

# Murphysboro Minute

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

## UPCOMING

## EVENTS

### APPLE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 11th-14th

### BBQ COOK-OFF

SEPT. 19th-21st

### BLUES FESTIVAL

SEPT. 21st

### COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

OCT. 1st

### UNIQUE SHOPS FALL WALK

OCT. 19th

### BIG MUDDY BREW FEST

OCT. 26th

## From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

I want to start the debut issue of "the Murphysboro Minute" by giving credit where credit is due. Recently I had a conversation with the Mayor of Mt. Vernon, Mary Jane Chesley. As we spoke about the various issues that Mayors deal with, I mentioned my desire to start a city wide newsletter. I also mentioned that the cost of printing and designing a newsletter had been one of the reasons I had not moved forward with the idea. That was when Mayor Chesley said "Do you print anything on the back of your water bills?" Needless to say, that conversation sparked what you are reading now, so I tip my hat to Mayor Chesley for her advice.

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

*\* Interior Designs \**

*1334 Walnut St.*

*\* Jerry's Junkin \**

*1515 Walnut St.*

*\* KC Technologies \**

*1214 Walnut St.*

*\* Mi Patio Restaurant \**

*13693 Hwy 149*

*\* O'Reilly Auto Parts \**

*202 N. Williams St.*

*\* Something Different \**

*1340 Walnut St.*

*\* The Willow Barn \**

*102 N. 21st St.*

*\* Think Vintage \**

*1338 Walnut St.*

## COMING SOON

**Brews Brothers Taproom**

**1105 Chestnut St.**

**Jack's Meat Market & Deli**

**1842 Walnut St.**

## NEWS FLASH

## What's Going on Around Town

### Walnut Street Water Line Project

You may have noticed, the work on the water main replacement project has begun. Haier Plumbing of Okawville was awarded the contract, and they brought in the heavy equipment and started turning over dirt and laying pipe on Aug. 14th. The project will proceed east down Walnut St. Be aware of workers and traffic cones. Many have asked about the impact this will have on the Apple Festival parade. The water main on Walnut Street is located under the parking spaces on the north side of the street. Any work that will be done should take place within the confines of that area, and will only be performed one block at a time. Therefore, I expect the impact on the Parade to be minimal. The project has an expected completion date of March 2014.

The City of Murphysboro has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This grant will be used to start the improvement of Industrial Park, by relocating and enlarging the water main that runs under that section of 7th Street. This will enhance our ability to provide utilities to any large scale manufacturing that would want to locate in the area, and truly fulfill the infrastructure needs that an "Industrial Park" should have.

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