

Murphysboro Minute

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** NOV. 4TH - DEC. 2ND ****

FRIENDS OF SALLIE

LOGAN LIBRARY PRESENT

SILENT AUCTION—1808 WALNUT ST.

**** NOV. 1ST—JAN. 15TH ****

ART OPENING—1108 WALNUT ST.

“FROM THE HEARTLAND”

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID GILMORE

**** NOV. 23RD ****

ONE-STOP HOLIDAY SHOP

AMERICAN LEGION—1700 GARTSIDE

**** DEC. 14TH ****

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SING—SMYSOR PLAZA

From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

I am happy to announce that a new Chief of Police has been selected and will be formally announced at the November 12th City Council meeting. Our new Police Chief is an exceptional candidate, and brings with him over 25 years of law enforcement and leadership experience. The selection process started with soliciting applicants by placing an ad in Illinois Municipal Review, the Southern Illinoisan and on the city website. We received over a dozen applications, of which 4 individuals were interviewed by the Mayor and members of the City Council. The candidate that stood out the most to the interview committee was Brian Hollo. Mr. Hollo currently resides in Litchfield, IL and is married with 4 children.

In 1983 Mr. Hollo accepted a position with the Illinois State Police, graduating in January 1984 and began his position as a Trooper in Litchfield. The next 27 years and 3 months of service included assignments in Chicago, Collinsville, DuQuoin, Springfield, Litchfield and at the ISP Training Academy. In 2007 he was promoted to District 12 Commander. On January 10, 2009, Captain Hollo attended the FBI National Academy graduating March 20, 2009. Mr. Hollo retired from the Illinois State Police in December of 2010 after serving as the District 12 Commander of the Illinois State Police, overseeing 10 counties, hundreds of officers and a large and dynamic budget. Mr. Hollo will officially begin his duties as Murphysboro Police Chief on Monday, December 2nd, 2013.

NEWS FLASH

THANK YOU Patty Bateman and the Friends of Murphysboro organization!! This years “BIG MUDDY BREW FEST” at Riverside Park had over 1500 in attendance. The gas stations and restaurants were very busy because of it. Thanks to everyone that made this event a great success!

Lastly, I continue to receive nominations for the Russ Breeding Community Service Award. Email them to mayor@murphysboro.com or send via the mail to 1101 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966. I will be announcing the next Russ Breeding Community Service Award winner in the Spring of 2014.

In other news, I am happy to appoint both Frank Puttman and Steven Glodo to the Murphysboro Zoning Board of Appeals. I have great confidence that they will serve the people of Murphysboro well. These two gentleman replace Lewis Akers and Marlene Gibbs. I thank them both for their years of service on the Board of Appeals, and know they will continue to serve our community well in a number of ways.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES:

AARON'S—60 NIEMANN LANE

TIBBY KNOLL PRIMITIVES—N. 14TH ST.

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