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July episode of ‘In the City’ airing this month on CityTV and YouTube

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Watch Murfreesboro celebrate “Juneteenth,” the Center for the Arts showcases “The Little Mermaid,” and 11-year-old Noah Gaines warms the hearts of the City in the July edition of ‘In the City.’

The July 2018 episode airs on CityTV throughout the month of July or anytime on YouTube at https://youtu.be/W_y-LcVOKaY. The new episode began airing Monday, July 2, on CityTV. The news magazine show airs every day at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Channel 3 and 1094 on Comcast Xfinity, Channel 99 on AT&T Uverse, Roku, and YouTube.

In July’s edition of “In the City” features:

- With school safety on the hearts and minds of the entire nation, the City of Murfreesboro budgeted a **School Safety Education Officer (SSEO)** in every elementary school beginning in the 2018-19 academic school year. Sgt. Scott Newbery explains the philosophy behind the safety push. <https://youtu.be/lh-Dxnm8KeE>
- Members of the City Council react to the challenging process of deciding this year’s **FY19 Budget**. The major goal was beginning the prioritization process of moving the growing City toward a truly balanced budget. It included reductions in programs and personnel, and delays in some projects. The City seeks to become less dependent on reserves over the next three to five years. <https://youtu.be/D7ytdcdRuik>
- The City of Murfreesboro participated with the African American community to mark the annual “**Juneteenth**” celebration. The celebration drew large crowds to Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center, marking an important event in American history--the emancipation of slaves in Texas who were isolated from news of freedom during the Civil War. The day continues to be honored with a special celebration in June, including parades, music, and reenactments. <https://youtu.be/Djt9J8UEn4M>
- **Noah Gains** is making a difference in the community after starting his own “Noah’s Heart Ministry,” a charity helping the homeless. The Cason Lane Academy student received a key to the City from Mayor Shane McFarland for helping the homeless. Listen as his mother **Opheca Jordan** explains the boy’s amazing heart for those less fortunate. Noah’s work caught the attention of Vice Mayor Madelyn Scales Harris and on May 24, 2018, Noah delivered the opening prayer before the City Council meeting. <https://youtu.be/YJID2wE5fNE>

- A new production of Murfreesboro Center for the Arts made a big splash to sold out June performances with the children’s classic “**The Little Mermaid.**” If you missed out, hear from the cast of characters talk about their pre-show tea parties. The afternoon parties introduced a community involvement way of meeting the performers up-close. https://youtu.be/iDy9_9iBEcc
- The Tennessee Municipal League Award recognized MFRD for “**Excellence in Fire Services.**” Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks explains the criteria for the award. MFRD is making a difference in the lives of Murfreesboro citizens. <https://youtu.be/4sUkPvurlqg>
- Murfreesboro City Schools unveiled a new tool to combat declining reading skills during summer break. It’s a mobile library called “**Books on a Bus.**” Showcased at Hobgood Elementary School, the mobile library is called BOB for short. The Maintenance and Technology departments transformed a bus into a mobile library featuring more than a thousand books. Coordinator of Reading Dr. Caresa Dodson touts the benefits to students in avoiding what’s called “summer slide” in academic performance. https://youtu.be/Jvo1IEKq_wg

‘In the City’ is hosted by Michael Linn White and produced by video producer Steve Burris.

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