



From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Wine and Blues Fest
September 9

Apple Festival
September 13-16



BBQ Cook-off
September 21-23

Community Night Out
October 3rd

Big Muddy Monster
BrewFest
October 21st

Farmers Market
Every Tuesday evening
3pm – 7pm

Halloween
Trick or Treat
October 31st – 5-8p



- Lazy summer days are winding down. School is back in session. Friday night Football has begun. And so much more is in the works for the upcoming days. The Art Wine and Blues Festival, the 66th Annual Apple Festival, 17th Street Praise the Lard Barbecue Cookoff, and The Big Muddy Monster Brewfest are all scheduled to happen in the coming months. All of these events are the product of countless hours of preparation, hard work, and planning. Thank you to all of the volunteers that make these events happen. I'm proud to call Murphysboro my HOME town.

-Some of you may be wondering what is going on with the new hotel development. The project is still in the design phase. According to the developer, things are still moving forward. It may be at a slower pace that what we would like to see, but a new hotel along with various businesses are still in the works for the corner of Route 127/13.

- Many people have also asked me what is happening with the old Rehab and Care Center. The parent company who owns the property is continuing to rehab the building, and construction continues. I am frustrated with the pace of work there, but I continue to be hopeful that Sovereign Health will eventually open, employing Murphysboro residents.

- I also want to thank the Smysor Trust fund for granting the city \$65,000 dollars. The money was used to purchase a new bucket truck, which was used to hang the new banners on Walnut Street. Those banners were made possible by Murphysboro Tourism and 17th Street BBQ. I thank them for their hard work to make them possible.

Until Next time,

Mayor Will Stephens

