

Murphysboro Minute

Thank you for taking a few moments to read this edition of the Murphysboro Minute. I want to use this edition to update residents on a few items that are noteworthy. First, some may have noticed that new sidewalks were poured in the 1300 block of Walnut Street on the North Side. These sidewalks had been in poor condition for a number of years, and thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity they should look great for years to come. This is only the first stage of the project. As weather allows, sidewalks between the Liberty Theater and TNT Hair Salon, as well as selected sidewalks throughout town will be replaced with the remainder of the grant money.

You may have also noted that Town Center Park adjacent to the Sallie Logan Public Library has new pathways, park benches, and trash receptacles. Completion of that work took longer than I had hoped, and therefore the concert series that was planned for this year will have to wait until 2015. Sometimes progress is slower than I wish it would be, but things are moving in the right direction.

Also worth mentioning is that NAPA on North 14th street will be moving to a new location in the coming year. As you drive on Industrial Park Road you may notice dirt work occurring next to the "Supporting People In Need" building (formerly the Big Top Day Care Center). This will be the new location of NAPA and I am happy to see that they are reinvesting in their business and therefore in Murphysboro.

Another new addition to downtown is "Love of Family and Home." This unique store on Walnut Street, between the Liberty Theater and 14th Street, compliments the continuing growth we are seeing downtown. Thanks to Tonya Diehl for stepping up, opening a business, and helping to revitalize another downtown store front. Our small business owners are the backbone of our community, and I am always thankful for their hard work and commitment.

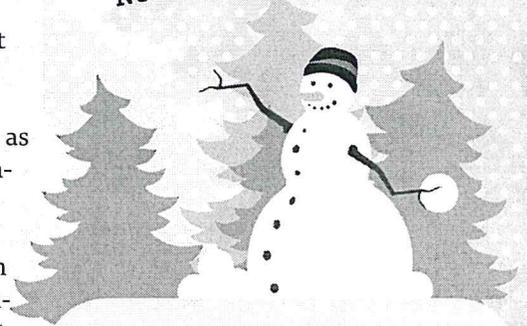
Finally, a community is more than the sum of its parts. I am now a year and half into my first term as Mayor and I am understanding that more and more as time goes by. The Murphysboro High School Football Team, the Crimson Express Band, the Murphysboro High School Volleyball Team and the recent Big Muddy Brew Fest have all showcased the toughness, talent, and hard working spirit of our community. The people that make these programs and events successful are the reason why this is a great community to call home.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Holiday Season

Mayor Will Stephens

The City Administration Office will be closed November 27th & 28th, December 24th & 25th, December 31st and January 1st

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Upcoming Events

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday 11/27

Vendor Fair

Carruthers School

Saturday 12/6

(10am-3pm)

VFW

Community Kids Christmas Party

Saturday 12/20

(1pm-3pm)

Annual Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12/25

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