

Upcoming
Events

Cruise Night

Saturday, August 6th

Parish Festival

August 12th & 13th

Sunset Concerts

Every Thursday in August

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Farmers Market

Every Saturday Morning

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

*HAVE A SAFE &
HAPPY SUMMER*



From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

"It's a good thing we are not playing in the shade." Arnold Palmer when told during The Masters that the temperature outside was 102 degrees in the shade.

It's summer, and we have been experiencing some of the typical heat that Summer brings with it. With the heat also comes many of the blessings of summer. For some, a refreshing swim, a cold glass of lemonade, baseball games, and seasonal fruits like peaches and strawberries make the heat seem like an even trade. In Murphysboro the summer brings with it many events. I will highlight some of those events that are coming up in this edition of the newsletter as well as update you on the progress on a handful of issues,

1) The Farmers Market continues throughout the summer on Saturday mornings from 8 am - 12 noon. Blueberries, Strawberries, green beans, mint, jellies, tomatoes, peaches, craft items, and many other items are available. If you have not taken the time to pick up a few locally grown fruits or veggies from the Murphysboro Farmers Market make plans to do so. It's healthy, affordable, and needs your support so that we can continue to attract more vendors.

2) The Murphysboro Sunset concert series is set to take place again this year. Every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm during the month of August Town Center Park will host some of the regions best musical talent. Residents are encouraged to attend, and are welcome to bring a beverage of their choice to the concerts. No pets, glass containers, or soliciting are allowed during the concerts. This year's musical lineup includes The Tim Whiteford Trio, The 988's, The Venturi's, and King Juba featuring Big Larry Williams. The Murphysboro Youth and Rec Center staff will once again be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for attendees to purchase.

3) The Murphysboro Clarkes Vintage BaseBall Club will be traveling to the "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, IA to participate in a tournament on August 5th - 7th. This group of individuals from 20 to 60 years old are the true representation of sportsmanship and camaraderie. Let's all wish them Good Luck.

4) Many people have been asking me about the development at the corner of Route 13/127. As of the writing of this newsletter on 6/28/16 site planning is still ongoing. Approvals from I.D.O.T. are being pursued and the various businesses that might locate onto the corner are being determined. The one thing that many people ask me is "what hotel is going to be built?" As of this moment, that remains an open question. Two major hotel chains have made commitments to franchise a hotel development on the property, however the final agreement has not yet been made. Stay tuned, as I believe by the time I write the next city newsletter there will be more definite details that I can release. Regardless of what brand name is eventually on the hotel, it is certainly something we can all look forward to.

5) The new Waste Water Treatment Plant continues to progress. At this point I am told that the project is approximately 85% complete and the major work being done currently involves electrical wiring. As you may know, that project has been a long time in the making. I want to once again commend the contractor for the efficient work, and the city employees at the WWTP for their work to keep the old plant going.

6) "What is going on with the traffic lights at 11th and Walnut?" This is a question I have heard often of late. As I understand it, IDOT is working to make upgrades to the traffic signals at that intersection. Apparently after the work began there were unforeseen challenges found which required the project to have to be re-engineered, therefore the delay in completion.

I continue to have an open door policy. If any resident has a concern or question please call the office at 684-4961 and schedule a time to meet with me.

Till next time I hope you have an enjoyable Independence Day, and a safe and cool summer season.