

**From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens**

**The City of  
Murphysboro  
will be closed on**

**Monday, May 29th  
In observance of Memorial Day**

**Cruise Night**

First Saturday of Every Month  
Downtown Murphysboro

**BBQ Day at MBI**

Saturday, May 27th

**City Clean Up**

June 2nd & 3rd  
Shomaker Drive

**Relay For Life**

June 9th  
Riverside Park



Crime is an issue that all communities deal with at some level. Communities attempt to reduce crime in a variety of ways. Some ways are preventative measures, others are enforcement in nature, and others deal more with communication between residents and police officers. In this particular space I want to highlight one measure that falls into both the communication and enforcement category.

The measure/organization that I am talking about is Murphysboro Crime Stoppers. Murphysboro Crime Stoppers is an extension of the Carbondale/Jackson County Crime Stoppers Organization. To be brief, **if you have information about a crime that has occurred in Murphysboro, and you want to give information to the police anonymously, call 618-687-2677.** It's that easy. You will remain totally anonymous, and also be eligible for a cash reward if the information that you provide leads to an arrest.

I believe that offering reward money for information that leads to an arrest is a powerful motivator. Unfortunately many times people feel uncomfortable approaching the police with information directly because they don't want to risk being known as the person who passed information to the police about a family member, friend, or neighbor. This service provides a way to pass along information without revealing your identity. I believe raising awareness of this organization is one aspect of making our community safer for residents. Once again the number is 618-687-2677.

Also the **Murphysboro Community Wide Cleanup day is going to be Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd from 8 am - 3 pm each day.** On these days the City holding area on Shomaker Drive will be open and staffed by City employees to help with the collection of items such as old furniture, scrap lumber, paneling, carpeting, and other items that are not typically able to fit into a trash can to be picked up, but are accepted at the landfill on a routine basis. This means no landscape waste, tires, liquid waste or other hazardous materials.

Landscape waste is still accepted on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at the holding area from 8 am - 3 pm, but during the citywide cleanup we DO NOT accept landscape waste, as it was being mixed in with other trash, and the landfill would not accept landscape waste mixed with other household refuse that we are collecting. I hope that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to clean up our town.

You may also notice on your water bill that the annual Water Quality Report is available. You can view the report at <http://www.murphysboro-il.gov/files/Water-Quality-Report-2016.pdf> This report covers the 2016 calendar year. I am happy to report that our water system had no violations and that we are serving good quality water to our residents.

Finally, in the last city wide newsletter I asked for interested people to meet with me regarding appointments to various boards and commissions that the Mayor's office appoints people to. I want to say that because of that notice in the previous newsletter Madeline Steimle and Linda Herrold were both appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Other recent appointments include Don Gladden and Jan Kerr to the Sallie Logan Public Library Board. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please reach out to my office via email at [mayor@murphysboro.com](mailto:mayor@murphysboro.com) or by calling 618-684-4961.

Till next time, Murphy Pride.

Mayor Will Stephens