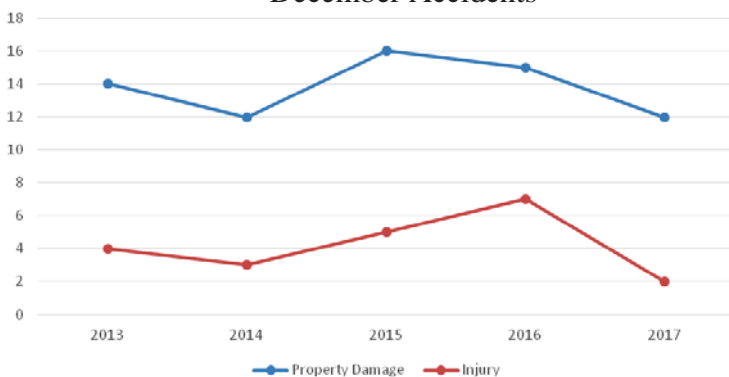
The Mount Pleasant Police Department, headed by Sergeant Ray Odom, collected and delivered fruit baskets and blankets to the elderly residents of the Mount Pleasant Housing Authority and McGee Properties. Family 2 Family donated \$100.00 to help purchase the fruit baskets from Cee Bee. The rest of the cost for the Fruit Baskets came from the money the officers' donated for "No Shave November." We want to thank all the officers for their donations and all the extra work that went into making this possible.

AGENCY OFFENSE REPORT December- 2017

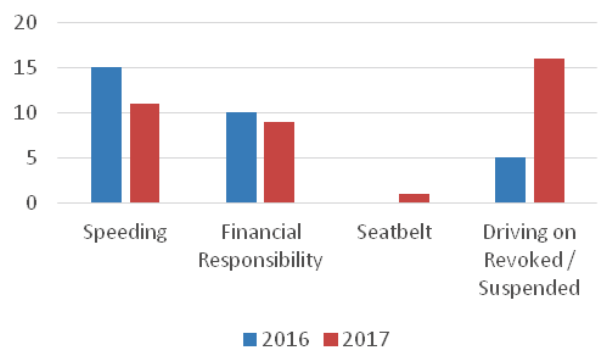
- 5 - Public Service Report
- 1 - Aggravated Burglary
- 3 - Domestic Assault
- 2 - Violation Order of Protection
- 3 - Criminal Trespass
- 1 - Runaway Juvenile
- 1 - Unruly Child
- 3 - Theft of Property (less than \$500)
- 2 - Theft of Property (\$500 to \$1,000)
- 1 - Theft of Property (\$10,000 to \$60,000)
- 1 - Forgery
- 1 - Worthless Checks
- 3 - Vandalism
- 1 - Contraband in Penal Institution
- 1 - False Reports
- 1 - Tampering with Evidence
- 1 - Resisting Arrest
- 1 - Evading Arrest
- 1 - Unlawful Possession of a Weapon
- 1 - Harassment
- 1 - Public Intoxication
- 2 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
- 14 - Simple Possession
- 4 - Drug Paraphernalia
- 2 - Driving Under the Influence
- 1 - Violation Implied Consent
- 2 - Vehicle Registration Violation
- 1 - Excessive Audio from Vehicle
- 2 - Violation Traffic Signal
- 4 - Failure to Maintain Lane
- 1 - Illegal Parking
- 2 - Reckless Driving
- 9 - Financial Responsibility
- 4 - Violation Vehicle Light Law
- 1 - Violation Seatbelt Law
- 6 - Speeding (Criminal)
- 17 - Suspended / Revoked / Expired License

We also worked traffic control and security during the 2017 Mount Pleasant Rotary Christmas Parade. We are happy to report there were no incidents to report during the parade and hopefully all had a good time.

December Accidents



Citation Comparison



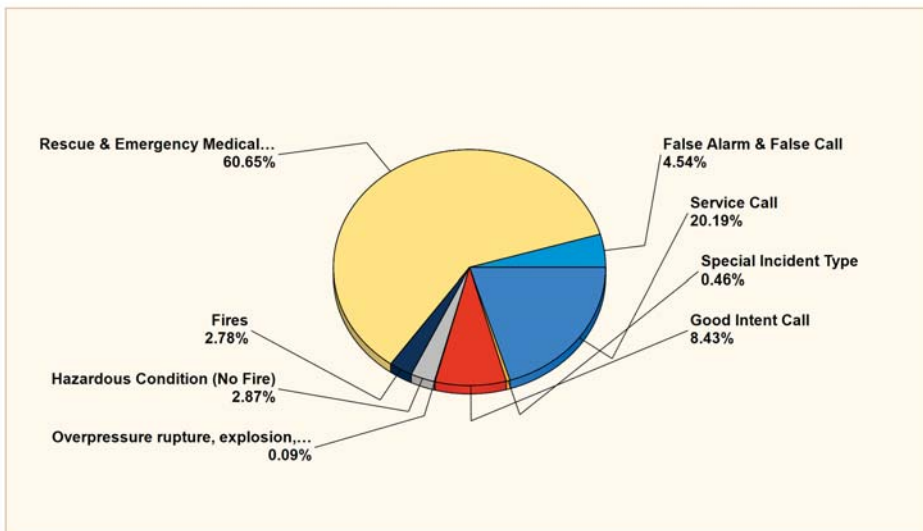


FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHILLIP GROOMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Department provides vital services to the community. From the collective efforts of our firefighters and administrative staff working with city management, other departments, elected officials, neighboring fire departments, and the citizens of our community, we will continue to ensure that MPFD meets the inevitable challenges that are a part of sustaining a first-rate municipal fire department. We will continue diligent efforts to train and maintain our personnel to the highest level possible, as well as, effectively respond to all emergency calls within our community and surrounding areas. Our interest is to keep this community safe.

In 2017, the fire department responded to 1,080 calls for service such as, fires, medical calls, service calls, and false alarms. In addition, the department ensured all equipment was serviced, inspected and compliant with all NFPA and OSHA standards. Department training and certification was a high priority. In fact, 1,325 entries were logged, accumulating over 3,000 hours for shift training. This correlated to seventeen additional certifications from the Tennessee Firefighting Commission to various firefighters. Also, we are pleased



to announce that every firefighter who is employed with the MPFD is certified Firefighter 1 per NFPA, 1001.

2017 was a record breaking year for the fire prevention and public education activities. Not only have new projects been developed and implemented but the department has fine-tuned and produced quality results in several key prevention areas. Firefighters installed 153 smoke alarms in the community. In addition, more than 100 entries accumulating over 400 hours providing community risk reduction and fire and life safety education to the community. Also, 143 fire inspections were completed to ensure public safety.



If you need assistance testing your smoke alarms, please call the Fire Department (931)379-3939.

The dept will come to your home for free and help ensure all your smoke alarms are in proper working order!



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ROBERT ARCHIBALD

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Mount Pleasant Regional Planning Commission had its regular meeting for the month of December. On the agenda for review was the finalization of the site plan for Smalticeram at the Cherry Glen Park; including landscaping and the parking lot design. The plan was reviewed by the board, and received unanimous approval.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There were two (2) code violations issued for the month of December. Slow month in the Code Enforcement Department. We have a part-time property maintenance inspector, Mr. Mike Hudson, joining our team in the month of January to provide assistance in this area, so things should start to pick up.

BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet for the month of December.

BUILDING AND CODES

The Building and Codes Department issued three (3) building permits for the month of December with a revenue of \$4,464.00

1. 17-C-062 Sign Install
2. 17-C-063 Commercial Build-out
3. 17-C-064 Commercial Build-out

210 Canaan Rd

The new power station is almost complete. This will prove to be a very strong asset to our community as new businesses seek to relocate here.

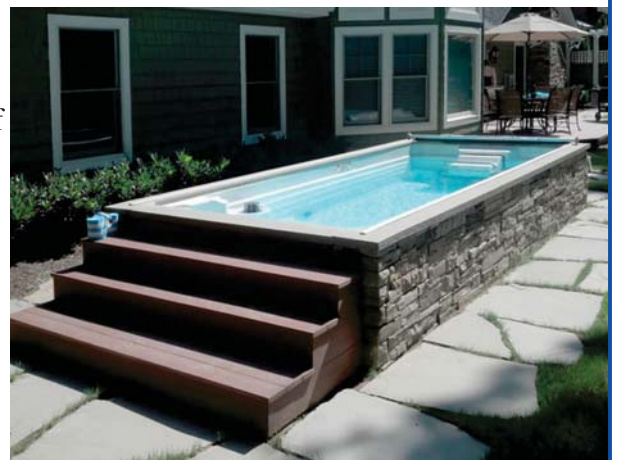


INSTALLATION OF SWIMMING POOLS



Many of you may think that the installation of a residential swimming pool is not that big of a safety concern, and some may wonder why there is a need for regulation. As safety conscious as we are, accidents still occur, thus the need for regulation. Any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing, or wading that contains water over 24 inches deep needs a permit. This includes in-ground and on-ground pools; hot tubs, spas, and permanent wading pools.

Please call the Planning Department if you are planing to install a pool. We can get you all the information you need for a permit.



LITTERING COSTS EVERYONE

There have been many studies and surveys done about littering, but the foundation of littering comes down to one thing: Each time a single piece of litter is thrown out it is money you will have to pay for someone to pick up and also dispose of that litter. The more litter there is, the more money it costs to clean it up and help keep our environment thriving at its fullest. Below are just a few tips about littering you might not think about.

So why is Litter bad?



If you were to ask the person next to you, “Why is litter bad?” What would they say? You might get the generic response of, “It looks bad, it’s ugly, it’s nasty,” or “It’s bad for the environment.” These days we’ve all had teachers, or maybe parents, or TV ads and news articles, telling us that this is true. Maybe we’ve seen pictures of animals with plastic six-pack beverage rings around their necks, or their heads stuck in bottles or cans. But what are some of the unseen, less obvious reasons - the things we don’t think about - that make litter bad for all of us?

It contaminates the ground. If toxic, poisonous, reactive, flammable, or hazardous items (particularly liquids) make it to the ground they can kill plants, animals, insects, etc., and in some cases, make the soil generally unusable.

It contaminates the water. If toxic, poisonous, reactive, flammable, or hazardous items (particularly liquids) make it to the ground they can get into the groundwater and spread; killing plants, animals, fish, insects, etc., and possibly find its way into lakes, rivers, streams, wells, or even to a water treatment plant, and possibly, into your drinking water.

It can carry disease. Vermin or insects that carry disease can be attracted to large amounts of trash that stays in place for long periods of time; or there could be medical or infectious waste such as bandages, needles, etc.



It takes money and time to clean up litter. It costs tax dollars to have public works, highway departments, and even prison work crews to clean up litter. There is the cost of manpower, vehicles, fuel, bags, gloves, and other supplies.

It won’t go away. Litter stays on the ground for a long time; until it is picked up or biodegrades. Plastics especially, can take over 450 years to biodegrade

Next time you see litter on the ground, stop and think about some of these facts, and see just how much litter there really is to help clean up! Taking a moment to pickup one piece of litter can go a long way to helping our community stay clean.

(a) Criminal littering is littering in an amount more than five pounds (5 lbs.) in weight or seven and one-half (7.5) cubic feet in volume and less than or equal to ten pounds (10 lbs.) in weight or fifteen (15) cubic feet in volume. (b) Criminal littering is a Class B misdemeanor





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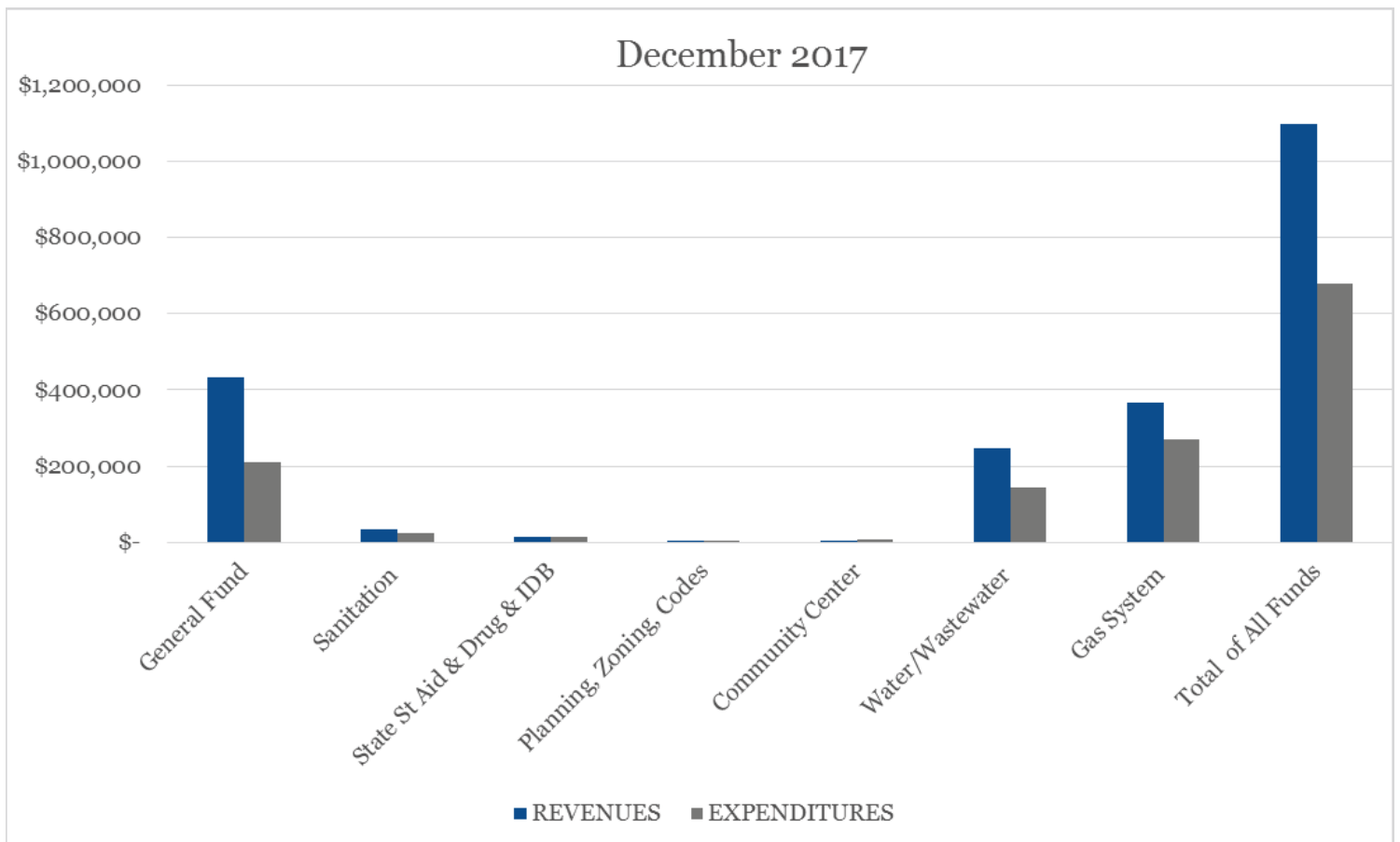
LORETTA GARNER

We are continuing to share the part time person with parks and recreation to finish the scanning of the official city documents. She is progressing at a nice rate. We now have all the past ordinances and resolutions entered into the document management system, as well as, most of the other old documents. This is a great resource for current and future use and a useful tool in preserving the past history of Mount Pleasant.

We are gearing up to assist Jackson Thornton, is the firm conducting the cost of service study. We will be working with them to have this completed in a couple of months, but no date has been set at this point.

December is the sixth month of the fiscal year. Total revenues for the City were 46.46% of budgeted amounts, which is to slightly below the target of 50%, Property tax collections for December were 3% higher than this time last year. Expenditures for the month of December were exactly 50% of the budgeted amounts. Sanitation Fund landfill fees are at 65% of budgeted amounts. Gas is higher due to increase expenditure in gas purchases, which again points to the need for a gas cost of service study.

Cash balances remain steady. In the general fund, cash balances total \$1,868,262. The water operating account is \$873,932, and total cash accounts excluding customer deposits of \$3,255,295. The Gas Fund has checking, savings and certificate of deposit balances, excluding customer deposits, of \$2,123,453.





HUMAN RESOURCES

SONYA PINKARD

The City of Mount Pleasant employs 76 Full-time and 15 part-time employees. The City had no workers comp claim this month. The City had one (1) property damage claim for the month of December.

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

Tom Roberts (Water Dept.) 17 years
Martha Springer (Police Dept.) 11 years
Sam Hinson (Water Dept.) 1 year

New Hire for the Month of December:
Victoria Poindexter (Police/Fire Dispatch)



Birthdays for the Month of December:

Charles Boshers Jack Burgett
Tony Chatman Michael Gaddes
Patti Henson Eric Kennedy
Brandon Roberts PC Jones
Martha Springer Tristan Woodard

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



PARKS & RECREATION

THOMAS KENNEY

tkenney@mountpleasanttn.org -- 931-698-5158.

MPPS & CHS Cheerleaders Fundraiser

We had a great event last month at the community center supporting 2 local Cheer squads as they head to Orlando to Nationals. Good luck to both teams.



Howard Field

Looks like Howard field will be getting a new restroom facility very soon. All plans have been passed, and we are moving forward to have these built by the Spring. Pictures to come soon!

Teen Center Update

The Teen center is open during the school week on Tuesday-Thursday from 3-5pm. We have been consistently serving 30-50 teens during the week. Grades 7-12 come on out for the fun!

Daddy Daughter Dance

Join us at the Community Center Feb 10th from 5-7 PM. Light refreshments will be served. No cost to attend. There will be pictures available to purchase for the memories of a lifetime! Ages for girls up to the 7th grade. Come on out for the fun.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

STEVE RENFRO



Municipal Solid Waste
176.06 TONS

Aluminum Cans
250 LBS

Potholes Repaired
Mt Joy Road



Community
Services
Department
931-379-3419

New safety lights that were purchased as part of the TML Safety Grant for Community Services Trucks.



PUBLIC WORKS

DONNY GROVES

Wastewater Plant/Lagoons

Wastewater Yearly Flows
Plant December 2017 - 13.10 MG
Plant December 2016 - 12.98 MG
Lagoon December 2017 - 14.31 MG
Lagoon December 2016 - 9.14 MG
Rain December 2017 - 5.34 inches
Rain December 2016 - 7.61 inches

Lagoons

Upper Lagoon
35% Full
Bottom Lagoon
30% Full
(Can't report less than 10% per TDEC)

Water Treated / Water Sold

Water Treated December 2017: 36.723 MG
Water Sold December 2017: 18.501 MG
Water Treated December 2016: 40.561 MG
Water Sold December 2016: 14.620 MG

T vs S

50.37%
36.04%

Water Distribution System

City Work Orders

December 2017 - 83

Tennessee One Calls

December 2017 - 71

Leaks Repaired (03)
Meter Changes (00)

Spray Field - 940 TG
Sludge to Landfill - None



The city is working hard to locate and repair leaks in the water delivery system. If you notice any water coming up from a street or in a yard, please let us know so a technician can investigate. 931-379-3240



Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Dept.

DADDY

daughter



DANCE

For girls up to 8th grade

February 10, 2018

5-7pm

Mt. Pleasant Community Center

Light refreshments will be served

Pictures available to Purchase

no cost to attend