

**The City of  
Murphysboro  
will be closed on  
May 28th in  
observance of  
Memorial Day**

**Memorial Day**

**Sesquicentennial**

Monday, May 28th

For more information call

Michael Jones 618.303.0569

director@loganmuseum.org

**2018 Annual City Clean-Up**

Friday, June 1st

Saturday, June 2nd

For more information call

618.684.4961

**Relay For Life**

Friday, June 8th

Riverside Park - 6 p.m.

For more information call

Lindsay 618.288.2320

**Murphysboro Community**

**Night at Rent One Park**

Saturday, June 30th

For more information call

618.684.6421



The latest edition of the "Water Bill Gazette" will cover some updates on current issues, preview a few upcoming events, give a few safety tips and hand out words of appreciation for people who are doing great things in the community.

1) **Splish, Splash:** The first bit of news is a repeat, but I am truly excited about it and want to share the news again. Plans are underway to build a "splash pad" at Longfellow Park. Longfellow park is located off of N. 20th Street, and is managed by the Murphysboro Park District. The Splash Pad will be a great addition to the community and give kids a chance to cool off during the hot summer months. Plans are on track for the Splash Pad to open by Memorial Day, and remain open daily until Labor Day each year. The City of Murphysboro is donating the water supplied to the Splash Pad to help facilitate the project. Big thanks to the Friends of Murphysboro organization for being the driving force behind this project. Without their events, specifically the Annual Brewfest, this project would not have happened. I can't wait to help cut the ribbon on a great new addition to Murphysboro.

2) **Crime:** There have been a few residential burglary cases lately, I won't try to sugarcoat it. I am not sure what to attribute it to. Regardless, it seems that almost every time a residential theft takes place, one factor is simply people leaving their homes or cars unsecured. Be sure to lock your windows and doors, especially when you are away from your home. The police department does a good job, but they can only do so much. So remember to take the basic steps to ensure you don't become a victim of a home or auto burglary. Also, if you know something about a recent crime and can provide information that leads to an arrest, you are eligible to receive a reward. Just call 618.687.COPS. The information received through that tip line allows the caller to remain anonymous.

3) **Curwood / Lustour:** Some of you likely read in The Southern Illinoian that talks are progressing with Solar Alliance to take over the old "Curwood" or as some people call it "Lustour" building on N. 19th street. Solar Alliance is based out of Canada, with a U.S. office in San Diego, California. The C.E.O and C.F.O. of Solar Alliance attended the City Council meeting on April 24th and detailed their plans for the property to the City Council. The plans include a Data Center, a Solar Array, and a job training program to teach people how to install solar on residential property. I am hopeful that by the next edition of this newsletter that the "Curwood" property will have changed hands and be on its way to being a productive part of the community again.

4) **Sunsets and Music:** The annual Murphysboro Sunset Concerts are set to take place every Thursday in August at Town Center Park next to the Sallie Logan Library. The lineup includes: August 2nd—The Ivas John Band, August 9th - Fiddle Rick & the Bourbon Boys, August 16th - The Lewis Creek Band, August 23rd—The Jenny Johnson Band, and August 30th—Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers. The lineup reflects music from the genres of blues, Americana, Country, Bluegrass, and Jazz. The rules for the concerts are rather simple. Bring a lawn chair and cooler, a few friends and enjoy. No pets, no glass bottles, no soliciting. Also worth noting is that Brews Brothers Taproom will be hosting their "block party" events the first Friday of every month starting in May through September. They also bring in music that can be enjoyed in a casual setting.

5) **Cruise Nights:** Murphysboro Cruise Night looks to be back and as good as ever this year. Held the first Saturday of each month from 5 pm - 9 pm, in and around Smysor Plaza. Cruise Night brings in 100's of classic cars in a family friendly setting. Big Muddy Fryers is giving away fish plates again this year at each event. Lot's of raffles and prizes are to be had. Don't miss this great event. Big thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers that make it happen, especially Josh Sayer who chairs the Cruise Night Committee.

5) **Logan Museum:** Many people in Murphysboro have never been to the John A. Logan Museum. The museum is located just off S. 17th street at 1613 Edith Street. The museum is very well done, and Mike Jones has devoted countless hours to making the museum an always changing memorial to the legacy of John A. Logan. I highly encourage a visit. The museum is online at [www.loganmuseum.org](http://www.loganmuseum.org).

5) **Meet the Mayor:** Lastly, I remain available to meet with residents to hear their concerns. To make an appointment with me contact Sandra Ripley at 618.684.4961. I am only able to do my job as well as I remain in touch with residents.

Until next time .....

Mayor Will Stephens