

MURPHYSBORO MINUTE

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

July/August 2014

From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

When are they going to resurface Walnut Street? That is a question I hear often. It is also a good question to start the city wide newsletter with. The answer to that question is...(drum roll please)... on or about August 15th 2014 Walnut Street will be resurfaced. The final section of water main was installed on June 23rd near the "Roll N Up" smoke shop. Then the contractor began the process of pressure testing the new water main, and connecting 92 service points to it, which is happening now. I am told this process should take up until August 1st, then resurfacing should begin shortly afterwards. Thank you for your patience with the current condition of Walnut Street. Soon this much needed project will be completed, bringing with it stronger water pressure, and lower maintenance costs.

Many residents have also commented on the activity at "Town Center Park" located west of Sallie Logan Library. Murphysboro Lawn and Garden was awarded a contract to rework the landscaping that had been neglected for over 4 years. I hope that Town Center Park will be fully operational by Apple Festival time, and I still plan on hosting a concert series in that park before the end of the year.

Also, each year the city water department is required to conduct a cross connection control program. A cross connection is any situation that allows a potable (safe) water source and a non-potable (contaminated or untested) water source the opportunity to come into contact with each other. **The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires that a bi-annual survey be sent out to Murphysboro water customers to help assess whether any cross connections exist in the distribution system. Enclosed with this water bill is your survey. I thank you in advance for completing this survey and returning it within 30 days. Once completed you may return it to the City when paying your water bill or mail it separately to the Public Works Department at 316 N. 12th Street, Murphysboro Illinois, 62966.**

Lastly, I want to thank everyone that made the "Wounded Warrior Weekend" in May a success. The VFW, Pat's BBQ, Fire & Police Departments, and many others did a fantastic job making those wounded veterans feel welcome in our community. Also, I want to thank Mike Jones for all he did to make "Logan Days" happen. The placement of 5 historical markers in one day was an Illinois record, the parade went off without a hitch, and many people came to town to celebrate the legacy of John A. Logan. This is a great town, and I am blessed and thankful to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Mayor Will Stephens

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cruise Night

Aug. 2nd & Sept. 6th

Apple Festival

Sept. 10th -13th

BBQ Cook-off

Sept. 18th—20th

Community Night Out

Oct. 7th

August marks

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please be safe and watch out for the children

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